



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

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**August 2007**

**AUG. 7 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DRAWS 40 KNIGHTS**



Brothers Tim Stevens (L) and Glenn Weiss shared the cooking duties at the Organizational Meeting.

Council Chair Tommy Dalton will continue the RBC Center activity and the Knights annual barbeque dinner as well as solicit nominations for Knight of the Month. Anyone wishing to nominate a Brother Knight should contact Brother Dalton. Brother Dalton also intends to create a virtual display space on the Council website for photographs of awards stored in the St. Anthony Hall storage area and to increase the presence of the Council's Insurance Field Agent, Brother Tim Kilpatrick, who will be at business meetings at least quarterly. Brother Dalton also needs a Co-Chair for his Committee.

Community Chair Kent Siefkes intends to continue support of Operation LAMB, the Mustard Seed, the Adopt-a-Highway program, Abbottswood poker nights and the North Carolina Special Olympics Program, the Council's recent involvement in which is reported elsewhere in this newsletter. Brother Siefkes also needs a Co-Chair.

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The Aug. 7 Organizational Meeting and barbeque featured good food, 40 Knights and two Parish Priests. Committee Chairs were present with their programs for the fraternal year, and attendees were able to learn more about Committee plans for this year. Grand Knight Mike Darrow devoted an additional 10 minutes during the business meeting to allow Knights to sign up for various activities. Fathers Mark and Dave came for the barbeque, and Grand Knight Darrow presented Father Mark with a check for \$1,000 as the first installment of the \$2,500 voted to support the Giving In Faith Together (GIFT) campaign.

“We had a good turnout, about the same as last year,” said Grand Knight Mike Darrow. “We also had a lot of folks sign up for activities, but we still need more volunteers to spread the workload.”

Church Chair Dave Vogelpohl plans to continue the Knights' sponsorship of Holy Hours, the annual church picnic, the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the Veterans Memorial Day Mass. In addition, he hopes to begin a Rosary Devotion activity. Brother Vogelpohl still needs a Co-Chair for his Committee.



Council Chairman Tommy Dalton explains his plans for the fraternal year to Brother Brent Spivey.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those that came out for the Aug. 7 kick off meeting and making it a success, especially Ken Stevens and Glenn Weiss who braved the heat of the day and of the grill to feed everyone. And, a big thank you as well to Father Mark and Father David for their presence!

We have a very ambitious year planned, and your help will guarantee our success. There are a variety of ways in which Brother Knights can volunteer and contribute to our Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. If you're still sitting on the sidelines waiting to get involved, now is the time.

We have a few remaining Co-Chair Committee slots available, and should you feel so inclined, I know the Committee Chairs would appreciate the help. By appointing Co-Chairs this year, we hope to lessen the burden on one individual and double the creativity of the Committee.

And to make it a little easier to attend our monthly business meeting, we will be serving food at 7 p.m. for those who do not have a chance to get home for dinner. For the Sept. 10 meeting, we'll be serving Jersey Mike's sandwiches, so come on out!


**COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****August 2007**

- 15 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 19 - Bishop McGuinness Assembly Picnic, 4-7:30 p.m., Father Price Council Compound, ALL Knights Invited!
- 21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**September 2007**

- 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 Rd
- 24 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 29 - Blood Drive, 6 a.m.-4 p.m., Claire Hall

**October 2007**

- 2 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 5-7 - Operation LAMB, Friday, 3-9 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, noon-9 p.m.
- 12 - Holy Hour, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis
- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 17 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 19-20 - Emmaus Conference, St. Francis
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . SUPREME COUNCIL AWARDS**

Winners of Supreme Council Awards are named on or about Aug. 1 of each fraternal year. There are four such awards: the Star Council Award, Columbian Award, Father McGivney Award and Founder's Award. Council 9709 won the Star Council Award for fraternal year 2005-2006.

**Star Council Award** The Star Council Award is presented to any Council that meets or exceeds the requirements of the Columbian Award, the Father McGivney Award and the Founder's Award. The Star Council is the highest award presented by the Supreme Council.

**Columbian Award** The Columbian Award is presented to any Council that conducts and reports to Supreme at least four major involvement programs in each of the four sections of the Service Program: Church activities, Community activities, Council activities, and Family and Youth Activities.

**Father McGivney Award** The Father McGivney Award is presented to any Council that shows a net increase in membership based upon current membership during the fraternal year July 1 through June 30. For Councils with 30-100 members, a net increase of five membership additions is required. For Councils over 100 members, the requirement is a net increase of five percent in active memberships. Additions to membership include new members, reinstatements, reactivations, readmissions and reapplications. Deductions include suspensions and withdrawals during the same period. Transfers in or out of the Council do not count for or against quota.

