



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

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COUNCIL 9709 DEDICATES MARCH 24-25 MEMBERSHIP BLITZ TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday, March 29, Knights of Columbus across the country will mark the 125th anniversary of the reception of their charter from the state of Connecticut. Councils worldwide will join this commemoration of 125 years of service, faith and fraternity.

St. Francis of Assisi KoC Council 9709 will dedicate its March 24-25 membership blitz to the anniversary, and the ensuing First Degree Exemplification for those new members will honor Council Chaplain and St. Francis of Assisi Pastor Father Mark Reamer.

“I can think of no better way to mark 125 years of the Knights of Columbus than to keep adding new brothers to the membership,” said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl. “Adding new members on a regular basis will ensure the continuation of this great movement, and dedicating the First Degree Exemplification for those new members to our Council Chaplain is fitting recognition of the important role the clergy plays and has played in our organization since its founding.”

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, then curate at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Conn., and a small group of Catholic laymen. The organization received its charter from the state of Connecticut on March 29, 1882. In forming the organization, Father McGivney hoped to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual encouragement while establishing an elementary system of insurance so that the widows and children of members of the group who might die would not find themselves in dire financial straits.

Today, the Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic organization with 1.7 million members dedicated to working for the Catholic Church, community and people. Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated 64 million hours of volunteer service and \$139 million to charitable and benevolent causes, such as Operation LAMB.

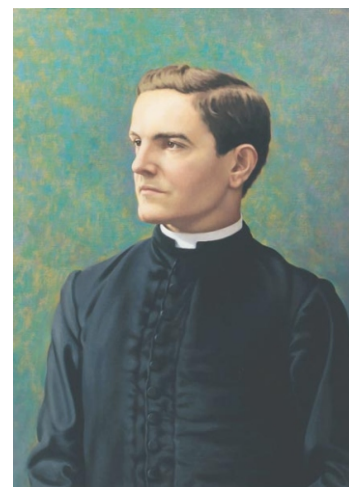
Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to any man over the age of 18 who is a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See.

COUNCIL 9709 SET TO DISTRIBUTE OPERATION LAMB FUNDS AND COLLECT SOME MORE

St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus All Saints Council 9709 will be donating some \$16,935.65 to three local charities serving persons with intellectual disabilities in the near future. Community Partnerships and Arc of Wake County will both receive \$7,000, and the Autism Society will receive \$2,935.65.

The Council collected a total of \$21,272.04 in the latest drive. The amounts to be donated locally represent that total less expenses of \$1,347.75 and a required donation to North Carolina State Knights of Columbus Chapter of \$2,988.64. Monies donated to the State Chapter will be applied statewide.

Council 9709's effort made it the second highest contributor in the Raleigh area, behind only Father Price Council 2546, which grossed \$28,278.19. St. Luke's Council 12455 grossed \$3,724.18, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025 \$2,938.54 and St. Raphael Council 9880 \$755.75.



Father Michael J. McGivney
(1852-1890), founder of the
Knights of Columbus

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Dear Brother Knights,

As our fraternal year nears its end, we are busy preparing for the annual State Convention to be held May 18-20 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham. We have already accomplished much this year in service to our church and community. At the convention we should gain some recognition for our efforts, especially Operation LAMB. On that note, please pay special attention to the article on LAMB in this issue. We need your help for the first phase of our drive, which will be held on April 20-22.

I am very pleased to announce that the Council accepted the transfer of Father David McBriar at the March business meeting. As some of you may remember, Fr. David was the Chaplain of our Council when it was first formed in 1988. Welcome back, Fr. David!

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention the upcoming ordination of Brother George Corrigan on May 19 at St. Francis of Assisi. As many of you know, our Council has been a strong supporter of Brother George in his journey to the priesthood through the RSVP program, our prayers and friendship. Brother George recently wrote a very nice letter to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson referencing the support our Council has given him. I would encourage you to attend his ordination, if you can, to continue to show our support.

*Vivat Jesus
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**COUNCIL 9709 BIMONTHLY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS****March 2007**

- 17 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., St. Francis Parking Lot
- 20 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., Stella Mare Ristorante, 7713-9 Leadmine Road
- 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
- 29 - Membership Information Night, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 31 - Blood Drive, all Masses, Clare Hall/Gym

April 2007 (LAMB Month)

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 13-15 - Operation LAMB
- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 17 - Social Gathering 7:00 p.m., Ale House, 7981 Skyland Ridge Pkwy
- 21-22 - BBQ Ticket Sale, all Masses
- 23 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 28 - 4th Degree Exemplification, New Bern
- 28-29 - BBQ Ticket Sale, all Masses

May 2007

- 1 - Business Meeting & First Degree, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 5 - BBQ Dinner, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Jacoba Hall
- 15 - Social Gathering, Casa Carbone, 6019-A Glenwood Ave, Oak Park Shopping Center
- 16 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 18-20 - State Convention, Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

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

Dick Bridges
Lecturer KoC Council 9709

Lecturer - The Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the Council. He is responsible for the "Good of the Order" portion of Council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all Council planning.



