



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

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June 2007

## OPERATION LAMB NETS \$11,428.94 IN APRIL

Brother Tom Dupree reported at the June 5 business meeting that the Council had pulled in \$11,428.94 during its April 20-22 drive. Some 61 Knights and 12 family members contributed 311 volunteer hours.

“Unfortunately, 52 of the three-hour slots at area retail establishments went unfilled during the campaign,” Brother Dupree said.

The proceeds collected in April pushed Council 9709's cumulative contributions to Operation LAMB into triple digits for the first time. Since 1988 when Council 9709 began participating in Operation LAMB and including the money from the April drive, Brother Knights have collected \$104,925.

Council 9709 will be soliciting donations again the weekend of Oct. 5-7.



Frederick Johnson accepts a donation at the Brier Creek Super Wal-Mart during the April campaign.

## COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008 ELECTED

Brother Knights of Council 9709 elected new officers for fraternal year 2007-2008 at the June 5 business meeting. Congratulations and best wishes to:

GRAND KNIGHT - Mike Darrow  
CHAPLAIN\* - Fr. Mark Reamer  
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - Tom Dupree  
CHANCELLOR - Ken Siefkes  
RECORDER - Dick Bridges  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY\* - Jerry Cucurullo  
TREASURER - Jerry Powell  
LECTURER\* - TBD  
ADVOCATE - John Izzo  
WARDEN - Mike Wrzesien  
INSIDE GUARD - Tim Dyer  
OUTSIDE GUARD - Dave Phillips  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:  
Dave Vogelpohl (1<sup>st</sup> Year)  
Hadon Ware (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)  
Larry Dudley (3<sup>rd</sup> Year)

The positions of Chaplain, Financial Secretary and Lecturer are appointed (\*). Retiring Grand Knights are traditionally elected to the Board of Trustees in the year after they step down for three-year terms.

## COUNCIL 9709 GETS \$1,097.50 FROM RAFFLE TICKET SALES AND \$2,011.00 FROM ANNUAL BBQ

Deputy Grand Knight Mike Darrow reported at the June 5 business meeting that the Council realized \$1,097.50 in revenue from ticket sales for the State Supreme Council's Alaskan Cruise or Hawaiian Vacation for Two Raffle that ended May 8. The Council received \$2.50 for each of the 435 tickets it sold.

Although no one from Council 9709 won any of the prizes, the State Supreme Council did waive a charge of \$2.50 per unsold and unreturned ticket that the St. Francis Council was facing. The final number of unsold and unreturned tickets was 278.

“We learned some good lessons from this,” said Brother Darrow.

The State Supreme Council reported at the State Convention May 18-20 that statewide, 28,295 tickets were sold, which was 67 fewer than 2006. Gross profit for Supreme was \$70,765. One Knight was recognized at the convention for having sold 413 tickets.

Brother Joe Kane reported at the June 5th business meeting that total receipts for the May 5 barbecue were \$4,538.00. Net profit was \$2,011.00.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Dear Brother Knights,

This is the final newsletter article I am writing as Grand Knight. As I reflect back on my year as Grand Knight and prepare to pass the baton to my worthy successor, I am struck by how fast the year has passed. I don't know if this is good or bad at this point, but I do know that I am humbled by the support and assistance I have received over the last year from you, my Brother Knights. We have accomplished much in the last year and I am gratified that we have both grown in membership and in participation in our various events. It was nice to see the recognition at the recent State Convention for some of our accomplishments, which are reported elsewhere in the newsletter.

For those things we have done well, I pass much of the credit to the leaders of those events. For the things that didn't go as well and for the times I may have stepped on your toes, I accept the responsibility and ask for your forgiveness. While I am passing on the leadership role, the neat thing is that I will be continuing my fellowship and work with you in the coming years. If you let it, the Knights of Columbus gets into your blood and becomes a part of you. I hope that all of you open yourselves up to the possibilities that active participation in our Council can create in your lives. We are a great group of men and families, and my love and appreciation goes out to all of you.

*Vivat Jesus  
Habe*

**COUNCIL 9709 BIMONTHLY  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS****June 2007**

- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m.,\* Brier Creek Ale House, Alexander Place, 7981 Skyland Ridge\*\*
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 29-30 - Wheelchair Ramp Construction Project, LaVerna House, 8 a.m.
- 30 - New Officers Installation Ceremony and Potluck Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Anthony Hall (Open to all)

**July 2007**

- 10 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m.,\* Mimi's Café, 6320 Plantation Drive
- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 20-22 - Special Olympics Summer Games
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**August 2007**

- 7 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 10 - Holy Hour, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis
- 19 - Bishop McGuinness Assembly Picnic, 4-7:30 p.m., Father Price Council Compound, ALL Knights and Families Invited
- 21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m.,\* TBD
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

