



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

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COUNCIL 9709 WINS DOUBLE STAR AWARD

St. Francis of Assisi All Saints Council 9709 has been awarded the Supreme Council's "Double Star" Award for Fraternal Year 2006-2007. Council 9709 is one of only 480 Councils out of over 13,000 worldwide that received the honor.

"You and your Council have surpassed your membership quota and attained at least 200 percent growth thus earning Double Star Council," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson says in his Aug. 15 congratulatory letter from New Haven, Conn., to former Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl.

Enclosed with the letter was a "Double Star" lapel pin for now Trustee Dave Vogelpohl. A formal award presentation with a special plaque will be made at the State mid-year meeting in January 2008.

"Achieving the Double Star Award is a tribute to the fine efforts of everyone active in the Council last year. By pulling together with our activities, especially recruitment of new members, we were able to do something we've never done before. Let's do it again!" said Vogelpohl.

With the award, however, come new challenges for the Council. Supreme Knight Anderson concludes his congratulations by saying: "I encourage you to strive for even greater growth in the future, and I thank you for your continued support."

The Star Council Award is presented to any Council that meets the requirements of the Columbian Award, the Father McGivney Award and the Founder's Award (see the August newsletter for the requirements for these awards).

The Father McGivney Award is presented to any Council that shows a net increase in membership based upon size. For Fraternal Year 2006-2007, Council 9709 had to achieve a net increase in membership of seven new Knights. Council 9709 added a net 15 new Knights last year, thus achieving the honor of the "Double Star" Award.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCT. 1

This year's main Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held Oct. 20 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord, N.C. Candidates must have their Candidate Form 4 and a check for \$70 to the District Master by Oct. 1. The \$70 fee is set by the Supreme Council and includes the cost of the Fourth Degree pin and baldric as well as the Candidates Banquet. Should a candidate's spouse accompany him to the banquet, there is an additional charge of \$47. There is also a ladies luncheon during the Exemplification for an additional charge of \$20.

Candidates must be Third Degree Knights with one year of membership. Third Degree Knights who have at least six months of membership can qualify for a waiver. Point of contact within Council 9709 is Deputy Grand Knight Tom DuPree, 577-6901 or via e-mail at twdupree@aol.com.

All candidates must be dressed in black tuxedo, white pleated (not ruffled) tuxedo shirt with black tie, black socks and shoes. Savvi Formalwear at the Raleigh-Pleasant Valley Promenade (919-783-8911) will provide the tuxedo for as little as \$179. Denise Mayert, a parishioner, is the contact.

Candidates should make their own reservations at the hotel by Sept. 18. The standard rate with KofC discount is \$135 plus tax per night. The cost includes a full buffet breakfast each morning and a two-hour manager's cocktail and snacks reception each evening. Reservations can be made online at www.embassysuitesconcord.com or by telephone at 704-455-8200.

The Concord Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center is located off Exit #49 on I-85 between I-85 and the Lowes Motor Speedway. The facility opened in January 2007.



Fourth Degree Emblem

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brother Knights,

At our business meeting on Tuesday the 4th of September, come early for food, networking and fellowship. This starts at 7 p.m. and the business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

At our business meeting, we will have a special presentation that you will not want to miss! Our Council will be presented with the Double Star Award! This is a coveted award received by very few Councils. It is confirmation of the service, faith and charity that we have exhibited over the past year! Our Council is one of the fastest growing and more successful Councils in the state, and this is due in large part to you and your efforts to be involved. For the new guys . . . come on out and be part of a winning team and the experience of a life time!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of Oct. 5-7. This is Operation LAMB weekend (one weekend only), and this is the one event EVERY Knight is expected to participate in. This event is to raise funds for "the [L]east [A]mong [M]y [B]rethren." Last year we contributed \$21,272 to local charities because of our efforts in the LAMB drive! In the words of Brother Joe Hebert (a senior citizen): "If I can do it, you can do it." See you Tuesday night!


COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**September 2007**

- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall (NOT SEPT. 11!)
- 15 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Carolina Ale House, Brier Creek
- 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., Clare Hall
- 29 - Third Degree Ceremonial, 11 a.m., St. Michael the Archangel (Cary)

October 2007

- 2 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 6 - Third Degree Ceremonial, 11 a.m., Wilmington, N.C.
- 5-7 - Operation LAMB, Friday, 3-9 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, noon-9 p.m.
- 13 - Third Degree Ceremonial, 11 a.m., Wilson
- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Mimi's Café, 6320 Plantation Center Dr.
- 17 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 19-20 - Emmaus Conference, St. Francis
- 20 - Fourth Degree Exemplification, 11 a.m., Concord, N.C.
- 27-28 - Membership Blitz, All Masses
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

November 2007

- 6 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 7 - Information Night, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 10 - Third Degree Ceremonial, 11 a.m., Greensboro, N.C.
- 17-18 - Blood Drive, Creedmoor Fixed Site
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Stella Mare Ristorante, 7713-9 Leadmine Rd.
- 21 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . 4th DEGREE HIERARCHY

4th Degree Knights and their Assemblies report to the Supreme Master and a Board of Directors at the global level. There are 20 Provinces of Assemblies headed by Vice Supreme Masters in the United States (14), Canada, (1) Mexico (1) and the Philippines (1). The Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 belongs to the DeSoto Province, which covers Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Puerto Rico. Within the Provinces there are Districts headed by Masters that oversee the Assemblies.

