



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

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February 2007

COUNCIL 9709'S RANKS GROW BY 13



Council 9709 welcomed 13 new First Degree Knights at its Feb. 6 Business Meeting: (L-R) Ian D. Cotter, Rob Cotter, Frederick Johnson Sr., Michael Dinofrio, Richard Fiske, Tom D. Carlson, Gene Astorino, Shawn D. Bayle, Brian Scott Edwards, Tom Byrnes, Gerry W. Collins, Dave Green and Benjamin B. Little.

Thirteen “strangers” became 13 new Knights of Columbus and members of Council 9709 in a First Degree Ceremony conducted as part of the Feb. 6 business meeting.

In addition to the new First Degree Knights above, Council 9709 voted unanimously to accept four new candidates and three transfers just prior to the ceremony bringing Council membership to 158.

Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl formally thanked Brother Tim Dyer for his work as Chairman of the Membership Committee as well as all the brothers who assisted in the Membership Drive conducted Jan. 13-14 and 20-21.

Grand Knight Vogelpohl also announced that another membership drive will be conducted March 24-25, and another First Degree Ceremony will be held in early April.

“One of our main goals this year was to increase participation in Council activities,” noted Grand Knight Vogelpohl. “An increase in membership should result in an increase in participation as well.”

North Carolina Rally and March for Life Led by Knights

Twenty-seven Knights of Columbus in full regalia led North Carolina's Rally and March for Life Jan. 13 at Nash Square in Raleigh. Brother Kent Siefkes, Chancellor and Community Programs Chair of Council 9709, reported a substantial increase in attendance from last year's event.

“It was a great rally with some very inspiring speakers,” he said. “The turnout aided by the weather, I'm sure, was a lot more than last year.” Brother Siefkes estimated that as many as 1,000 people were in attendance, including Bishop Peter J. Jugis from Charlotte and Bishop Michael F. Burbidge from Raleigh.

Council 9709's former Grand Knight and current 9th District Deputy Hadon Ware formed up the Knights of Columbus contingent for the March. Photos can be seen on the website Bulletin Board at www.kofc9709.org.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

In last month's newsletter, I discussed our goal to increase our membership so that we can expand the great work that our Council is doing. I'm happy to report that through your diligent efforts, we added 13 new members during our February First Degree. Much thanks goes to those brothers who personally invited a friend to join our ranks.

To our new Brother Knights, I extend a hearty welcome. Get involved in an activity and get to know the other men in the Council. You have joined a great organization, rich in history and dedicated to making a difference in our lives and those around us.

I wanted also to mention that I gave a talk at the Feb. 5 Men's Ministry meeting. I stressed the synergy and connections which exist between the two organizations. What they have most in common is that both organizations consist of dedicated men from St. Francis of Assisi. The Men's Ministry was formed to focus as a spiritual outlet and connection for the men of the parish, while the Knights are a fraternal service organization that creates a brotherhood among our members and families. Together the two organizations are a great complement to each other. We already have many brothers who are members of the Men's Ministry, and I encourage more of you to check it out at the regular monthly meetings, which are held on the first Monday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.

*Vivat Jesus
Revere*

**COUNCIL 9709 BIMONTHLY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS****FEBRUARY**

- 17 - Youth Free Throw Contest, 9 a.m., TFS Gym
- 20 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., Casa Carbone, 6019-A Glenwood Avenue, Oak Park Shopping Center
- 21 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

MARCH

- 6 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 10 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., St. Francis Parking Lot
- 20 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., TBD
- 21 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 24-25 - Membership Blitz, all Masses
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 30 - Blood Drive, all Masses

APRIL (LAMB Month)

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 13-15 - Operation LAMB
- 17 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., TBD
- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 23 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

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

L-R Trustees Larry Dudley (two-year), Hadon Ware (one-year) and Mike Murray (three-year) KoC Council 9709

Trustees - The Board of Trustees consists of three members elected by the Council and the Grand Knight, who serves as Chairman of the Board. They oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and with the Deputy Grand Knight serve on the Council's Retention Committee. During Council elections, only the three-year Trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two- and one-year trustees, respectively.