**Founder's Award** The Founder's Award is presented to any Council that shows a net increase in insurance additions based upon current membership during the fraternal year July 1 through June 30. For Councils with 30-100 members a net increase of three insurance additions is required. For Councils over 100 members, a net increase of 2.5 percent based upon July 1 membership is required. Additions are credited for new insurance members, insurance reinstatements, reactivations, readmissions and reapplications. Deductions include insurance suspensions and withdrawals. Transfers do not count for or against quota.

## KNIGHT VOLUNTEERS HELP MAKE SPECIAL OLYMPICS MIDSUMMER TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

The 2007 North Carolina Special Olympics Midsummer Tournament on July 22 was by all accounts a tremendous success, both for the participants as well as the 37 Knights and family members who volunteered to help. Council 9709 Knights, spouses and family members conducted the awards ceremonies for over 500 contestants participating in the bowling competition, and their experience was uniformly positive.

For Brother Tom Fontana, who helped out both with the actual competition as well as the awards ceremonies at Buffalo Lanes Cary, the experience was “enlightening.”

“I was amazed at the amount of character each participant displayed and the degree to which they appreciated everything we did for them,” he said. “And, to be honest, a lot of them bowled better than I can.”

“It’s fun. It’s absolutely wonderful,” said Carol Guenther, wife of Brother Ralph Guenther, who presented the awards at Buffalo Lanes Cary.

The Special Olympics Midsummer Tournament featured equestrian, bowling and floor hockey events. The Knights of Columbus and Council 9709 were involved in the awards ceremonies at all three venues for the bowling competition. Brother Ralph Guenther spearheaded the effort for the doubles competition at Buffalo Lanes Cary, Brother Jerry Cucurullo led the awards team at AMF Pleasant Valley Lanes for the single and ramp (wheelchair participants) competition, and Brother Hadon Ware managed the awards team for the team competition at Buffalo Lanes North.

Each team had a minimum of 11 members: four escorts, two awards stagers, two awards bearers, a presenter, an announcer and an awards manager who also doubles as the sound man. The Cary team did 26 awards ceremonies in working from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers all received pre-event training at Ravenscroft School from experienced Special Olympics staff on July 17.

“After a few rehearsals and one or two ceremonies, things went really smoothly,” said Brother Guenther.

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Buffalo Lanes Cary volunteers: Upper Row (L-R): Mary and Joe Kane, Tom Fontana, Carol and Ralph Guenther, Elaine and Tom DuPree, Dick Bridges, Angela Azzopardi. Lower Row (L-R): Kristen Rizzo and Susan Frizell, daughters of Joe and Mary Kane; Joe Azzopardi and Bob Glorius. Not pictured: Ian Cotter. More photos are available at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org).



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Anyone interested in being a Co-Chair should contact the Committee Chair or Deputy Grand Knight Tom DuPree directly.

Family Co-Chair Joe Noonan was present for Chair Bill Nowak. They intend to continue the monthly Social Gatherings, to sponsor the Knights annual Christmas party and to solicit nominations for Family of the Month. Anyone wishing to nominate a family should contact either Brother Nowak or Brother Noonan.

Youth Chair Mike Wrzesien and Co-Chair Mike Evans intend to increase support for Scouts, including the Eagle Scout recognition dinner, as well as conduct the annual basketball free throw and soccer contests. Brother Wrzesien also intends to work with the Franciscan School to set up an essay contest. The initial thought on a topic is "drug awareness."

"We really want to get these Committees moving this year," said Grand Knight Darrow. "The good that we do as a Council is done through these Committees, and all Brother Knights need to participate insofar as they are able."

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"The work itself is not that difficult, and for Knights who want to do 'light' volunteer work, this is pretty easy and very, very rewarding."

"I was literally choked up at one point when I saw a young lady after a ceremony looking for her mother in a crowd," said Dick Bridges, who worked the Cary facility. "The mother was not at that precise moment looking for her daughter but seemed to feel the daughter's eyes searching for her, and when their eyes met, the spontaneous embrace of heartfelt emotion showed me that what we were doing meant far more than we realized."

Council 9709 made a \$2,500 contribution to the Wake County Special Olympics program in September 2006, and the Knights of Columbus are the third largest sponsor of the Special Olympics in North Carolina, according to organizers. State funds from Operation LAMB are also used to support the Special Olympics.



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