



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

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COUNCIL 9709 GIVES ACCESS RAMP TO ST. FRANCIS LAVERNA HOUSE

Twelve Knights, two non-Knights and two family members worked together June 29-30 to construct a 68-foot long handicapped access ramp to the Laverna House on the St. Francis campus.

“This is the most ambitious project this Council has attempted in the past two years,” said Grand Knight Mike Darrow. “That we completed the ramp on time and under budget is further proof of how much this Council can do for our community.”

“We could have finished the job on Friday, if not for the weather,” said Brother Tony Evans, who headed up the project for the Council. Thunderstorms curtailed work by mid-afternoon Friday, June 29. “All we had left to do Saturday was to finish the railings, the curbs and add the roofing paper.”

The 68-foot ramp comes out four feet off the front right corner of the Laverna House and heads toward the parking area in the back of the house over two gentle 30-foot inclines with a four-foot level platform in the middle. “If someone needs it, the four-foot platform provides a rest stop,” explained non-Knight Cecil Raynor, who was enlisted by Brother Evans to supervise the initial foundation work.

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(L-R) Larry Dudley, Ralph Guenther, Rich Szulewski, Dick Bridges, Mike Darrow, Tom Dupree, Dave Vogelpohl, Mike Evans, Ken Stevens and Tony Evans pose on the ramp after its completion Saturday, June 30. More photos are available on the Council's Website at www.kofc9709.org.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING/BARBEQUE SET FOR AUGUST 7

Council 9709's business meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 7 will start with a barbeque at 6 p.m. Like last year's first meeting of the fraternal year, the barbeque will be used as an organizational meeting for Brother Knights to meet with Committee Chairs and explore mutual interests and ways to serve in the coming year.

“If a Brother only makes one meeting this year, this should be it,” said Grand Knight Mike Darrow. “We want to involve all Brother Knights in our activities, and this meeting will be dedicated to just that.”

Committees for fraternal year 2007-2008 will have both a chairman and a co-chairman. Brother Dave Vogelpohl has accepted the position of Chairman for the CHURCH Committee. Brother Kent Siefkes will serve another term as Chairman of the COMMUNITY Committee. Brother Tommy Dalton agreed to be Chairman of the COUNCIL Committee. The FAMILY Committee Chairman had not been named as of the publishing of this newsletter. Brother Mike Wrzesien will repeat as YOUTH Committee Chairman, and Brother Mike Evans will be the Co-Chair. Brother Tim Dyer accepted another year as MEMBERSHIP Chairman, and Brother Rich Szulewski will be the Co-Chair. For a brief description of what each of these Committees does, see “For the First Degree Knight . . . Committees” on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Additionally, the October segment of the OPERATION LAMB Drive will be chaired by Brother Jerry Powell. Brother Shawn Bayle has volunteered to be Chairman for the Knights' Annual Barbeque. Brother Dick Bridges will continue doing the newsletter. Deputy Grand Knight Tom DuPree and wife Elaine will continue to coordinate the Social Gatherings. Brother Ralph Guenther will continue to chair the RBC Center activity. And Brother Joe LaTorre has agreed to supervise Chamber set-up for meetings.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

As we get ready to begin a new year within our Council, I wanted to take the time to thank those that made last year's Council "award winning." To all of the Officers and Committee Chairs who gave of their time, talent, and treasures so unselfishly - THANK YOU! You guys made a difference!

Building on last year's success, I have set out four goals for our Council in the coming year. I would like to get the Lady's Auxiliary off the ground and organized. I would like to see us fill each Committee with active Knights and increase the participation of those that only show up occasionally. I look forward to planning our future space needs and setting up a building fund of our own, so when the opportunity arises down the road, we will be capable of making a move. Lastly I would like to establish a Scholarship Committee and begin funding a scholarship that may one day pay for a full year of tuition at The Franciscan School.

For those Knights that have slipped away or have become less active, this is your call - come on out to the Organizational Kick Off August 7th at 6 p.m.

Your participation in our Council can make a difference in our community!


COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**July 2007**

- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 22 - Special Olympics Summer Games, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 24 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Mimi's Café, 6320 Plantation Drive
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

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- 7 - Council Organizational Meeting and BBQ, 6 p.m., Anthony Hall Courtyard
- 15 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 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

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- 11 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 15 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 19 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 24 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 29 - Blood Drive, 6 a.m.-4 p.m., Claire Hall

FOR THE 1ST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . COMMITTEES:

The KofC Service Program - Underpinning all Councils' Service Programs is the theme of the Knights of Columbus as a "Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization." The KofC's concept of "Surge . . . with Service" comes from that theme and is the guide for all committee work within a Council. There are six Committees typically: Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Membership. The Grand Knight appoints a Program Director to oversee the first five committees and oversees the Membership Committee personally. The Membership Committee is further subdivided into Recruitment, Retention and Insurance Promotion Committees.

The Church Committee Chairman's focus is on such items as vocations, the Parish Round Table, the Lay Apostolate, Parochial Services, Religious Devotions, Christ in Christmas. Council 9709's Church Committee has organized Holy Hours and sponsored aspiring priests.

The Community Chairman's responsibilities include activities relating to Pro-Life, Volunteerism, Human Needs, Civic Involvement, Environment, Public Safety, Health Services and Decency. Council 9709's involvement in the Adopt-a-Highway Program and participation in the March for Life fall under the aegis of this Committee.

