

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

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OPERATION LAMB SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OCT. 5-7

As of the Sept. 24 Officers Meeting, only 35 Brother Knights had signed up to solicit donations at the eight retail sites where Council 9709 for the intellectually handicapped. Some 61 Brother Knights participated in the last Operation LAMB drive in April.

"In April we covered 104 time slots out of a possible 160," Brother Jerry Powell, Operation LAMB project officer, told the officers. "We average about \$115 per each three-hour shift, and we almost made our goal of \$12,500 with only two-thirds filled. Imagine what we could do with more volunteers."

Council 9709 collected over \$11,000 in April. The Council decided to split this year's Operation LAMB drives over two weekends six months apart rather than run the drive two weekends in a row with the thought that spreading the time between weekends might solicit more funds.

The 35 Brother Knights who have committed so far will cover 76 slots, and there are two more Brother Knights who have pledged to fill four slots. More volunteers are needed, especially for the evening slots.

"People seem to shy away from the 6-9 p.m. shifts on Saturday and Sunday, but customer traffic is still pretty heavy during that timeframe," said Brother Powell.

Officers are calling Brother Knights individually at this point to get more volunteers. Family members are welcome to participate, and those who come and help seem to enjoy it. If a Knight has not been contacted and wishes to get involved, he can sign up for a slot on the Council's website www.kofc9709.org or contact Brother Powell directly at 844-7199 or via e-mail at jerolyn1@earthlnik.net.

The eight sites where Knights will be soliciting donations are: 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.

COUNCIL 9709 CHRISTMAS PARTY SET FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 16

Invitations to Council 9709's annual Christmas dinner will be sent to Brother Knights in November. This year's event will be held at The Heritage of Raleigh, the same site as last year's gala. The Heritage is located at 1200 Carlos Drive.

Projected cost this year will be the same as last year's, \$16 per adult, \$8 for children ages 7-13 and free for children six and under. As of the writing of this article, the final prices had not been negotiated, and the invitations may reflect a higher price.

Attendees will be limited to the first 126 Brothers and family members to make their reservations by sending in the enclosed RSVP cards included in the invitation. A waiting list will be maintained should responses exceed 126.

The menu for this year will be similar to last year's and include appetizers and wine, a fresh garden salad, rosemary roasted chicken, lemon herbal broiled tilapia, baked ziti with cheese and meat, rice pilaf, harvest winter vegetables, holiday pastries, rolls and butter and coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Last year, Brother Knights were asked to bring an unwrapped toy for the U.S. Marine Corps' annual "Toys for Tots" campaign. Toys will be solicited again this year; however, a request for toys has also been received from the Duke Children's Hospital for chronic and terminally ill child patients. Attendees at the business meeting will determine whether to honor that specific request or to continue with the "Toys for Tots" campaign. The recipient for the toys will be decided at the Oct. 2 business meeting.

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers,

I need to appeal to you to get involved with "Operation LAMB!" You know all the wonderful things that are done with the proceeds of this fundraiser. You know the many organizations that count on these funds. You know how it helps the least of our brethren.

Please call Jerry Powell today at 306-5467 and sign up for a three-hour slot. If you can't stand, ask to drive to the various locations and collect the proceeds. If you can't drive, ask to assist in the money counting. There is a place for you in Operation LAMB.

We currently have 167 brothers and only 35 volunteers. Guys, this is what a Knight is all about . . . helping the disadvantaged. Please make the call 306-5467 TODAY.

Don't miss our Tuesday business meeting October 2, and come early at 7:00 p.m. for some pizza, networking and fellowship! We will discuss the RBC schedule, Christmas Party, 25th year Council Celebration and the many other activities we have set up for you and the Council! I look forward to seeing you Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.!

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COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2007

- 2 Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 6 Third Degree, 11 a.m., Wilmington
- 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, 11 a.m., Greensboro
- 16 Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Mimi's Café, 6320 Plantation Center Drive
- 17 Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 20 Fourth Degree Exemplification, 11 a.m., Concord
- 27-28 Membership Blitz, All Masses
- 29 Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf. Room

November 2007

- 6 Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 7 Information Night, 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Hall
- 10 Third Degree, 11 a.m., Wilson
- 17-18 Blood Drive, Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon, and Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Red Cross Fixed Site
- 20 Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Stella Mare Ristorante, 7713-9 Leadmine Road
- 21 Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 26 Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf. Room

December 2007

- 4 Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 15 Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 16 Christmas Party, 5-9 p.m., The Heritage, 1200 Carlos Drive
- 17 Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf. Room
- 19 Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Assembly Titles

Navigator
Friar
Captain
Pilot
Admiral
Scribe
Comptroller
Purser
N/A
N/A
Inner Sentinel
Outer Sentinel
Trustee 3rd Year
Trustee 2nd Year

Trustee 1st Year

When a Knight takes his 4th Degree and becomes a "Sir Knight," he joins an Assembly of fellow 4th Degree Knights to which his Council is regionally assigned. Council 9709, for example falls under the aegis of the Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778, which is made up of "Sir Knights" from 10 area Councils.

