



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community Knights of Columbus All Saints Council 9709

December 2006

COUNCIL 9709 CHRISTMAS PARTY GIVES MORE THAN IT RECEIVES

KoC Council 9709's annual Christmas party, held on Dec. 3 at The Heritage, was a huge success, with 115 Knights and their families in attendance. Thanks to the planning and preparation of Tom and Elaine Dupree, the excellent food and the festive music provided by Bob Gottlieb everyone had a wonderful time. And even more importantly, Brother Knights of Council 9709 and their families will brighten the Christmas season for at least 56 needy children in the Raleigh area this year. The "Toys for Tots" table at the 2006 Christmas party (photo right) was overflowing with generosity.

"At an average cost of between \$10-15 per gift, Brother Knights contributed well over \$500 to the U.S. Marine Corps' annual 'Toys for Tots' drive," said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl.

But the generosity did not stop there. Brother John Izzo's daughter, Megan, and her friend Emmalee Todd provided centerpieces for the 27 tables. They conducted a silent auction for the centerpieces at the end of the dinner and raised another \$221 for "Toys for Tots."

Donated toys included a variety of things for girls and boys ages four through perhaps 12. There were teddy bears and large building blocks for tots and Legos, dolls and trucks for the older set. There were even a football and a basketball for aspiring athletes.

The most popular gift was something called "Magic Glow Doodle Bear-Write with Light." Apparently, a child can write on the included teddy bear with "glow in the dark" ink. There were three of these. Unclear from the packaging was whether Mom could wash the ink off walls . . .

Some pictures from the Christmas party appear on page three of this newsletter. All pictures from the Christmas party, taken by table, are posted on the Council's website at www.kofc9709.org. Note that Tables 9, 21 and 24 were not used.



\$2,500 DONATION TO BE VOTED AT JAN. 9 BUSINESS MEETING

A motion at the Dec. 4 business meeting to approve \$2,500 for the 2007 St. Francis Capital Campaign was tabled for discussion and vote at the Jan. 9 business meeting. St. Francis Director of Operations Ben Whitehouse will make a presentation at the Jan. 9 meeting on the 2007 Capital Campaign prior to the vote.

Nominations will also be solicited and an election held for Chancellor at the Jan. 9 meeting. Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl announced the resignation of Brother Dennis Kelleher from that position at the Dec. 4 meeting. Business meetings in 2007 will be held the first Tuesday of each month due to scheduling conflicts for the Gathering Room.

DUES NOTICES ON THE WAY!

Council 9709 Brother Knights will soon be receiving their 2007 dues notices from Financial Secretary Jerry Cucurullo.

"Paying your dues is a fundamental responsibility of membership in the Knights of Columbus. These dues are a primary source of revenue to support our activities and programs," said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl. "Once you receive your notice, please pay your dues promptly by writing a check, payable to the Knights of Columbus, and send it to Financial Secretary Jerry Cucurullo whose return address appears on the envelope.

Dues are \$7 per quarter or \$28 per year, and have not increased in years. \$11.50 of that amount is

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Dear Brother Knights,

Thank you for all that you do to support the work of our Council. I am privileged to call you Brothers and am grateful for the opportunity to lead the Council this year. As we near the halfway point of the Council year, I can look back at all we've accomplished and say that we are achieving one of our primary goals of the year, and that is to increase the participation of our members in our activities and projects. We are averaging well over 30 members at our business meetings, and I feel the energy and enthusiasm on the increase. Just reading the newsletters that highlight our various activities is evidence of this increase. Keep up the great work. We truly are making a difference!

In January we will be sponsoring another membership recruiting blitz. Please reach out to men you know in the parish who may be interested and invite them to join us. Many times that's all it takes.

Let me also take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless you!

*Vivat Jesus
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**COUNCIL 9709 BIMONTHLY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

DECEMBER

- 18 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 404
- 20 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road

JANUARY

- 9 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Gathering Room (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
- 13-14 - Membership Blitz, all Masses
- 16 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., Stella Mare Ristorante, 7713 Lead Mine Road
- 20-21 - Membership Blitz, all Masses
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 404

FEBRUARY

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Gathering Room
- 17 - Youth Free Throw Contest, 9 a.m., TFS Gym
- 19 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., TBD
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 404

CORRECTION: Left out of the November newsletter's salute to Brother Knights moving up the degree ladder was Tim Stevens, who received both his first and second degrees during October. Belated congratulations, Tim!

FOR THE 1ST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . DUTIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:



John Izzo
Advocate KoC Council 9709

ADVOCATE - The Advocate is the legal representative of the Council and serves as the Council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the Council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the Council By-Laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting and Robert's Rules of Order.



