



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

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OPERATION LAMB RECIPIENTS THANK COUNCIL 9709

Three representatives from charitable organizations being supported by this year's proceeds from Operation LAMB personally thanked Council 9709's membership at the April 3 business meeting for the financial assistance. Kathi Gillaspay from Community Partnerships, Rich Martins from ARC of Wake County and Maria Hernandez from the Tammy Lynn Center explained what proceeds from Operation LAMB in the past had done for their organizations and expressed their sincere gratitude for this year's contributions.

"The support you and others provide us is incredibly important," said Maria Hernandez. "Operation LAMB money has helped us furnish the infrastructure to perform our mission." The Tammy Lynn Center provides services to over 400 adults and young people with developmental disabilities. Hernandez showed off the organization's annual report, prepared on a computer purchased through Operation LAMB funds, that helped save the organization \$3,000 in preparation costs, savings that were then spent on serving their clients.

Rich Martins, the Associate Director of ARC of Wake County, explained how Operation LAMB funds had enabled his organization to expand a summer youth employment program to a year-round effort. He introduced Zhenya Lamotte, who is the first graduate from the program to receive full-time employment as a result of the training.

"The program has helped me greatly," she said. Lamotte had worked at Logan's Nursery in downtown Raleigh, and as a result of her performance there, was offered a full-time job with Whole Foods.

Kathi Gillaspay, who heads the Early Intervention Program for Community Partnerships, noted that her organization had been relying on Operation LAMB contributions for 20 of the 23 years of its existence. Money from Operation LAMB is enabling workers from the organization to provide therapy for children with developmental disabilities throughout Wake County and support some 300 childcare teachers and 100 children annually.

Both the Tammy Lynn Center and ARC of Wake County will receive \$7,000 in Operation LAMB funds collected by Council 9709. Community Partnerships will be receiving \$3,165 from other Councils. The remainder of monies collected by Council 9709 and available for disbursement, some \$2,935.65, has been earmarked for the Autism Society.

This year's Operation LAMB drive will be held on two weekends, one in the spring (April 20-22) and one in the fall. Only 34 Brother Knights have signed up to participate in the April drive as of the April 3 meeting. Information on how to volunteer for this worth cause can be found on the Council's website at www.kofc9709.org or by calling Brother Tom Dupree at 577-6901 or 302-5550.

DESSERTS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL BBQ

Have a favorite recipe for dessert? Come share it with others at the annual Council 9709 BBQ dinner May 5!

Knights' wives are asked to make desserts cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, etc. for the annual event and deliver them to Jacoba Hall by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 5. The desserts will be sold at the BBQ to raise money for Council 9709 wives' activities. About 100 desserts (servings for six) are needed to satisfy the appetites of the 500-600 expected customers.

Between six and nine wives are also needed to work the three shifts at the barbeque to sell the desserts. The first shift will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second from 1-4 p.m. and the third from 4-7:30 p.m.

Wives willing to prepare desserts should call either Mary Kane (Tel. 461-3838) or Joyce Winiewicz (Tel. 676-7750) to give them an idea of what to expect. Wives who are willing to help sell the goodies can also sign up with Mary or Joyce to assist in that endeavor.



FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Dear Brother Knights,

As I write this article for our April newsletter, it is Easter Sunday. Reflecting on the Resurrection of our Lord and what makes us Catholic Christians, it strikes me that our service as Knights is at the very core of what Christ expects us to do in living our faith. I think of the Blood Drive last weekend where we had 21 Knights and their wives volunteer their time, 15 Knights donating blood and 193 units of blood collected. I think of the work we do in supporting Right to Life, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the GIFT campaign, the Mustard Seed, Operation LAMB, our seminarians through the RSVP program, and the work at the concession stand at the RBC center. These are just some of the examples of the service you participate in which makes living our faith a reality.

Speaking of the RBC concession stand, I want to extend a huge thank you to the 34 Brothers and their wives who worked this past season. This fund raising activity allowed us to make our contribution to the GIFT campaign and will fund many other future outreach activities of the Council.

You may have seen the article in Issue 2, page 2 of the GIFT Good Newsletter. It's a great article about our Council, the work we do and the contribution we made to the GIFT Campaign. Mention it to your friends who are looking for a way to serve others. We're doing God's work, and we will always need more brothers to help.

*Vivat Jesus
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**COUNCIL 9709 BIMONTHLY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS****April 2007 (LAMB Month)**

- 17 - Social Gathering 7:00 p.m., Ale House, 7981 Skyland Ridge Pkwy
- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 20-22 - Operation LAMB
- 21-22 - BBQ Ticket Sale, all Masses
- 23 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 25 - Parish 25th Anniversary Celebration, 5:30 p.m.
- 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, Raleigh Sheraton Imperial
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

June 2007

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 8 - Parish Holy Hour hosted by Council 9709, 7:30 pm
- 9 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., St. Francis Parking Lot
- 19 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., O'Charley's, 8115 Brier Creek Parkway
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

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

Tom Dupree
Treasurer KoC Council 9709

Treasurer - The Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining of records of all Council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the Council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the Grand Knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.