The Council Chairman concerns himself with Public Relations, Fraternal, Cultural, Social, Blood Donorship and Athletic activities. Council 9709 sponsors the church's quarterly Church Blood Drives.

The Family Committee takes care of Survivors' Assistance, Memorials, Education, Communications, Family of the Month/Year, Family Projects, Recreation and Family Week.

The Youth Committee sponsors Youth Groups, Athletics, Educational Programs, Youth Welfare, Religious Activities and Social Activities. Council 9709 supports Scouting activities as well as hosts the annual Youth Soccer Challenge and the Free Throw Contest.

In Council 9709, the Program Director is traditionally the Deputy Grand Knight, who also serves within the Membership Committee as the Chairman of the Retention Committee. The Recruitment Committee is made up of the Membership Committee Chairman and at least three other Brothers. The Insurance Promotion Committee is usually headed by the local Knights of Columbus Field Agent.

OFFICER INSTALLATION FOR 2007-2008 DRAWS 50 PLUS

Over 50 Brother Knights, wives and family members turned out for the Officer Installation Ceremony and potluck dinner after the 5:30 p.m. Mass June 30.

District Deputy and former Council 9709 Grand Knight Hadon Ware conducted the ceremony along with District Warden Don Williams. The incoming officers formed up in a cross as they came forward one by one to receive instruction and congratulations. First up was Father Dave, who will be Council 9709's Chaplain this year. Next was incoming Grand Knight Mike Darrow followed by Deputy Grand Knight Tom Dupree and the rest of the officers elected for Fraternal Year 2007-2008. The wives of incoming officers placed the jewels for their offices around their husbands' necks as part of the ceremony.

"I'm overwhelmed by the shoes we have to fill, but I'm looking forward to taking the groundwork that Hadon [Ware] and Dave [Vogelpohl] have laid and continuing to build on our successes," said Grand Knight Mike Darrow. "We're looking forward to a great year."



(L-R) Carol Darrow, Grand Knight Mike Darrow and Deputy Grand Knight Tom Dupree receive the congratulations of Brother Knights, wives and family members after the June 30 Installation Ceremony.

FREE FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AUGUST 19

Want a free meal? For the entire family? With entertainment? The Bishop McGuinness Assembly has a deal for you!

The Assembly will host its second annual family picnic at the Father Price Council pond on Sunday, Aug. 19, from 4-7:30 p.m. for all Raleigh area Knights and their families. The Assembly will furnish barbequed chicken, hamburgers and hotdogs, drinks, eating utensils, napkins, etc.

"Hosting this picnic once a year helps the Assembly introduce Brother Knights to the 4th Degree activities and provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship for area Knights and their families," said Sir Knight Tom Dupree, Faithful Navigator (the equivalent of the Grand Knight) of the Assembly. "All are invited, and all are welcome!"

Interested Knights are asked to bring lawn chairs and a covered dish to feed 8-10 people. The Assembly also requests that Knights intending to come RSVP to Sir Knight Richard Seekins at (252) 438-8712 or by e-mail at rasofkoc@embarqmail.com. Attendees, especially children, should bring bathing suits for the water slide.

The entrance for Father Price Council's compound is a right hand turn going north from New Bern Avenue on New Hope Road.



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Summer can be the busiest time of the year, especially for parents with school-aged children. And, when you're busy with family, it's easy to forget such mundane things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

If you've had life changes (new home, new child, new job, etc.) since you last bought a policy, chances are that your life insurance needs have changed as well.

As your Council 9709 Field Agent, I'd be more than happy to discuss your new circumstances, and if necessary, help you find the right solutions to your life insurance needs. No obligation on your part is necessary. I will guarantee, however, that our time together will be well spent.

Call me, Tim Kilpatrick, at 850-1343 or 880-3463. Let's talk.

RAMP, continued

Cecil Raynor has built a number of handicapped ramps in the area and essentially does the work for free. He estimated that the commercial cost of a 68-foot ramp such as the one Council 9709 built would be about \$6,000, including materials. The cost of the materials purchased for the Laverna project was over \$1,000, but with returns the end cost was only \$717.

Part of the credit for the efficient use of materials goes to “chief sawyer” Brother Larry Dudley, who also salvaged materials from a previous project he had completed, which were reused. Brother Dudley's daughter Heather and 11-year-old grandson Justin also turned in a full day's work on Friday.

“I thought the Knights did a fantastic job building the wheelchair ramp for the LaVerna Center. Everyone ignored the heat and humidity and pitched in to 'Get 'R Done!'” said Brother Tony Evans.

Besides Brothers Evans and Dudley, other Knights who participated include Dick Bridges, Mike Darrow, Tom Dupree, Mike Evans, Ralph Guenther, Jerry Powell, John Stewart, Ken Stevens, Rich Szulewski and Dave Vogelpohl. Non-Knight and St. Francis parishioner Keith Duke also participated in the project.



(L-R) Non-Knight Keith Duke, Justin Dudley, John Stewart and Ralph Guenther finish up the work on the upper platform. Justin is the grandson of Larry Dudley. Heather Dudley, Larry's daughter and Justin's mother, also pitched in on Friday.



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