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NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ONLY VIA E-MAILS OF JANUARY 2007

The KoC Council 9709 newsletter will only be mailed out to Brother Knights who do not have e-mail beginning with the January 2007 newsletter. The decision to stop blanket mailing of the newsletter was made at the Nov. 27 Officers Meeting.

“The cost of producing and mailing out the newsletter is over \$100 per month,” said Council 9709 Lecturer Dick Bridges, who also does the newsletter. “The officers felt that the \$1,200 per year devoted to producing and mailing out the newsletter could be better used elsewhere. Most Knights seem to prefer the color version that we e-mail for free directly to them, and the newsletter is also readily available on the website at www.kofc9709.org in .pdf format.”

The suggestion at the July 10 Business Meeting to offer the membership the option of foregoing the paper version voluntarily in favor of the e-mail version only resulted in about 30 Knights asking that their names be pulled off the mailout list.

The .pdf format can be printed on any standard printer, should a paper copy be desired.

DUES NOTICES, continued

paid yearly per capita to the Supreme and State Councils, Catholic Advertising and liability insurance. Honorary Life Members (age 70 with 25 years of continuous membership) do not pay dues, and Honorary Members (age 65 and 25 years continuous membership) pay only \$10 per year.

In addition to dues, each bill contains a voluntary “Penny Per Day Per Knight” charge of \$3.65 for the State Catholic Charities Fund. Per a resolution adopted at the 1999 State Convention, this money is used in full each year to assist during a disaster or to aid a needy parish as determined by the state's three Bishops. Although this is a voluntary contribution, many brothers have donated much more than a penny per day. Whatever you can give, please include it in the same check as your dues payment.

“Finally, although dues are mandatory, any brother who is in financial need can request that his dues be waived by the Council. Please contact Financial Secretary Jerry Cucurullo or myself directly if paying the dues would be a burden,” said Brother Vogelpohl. “We are more interested in keeping you as a Knight under such circumstances than contributing to your hardship.”

DEC. 3 CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



Table 1 - Standing (L-R): Akuro Adoki, Mary Adoki, Mike Gould, Justin Dudley, Rich Szulewski, Joyce Winiewicz with Shane Dudley, Walt Winiewicz. Seated (L-R): Furo Adoki, Larry Dudley, Patty Dudley, Mary Szulewski.



Table 2 - Tom and Elaine Dupree (standing) were presented the December Council 9709 “Family of the Month” award for organizing the Christmas party. Tom was also presented “Knight of the Month” honors for his work on Operation LAMB. Mike and Karen Hoover joined them for the evening.



Table 8 Mike and Joanne Andres with sons Matthew (L), Ray (R) and Joey (Seated) and daughter Maggie.

Other photos available online at www.kofc9709.org

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR 2007 NEEDS KNIGHT VOLUNTEERS JAN. 6-7

Knights of Columbus Council 9709 will not be hosting a spaghetti dinner this year for the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA), but Brother Knights are still needed as volunteers at all Masses the weekend of Jan. 6-7.

This year St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community will be conducting an "in-pew" appeal for pledges of support from parishioners. In order to lessen the burden on ushers at each Mass Jan. 6-7, Brother Knights will be needed to distribute pledge cards and pencils before Masses and later to collect pledge cards.

Six Knights per Mass are needed to arrive about 20 minutes ahead of each Mass to stock the pews. Brother Dennis Kelleher is coordinating this effort. Brother Knights able to assist him should contact him via e-mail at kelleherdl@aol.com and let him know at what Mass they would be willing to help.

"Bishop Burbidge is scheduled to celebrate the 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Jan. 6, and the 9:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, Jan. 7, for this event. A strong and visible Knights' presence would be very appropriate and desirable for our Council," said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community has traditionally been the leading donor to the BAA in the diocese, and St. Francis' goal of \$350,000 this year out of the total Diocesan goal of \$4 million reflects a five percent increase over last year's goal. And, St. Francis usually reaches its goal with only about 30 percent of parishioners participating.

"The goal this year is to significantly increase participation as a parish," said Brother Kelleher. "That's why the 'in-pew' appeal is key. It is not how much we give; it is how many of us participate in this worthwhile fund drive that will define us as a parish in this Diocese of Raleigh."

The "in-pew" drive will be in addition to the normal mail out to parishioners that should be completed prior to the Jan. 6-7 weekend.

The BAA supports more than 20 agencies throughout the Diocese. Half goes to Catholic charities, and half goes to support of Diocesan-wide ecclesiastical programs such as Vocations and Lay Ministry Formation.



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