Vice Supreme Masters can be identified by their blue-lined capes and blue-feathered chapeaus. District Masters have gold-lined capes and gold-feathered chapeaus. Each District also has a District Marshall who wears a green-lined cape and green-feathered chapeau. The District Marshall typically organizes and conducts 4th Degree Exemplifications. Faithful Navigators wear white-lined capes and white-feathered chapeaus.

4th Degree Knights also participate in Color Corps formations in which the Color Corps Commander wears a purple-lined cape and purple-feathered chapeau, and the Members of the Color Corps red-lined capes and red-feathered chapeaus.

All 4th Degree Knights wear a baldric, which in the United States and the Philippines has red and blue stripes on a white background, as part of the formal dress. Canada's baldric has red stripes, and Mexico has red and green stripes.



Fourth Degree Baldric

OPERATION LAMB OCTOBER GOAL IS \$14,000

Council 9709 will be running the second leg of its Operation LAMB campaign the weekend of Oct. 5-7 outside of eight retail stores in the north Raleigh area. After soliciting over \$11,000 during the first leg of the campaign in April, the Council still needs \$14,000 to meet its \$25,000 Fraternal Year 2007-2008 goal.

“There were a few glitches in April,” said Operation LAMB Committee Chair Jerry Powell. “We have ironed these out for the October campaign, so the goal is still reachable.”

Brother Knights will be soliciting donations from the Brier Creek Walmart at 10050 Glenwood Avenue, the Walmart at 6600 Glenwood Avenue (Townridge Square Shopping Center), the Harris Teeter at 9810 Leesville Road (Leesville Town Center), the Harris Teeter at 7400 Creedmoor Road (Stonehenge Market Place), the Kroger at 8345 Creedmoor Road (Towne North Plaza), the Kroger at 6300 Creedmoor Road (Lynnwood Collection Shopping Center), Lowes Food at 8100 Brier Creek Parkway and the Lowes Food at 8201 Rowlock Way (Cornerstone Shopping Center).

There are 72 three-hour shifts available. Friday shifts are 3-6 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Saturday shifts are 9 a.m.-noon, noon-3 p.m., 3-6 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., and Sunday shifts are noon-3 p.m., 3-6 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Up to three Knights per location per shift are needed.

Vests identifying the wearer as a Knight of Columbus are provided as well as collection containers for donations and Tootsie Rolls to thank the donors. The equipment is picked up at the Customer Service Desk of the retail stores by the first shift and returned there by the last shift of the day. Money is collected by a shift supervisor after each shift, although should the shift end and no supervisor be available, Brother Knights can simply take the money home and call Brother Powell to arrange pick up.

“This is our major charitable contribution for the year,” said Brother Powell. “We would like as big a turnout as possible from the membership, and spouses, children and friends are all welcome to help.”

Volunteers are still needed! Brother Knights who were unable to sign up for shifts at the Sept. 4 business meeting or who have not been contacted by telephone can call Brother Powell directly at 919-306-5467 or via e-mail atjerolyn1@earthlink.net.

Council 9709 collected over \$21,000 last year, of which some \$16,935.65 was distributed to three local charities serving people with intellectual disabilities. Both Community Partnerships and Arc of Wake County received \$7,000, and the Autism Society received the remainder. Some \$2,988.64 was donated to the Supreme Council for statewide donations, and expenses (aprons and Tootsie rolls) totaled \$1,347.75.

Operation LAMB derives its name from Matthew 25:40: “whatsoever you do to the [L]east [A]mong [M]y [B]rethren, that you also do to me.” Operation LAMB was founded to assist people with intellectual disabilities in 1974 and has donated \$15.7 million nationwide. Operation LAMB is conducted by the Knights of Columbus.



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts.

Fact 1: Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide adequately for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses, and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

Need assistance? Contact Council 9709's own Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick at 850-1343 or 880-3463 or via e-mail at Tim1002@earthlink.net.

18 NEW COUNCIL 9709 MEMBERS TO GET MENTORS

New members of Council 9709 will be assigned mentors to help them integrate more fully into the Council. The decision is the result of a recommendation by the Participation Committee appointed at the May 2007 business meeting and a final presentation by the Committee at the June 25 Officers Meeting.

Members who joined Council 9709 in 2006 or 2007 will be surveyed by the Committee and assigned a suitable mentor with like interests and experiences. Mentors will contact new members directly and work with them to get them involved in activities that fit their interests.

There were 18 new members who joined the Council in 2007. Committee members John Izzo, Dick Bridges, John Dugan, Ralph Guenther, and Jerry Powell will be making direct contact with these 18 members.

The long-term plan is to make mentors of those mentored for other newcomers in order to perpetuate new ideas and a sense of continuity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE SEPTEMBER 11TH

With you, O Mother of the Redeemer,
may the hymn of the humble and
the poor rise to almighty God:
may He, the merciful one,
bring peace to the earth,
reconcile brothers at enmity,
confound Cain,
make Abel rise again;
may he bring all of creation
to the design he had at the beginning
in the love of the Son,
in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-- Pope John Paul II

At its 122nd annual meeting in 2004, the Supreme Council resolved that September 11th be observed each year as a World Day of Prayer for Peace.



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