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Treasurer

LOW TEMPERATURE LOWERS TURNOUT FOR MARCH 17 TRASH PICK UP

Temperatures in the high 30s probably turned some of the usual trash pick up volunteers away Saturday, March 17. Knights' participation in the St. Patrick Day Parade may have also lessened the turnout. Whatever the reason, six brave souls put in over three hours worth of work to clean up Leesville Road from the Wake-Durham County line to the Citgo station.

"It would have been nice to have more brothers out, but it was a little chilly, and I know some of the regulars were at Raleigh's St. Patrick's Day Parade," said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl. Dave's wife, Ann, also came out to help with four others. "Having only six people total doubled or even tripled in some cases the workload for those who did show up."

In all, the six stalwarts who did show filled seven orange trash bags and five blue bags full of recyclable material.

KoC Council 9709 has been active in the North Carolina Adopt-a-Highway Program since Nov. 28, 2000, and usually picks up trash quarterly. The next trash pick up is tentatively set for June 9. Safety vests, gloves, trash bags and refreshments are provided. Participating Knights should dress for the weather, and long pants and boots are highly recommended. For more information, contact Brother Larry Dudley at 847-8019 or lcd2125@aol.com.



Brother John Wagner and daughter Kathleen were two of the six participants for the March 17 trash pick up.

RAFFLE TICKET SALES DEADLINE APRIL 30

Deputy Grand Knight Mike Darrow reminded everyone at the April 3 Business Meeting that the deadline for selling raffle tickets is April 30. Proceeds and unsold tickets must be turned in to him no later than that date.

"Some 60 Brothers still have about \$1,200 worth of raffle tickets in hand, and the April 30 date is firm," said Brother Darrow. "If we don't turn in unsold tickets, the Council has to pay the State \$2.50 per unreturned ticket."

Council 9709 receives as direct revenue \$2.50 per ticket sold. Some 300 tickets have been sold as of April 3, which means \$750.00 for the Council so far.

Brothers holding money and stubs or unsold tickets should contact Brother Darrow directly at Tel. 848-2497 or by e-mail at autofindr@aol.com.

MARCH 31 BLOOD DRIVE NETS 193 UNITS

The March 31 Blood Drive had 193 donors, including 15 Brother Knights. Brother Tom Dupree reported at the April 3 meeting. Brother Dupree also thanked the 21 Knights who assisted with the logistical support for the drive.

"There is virtually no better way to say 'I care' than to give the 'Gift of Life,' your blood," said Brother Dupree. "This turnout both as regards donors and Brother Knights in support was one of our best!"

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 29.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE ETHICAL PRACTICES LAUDED

The Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) has renewed the membership of the Knights of Columbus as an insurance industry leader in ethical standards and practices. In announcing the three-year renewal of qualification on March 30, IMSA lauded the Knights of Columbus for being "fair, honest and open in the way they advertise, sell and service their products."

The Knights of Columbus also holds the highest ratings from A.M. Best Company (A++ Superior) and Standard & Poor's (AAA Extremely Strong), independent analyst organizations that evaluate the financial strength of life insurance companies. The Knights of Columbus is one of only four insurers in North America to earn simultaneously IMSA certification and top ratings from both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's, according to a March 30 news release from the national office of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn. Council 9709's Field Agent for Knights of Columbus insurance is Tim Kilpatrick, telephone (919) 850-1343 or (919) 880-3463.

INFORMATION NIGHTS INCREASING MEMBERSHIP

Candidates Chris Olszak and Tom Fontana and transfer Sean Flanagan explored their calling to become part of Council 9709 with six Council members at the Council's March 29 information night.

Information nights have been making joining the Knights of Columbus Council 9709 a little easier for prospective brother Knights this fiscal year. The informal get-togethers offer candidates the opportunity to hear firsthand from Knights how and why they became Knights without having to make a commitment.

"We want new members," said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl. "New members refresh the organization and keep it young, growing and able to serve more of the needs of our Parish and Community. Anything we can do to ease new candidates' minds on why they should join and what will be expected of them once they become brother Knights helps them and the Council as a whole."

The information nights have been held in conjunction with the two membership drives conducted so far this fiscal year. Some 13 new Knights took their First Degree in February, and there are still some candidates who are interested in becoming members of the Council.

"We are looking into having another information night in April for those who could not make the March 29 event," said Grand Knight Vogelpohl.

The informal program for the information nights includes self introductions from those present, watching the DVD "These Men They Call Knights," testimonials from the brother Knights present, a question and answer session and refreshments. The entire program lasts about an hour.



Candidate Chris Olszak (C) discusses his desire to become a Knight with Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl (R) and Inside Guard Tim Dyer (L).



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