\*Change of time  
\*\*Change of location

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Emblem** - The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Triad Emblem of the Knights of Columbus features the Dove, the Cross and the Globe. The Dove, the classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the earth or Globe. Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's Cross, which was emblazoned on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Order cherishes as its patron Christopher Columbus: "Christopher," meaning Christ Bearer, and "Columbus," the Dove of peace symbolizing the Paraclete.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the Union of the most blessed Trinity: the Globe, God the Father, Creator of the Universe; the Cross, God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind; and the Dove, God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

## **LAVERNA HOUSE PROJECT SLATED FOR JUNE 29-30**

The first project Council 9709 will tackle as a result of its agreement to support and maintain the LaVerna Center on the St. Francis of Assisi campus (see February newsletter) will be to construct a wheelchair ramp for handicapped access. Volunteers are needed.

“Brother Knights should look at this as a chance to be like the most famous carpenter of all,” said Brother Tony Evans, who is heading up the project. “No special experience is necessary. Just bring a desire to help, any basic carpentry tools you may have at home and a pair of sturdy work gloves.”

Construction will take place Friday and Saturday, June 29-30, beginning at 8 a.m. each day. Brother Knights interested in helping should contact Brother Evans directly (Tel. 554-9098 or at [evansa99@embarqmail.com](mailto:evansa99@embarqmail.com)).

## **COUNCIL 9709 WINS DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL AWARD**

St. Francis of Assisi All Saints Council 9709 was one of only six Councils statewide to receive the Distinguished Council Award at the State Convention May 18-20. The Distinguished Council Award is the second highest award that a Council can receive at the State level. The State Deputy's Award is the highest State award.

“This is the first time this Council has received this award since it was established in 1988,” said Brother Larry Dudley, who was the Council's first Grand Knight.

The criteria for the Distinguished Council Award include the submission of four Supreme Reports (report of Council officers, service program personnel, annual survey of fraternal activity and the semi-annual audit); paying the Council per capita assessments to Supreme; performing and reporting the minimum required Council service programs for the Church, Council, Youth, Community, Family and Membership Committees; having a Council representation at each of the three State meetings; having a minimum of five percent positive membership gain and participating in the State Raffle.

Council 9709 was also recognized for its making 119 percent of its Operation LAMB goal for 2007. Brother Knights collected some \$21,072.04 to support local and State programs for the intellectually disabled.

## **COUNCIL 9709 ANNUAL PICNIC DRAWS 80**



Youth Committee Chairman Mike Wrzesien organized activities for children attending the Council picnic.

Council 9709's annual picnic drew a crowd of some 80 Brother Knights, wives, children, and pets. Some 15 residents of the Abbottswood Retirement Community were part of the festivities, thanks to Brother Jerry Cucurullo.

Volunteer cooks under the supervision of Brother Glenn Weiss served up hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs and barbeque chicken along with chili, baked beans and veritable smorgasbord of salads, chips condiments, soda, water, lemonade, iced tea and desserts.

After the meal, Brother Mike Wrzesien organized balloon tosses, badminton and other activities for the children while other participants did some fishing at the Beaver Dam picnic area near Jordan Lake.

Leftover food was packaged up and taken to the USO at RDU. In all, Brother Tom Dupree and wife Elaine delivered some 30 cheeseburgers and hamburgers, 70 hotdogs and 50 chicken breasts with rolls, salads, chili, baked beans and chips. According to Elaine, when they got there, some 15 Marines were in the facility and ready to dig in.

Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl gave special recognition to Brother Walt Winiewicz at the June 5 business meeting for organizing the event. Besides those already mentioned above, Brother Winiewicz also thanked Brother John Izzo and wife Kathy, Brother Don Donaghy and wife Terri, Brother Dennis Kelleher, Brother Tom Fontana and Brother Larry Dudley and wife Patty for contributing to the success of the event.



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***PEACE OF MIND, COURTESY OF  
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As we enter the last half of 2007, it may be time for you to look at maximizing the short-term tax benefits available for those who choose to save on a regular basis for their futures.

Certainly, contributing money to a KofC annuity (Traditional or Roth Individual Retirement Accounts, Simplified Employee Pensions (SEPSs), 401Ks, etc.) can allow you to save some money on your 2007 income tax return. KofC annuities pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with the KofC goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for just these reasons, however, is only taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security.

Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a KofC annuity (absolute safety of principal) can really provide you peace of mind. You can open a retirement annuity with the Knights of Columbus for as little as \$300.

Your professional KofC agent will be happy to meet with you at your convenience and in your hometown explain in detail the benefits of opening a KofC annuity, along with the benefits of the KofC top-rated life insurance and long-term care insurance plans. Council 9709's KofC Insurance Field Agent is Tim Kilpatrick (Tel. 850-1343 or at [Tim1002@earthlink.net](mailto:Tim1002@earthlink.net)).

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