Emblem of a Knights of Columbus Lecturer

COUNCIL 9709 CROWNS DISTRICT FREETHROW CHAMPS



9th District Champions (Front L-R) Caitlin McMannen, Alexa Pursley, Allegra Berry, Anthony Berry, Zoe Vernon, Adam Subasic, Joe Forbes and Nolan Schachle. (Rear L-R) 9th District Deputy Hadon Ware, Council 13812 Grand Knight Don Williams, Council 13812 Youth Committee Member Jim Godowitch, Mike Wrzesien. Not pictured: Zachary Rhodes.

Knights of Columbus Council 9709 held both its own Youth Freethrow Contest as well as the 9th District's Freethrow Contest Feb. 17.

"It was a great event," said Brother Mike Wrzesien, chairman of the Youth Committee and event coordinator for Council 9709. "The turnout was great, and the kids had a lot of fun. I'd also like to thank especially the 11 Brother Knights and their wives who came out to support the effort."

Some 18 kids ages 10-14 participated in the St. Francis of Assisi Council 9709 contest. Council 9709 winners included:

Girls - Age 10, Alexa Pursley; Age 11, None; Age 12, Lauren Wessel; Age 13, Elissa Wells; Age 14, None.

Boys - Age 10, Nolan Schachle; Age 11, Corey Brassington; Age 12, Adam Subasic; Age 13, Zachary Rhodes; Age 14, Joe Forbes.

Five of the St. Francis Council 9709 winners (*) went on to take 9th District honors. The other District winners came from Pope John Paul II Council 13812 in Durham. District winners included:

Girls - Age 10, Alexa Pursley*; Age 11, Allegra Berry; Age 12, Zoe Vernon; Age 13, Caitlin McMannen; Age 14, None.

Boys - Age 10, Nolan Schachle*; Age 11, Anthony Berry; Age 12, Adam Subasic*; Age 13, Zachary Rhodes*; Age 14, Joe Forbes*.

MARCH 31 BLOOD DRIVE NEEDS DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS



Council 9709 will host its quarterly Blood Drive Saturday, March 31 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Clare Hall/Gym. The last donation for donors should be on or prior to Feb. 3. Volunteers are needed for setting up, tearing down and donating blood. To volunteer or for more information, contact Brother Tom Dupree, Tel. 577-6901 or 302-5550 or at twdupree@aol.com.



ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ SET FOR MAY 5

Council 9709's annual fund-raising BBQ dinner for St. Francis parish is set for Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Jacoba Hall.

Brother Knights are needed to help sell tickets in the breezeway and Stewardship Room of the church at all masses the weekends of April 20-21 and 28-29. Brothers Joe Kane and Walt Winiewicz will be enlisting volunteers for ticket sales at the church at the next business meeting Tuesday, April 3.

“Brother Knights will also be asked to sell five adult and two child tickets outside of the church on-site sales,” said Brother Joe Kane, who is chairing the event. “This event has been very popular in the past, and selling tickets has not been a problem.”

Adult tickets are \$7, and children six and over can eat for \$6. Children five and under can eat free. The menu includes barbequed chicken and pulled pork, hush puppies, French fries, cole slaw and iced tea.

This year Knights' wives will also be invited to provide and sell baked goods at the dinner for dessert. Proceeds of the baked goods sale will go toward supporting wives' activities. Baked goods will need to be delivered by 10:30 a.m. to Jacoba Hall. Points of contact for the event are Brothers Joe Kane (Tel. 461-3838 or kanesjm@nc.rr.com) and Walt Winiewicz (Tel. 676-7750 or wwiniewicz@nc.rr.com).

LAMB, continued

This year's Operation LAMB drive will be held over two nonconsecutive weekends, April 20-22 and Oct. 5-7. Brother Knights can sign up in person for the April shifts at the April 3 business meeting or go online at www.mysignup.com/sitemap/9.html to sign up for one of the three-hour shifts.

“By breaking the drive up in the spring and fall, we hope to avoid the drop off in contributions we typically see the second weekend of the consecutive weekend format,” said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl. “The break should also allow more opportunity for Knights to participate on one or both weekends.”

This year's goal is the same as last year's: \$25,000.



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