Emblem of a Knights of Columbus Trustee

LAVERNA CENTER SUPPORT A “GO”

At the Feb. 6 Business Meeting, Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl announced that the Council's officers had approved in principle a request from the church to support and maintain the LaVerna Center.

The LaVerna Center is the “log-cabin” type house behind The Franciscan School near the intersection of Leesville Road and Hickory Grove Church Road. The LaVerna House as well as the San Damiano Home were purchased as part of the St. Francis of Assisi capital plan.

Grand Knight Vogelpohl reported that Brother Tony Evans will spearhead the Council's participation in maintaining the property. The first order of business is to install a handicapped ramp. Later work will include routine maintenance of both the interior and exterior of the facility.

Brother Evans will make a report on the Council's responsibilities and solicit involvement from Council members at the March 6 Business Meeting.



Council 9709 will support and maintain the newly acquired Laverna Center for the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community.

JANUARY SOCIAL EVENT DRAWS 50

Some 50 Brother Knights from Council 9709, their wives and family members filled Stella Mare Ristorante to capacity Jan. 16 for the monthly social event. The attendance was about twice what is normal, thanks to a telephone callathon conducted by Brother Tom Dupree and wife Elaine.

“Twenty to 30 has been the norm lately, and we were outgrowing the capacity of Manchester's,” said Brother Dupree. The Council is looking for new venues for its monthly social event. February's social will be at Casa Carbone, 6019-A Glenwood Avenue in the Oak Park Shopping Center. March's and April's venues are TBD.

The reservation is usually made for 7 p.m., but other than the time, the event has no program or format.



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People just show up, socialize and enjoy good food and each other's company. Dinner is usually over by 8:30 p.m., but some Brother Knights and spouses will stay longer.

“It's a chance to socialize. Most of the other activities with spouses are more structured and don't allow informal interaction,” said Susan Montagne. “You also see people you don't see all the time. It's fun!”

The informal gathering is meant to bring the wives together as well as reinforcing the principle of Fraternity among Brother Knights.

“It's meant to strengthen the Council by bringing both Knights and wives together,” said Brother Walt Winiewicz.

Other family members are also welcome. Brother Tim Dyer brought his two sons, and Brother John Moster brought along son Joe, a potential recruit.

“Joe was invited, and maybe he'll become a Knight,” said Brother Moster.

MAY 8 LAST CHANCE TO WIN AN ALASKAN CRUISE OR HAWAIIAN VACATION FOR TWO

The closing date for buying a raffle ticket to win an Alaskan cruise for two plus \$700 in cash and other prizes is May 8. Raffle tickets cost just \$5.00 each, and if a purchaser does not win the Alaskan cruise, there is the second prize of a seven-day Hawaiian vacation for two plus \$500 cash as well as third through seventh prizes of \$200 cash each.

Brother Knights from Council 9709 have each been given 10 tickets to sell and will need to turn in ticket stubs and cash to Deputy Grand Knight Michael Darrow no later than May 8. Earlier returns would be greatly appreciated at the March and April business meetings. Brother Knights are reminded to ensure that the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) purchasing the ticket(s) are clearly entered on the stub as well as their name and "Council 9709." Purchasers should retain the larger portion of the ticket as a receipt.

The drawing for the winners will take place May 19. Raffle ticket purchasers do not need to be present to win.

Of the \$5.00 purchase price, Council 9709 gets back half to support local activities. The \$2.50 retained by the State Chapter will be applied to prizes and overhead associated with the State activities.

The \$5.00 price of the ticket is not tax-deductible, and winners will need to pay applicable taxes, both federal and state, on winnings.

2007 KC VACATION RAFFLE
Sponsored by N.C. STATE COUNCIL

WIN

First Prize - Alaskan Cruise for 2 + \$700 Cash
Second Prize - 7 Day Hawaiian Vacation for 2 + \$500 Cash
Third thru Seventh Prizes - \$200 Cash Each

DRAWING May 19, 2007

Donation \$5.00 Not Tax Deductible
Need not be present to win. Winners responsible for all applicable taxes.

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