Officers of an Assembly have different titles than Council officers, although their duties are quite similar. Assembly officers are addressed with the preface of "Faithful" rather than the "Worthy" preface used for Council officers. The Assembly's leader is addressed by members as "Faithful Navigator."

There are no corresponding positions for the Council Advocate and Lecturer in an Assembly. The duties of the Lecturer are performed by the Faithful Captain.

Council Titles

Grand Knight

Chaplain
Deputy Grand Knight
Warden
Chancellor
Recorder
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Lecturer
Advocate
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee 3rd Year
Trustee 1st Year

COUNCIL 9709 SIGNS ON FOR SECOND YEAR AT RBC CENTER

All Saints Council 9709 has contracted to work 30 events at the RBC Center concession stands from September into April 2008. The events include 21 Hurricanes games (not including any potential playoff games), five North Carolina State University basketball games and five Ice Tour events, two of which occur on the same day raising the actual number of events worked to 31.

"We made nearly \$5,000 last year working with St. Catherine's," noted Brother Ralph Guenther, who serves as project chairman. "This year we're working each event with five members from the Council on our own."

The arrangement calls for the five-person event teams to work on all four levels of the RBC Center. Last year, the Council worked exclusively on Level C. The work involves taking refreshment orders from fans, working cash registers and transferring food and other products from the kitchen to the counters. After the game the team will conduct a final inventory, clean up the concession stand and eat any leftovers available.

"You only get one short break during the event, and while you get to go to the employee break room for a hot dog, there are often few seats available," said Brother Guenther. "You have to be willing to stand for three to four hours, although, frankly, the time goes by quickly once you get into the rhythm."

Last year only about 40 Knights and family members participated, and the goal this year is to get more people involved. There is always someone there who knows the ropes, and learning the duties does not take much time.

"Brother Knights can sign up for an event on the Council's website," said Brother Guenther. "We need to get more Brothers involved. The more we work, the more we make."

To access the website sign up, go the Council's website at www.kofc9709.org and click on the "Activities" button.

Dates for the Hurricanes games are: Sept. 28; Oct. 3 & 26; Nov. 3, 5, 7, 17 & 23; Dec. 14 & 28; Jan. 2, 12, 18 & 22; Feb. 19 & 23 (3 p.m. start); March 6, 8, 16 (1 p.m. start) & 28; and April 2 & 4. Dates for the NCSU games are: Jan. 19 (6 p.m. start), Feb. 3 (10 a.m. start), 5, 20 & 27. The Ice Tour events will be on Dec. 5, 6, 7 (5:30 p.m. start) & 9 (two teams required, one at 11:30 a.m. and one at 3:30 p.m.). The event teams need to be on site and ready to go for the Hurricanes and NCSU games and the Ice Tour events at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted above.

This year those who work the events are required to attend a two-hour class at the RBC Center on one of the following dates: Sept. 10, 13, 19, 27; Oct. 1, 2, 25; Nov. 14, 20, 27, 29; Dec. 10, 17; or Jan. 7. Classes begin at 7 p.m. Parking is free in the RBC Center VIP Parking Lot for class attendees. There is a 20-question test administered at the end of the class, and attendees are advised to dress warmly, as the room where the class takes place is kept cooler than the rest of the Center.

"It's important to note that you do not have to attend a class before working an event," said Brother Guenther. "The requirement is to attend the class one time between September and January."



Knights of Columbus making sure they will be provided for and not become a Americans are living longer, and many of them are burden to their children through Long-Term Care Insurance.

> The Knights of Columbus began offering a longterm care option in 2000, and for long-term care clients in

the United States, a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy brings added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

Long-term care policies get more expensive the older one gets. Now may well be the right time for you to sign on. Council 9709's own Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick is available at no obligation at 847-3799 (Home) or 880-3463 (Cell) or via e-mail at Tim1002@earthlink.net.

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COUNCIL SENDS FOUR TO DISTRICT SOCCER SHOOTOUT

Council 9709's Soccer Shootout for 10-14 yearolds Sept. 21 produced winners in four age categories who will go on to compete at the District level at a date still to be determined.

"Setup takes some time, but not as long as I feared. In general, though, advanced planning is required for this event to be a success," said Brother Chris Mosakewicz, who organized the event.

Brothers Ralph Guenther, John Lewandowski and Mike Wrzesien pitched in with registration, completing certificates and recording scores. They also placed and chased balls for the participants.

The 10- and 11-year-old groups used a #4 soccer ball, while the 12 and 14-year-olds used the regulation #5 ball. Each contestant received three practice kicks from the penalty spot before kicking 12 scoring kicks. A kick to the center of the net was worth five points, to the lower left or right corners 10 points and to the upper left or right corners 20 points.

The Soccer Shootout is sponsored by the Council's Youth Committee. For those unable to support this event, there is the Basketball Free Throw Contest that the Council will run in the January-February timeframe.



Council 9709's District Champs: Front L-R: Zane Williams (Age 13), Terrence Fisher (Age 12), Dre Fortune (Age 11), Vince Williams (Age 10). Far right: Daniel Mosakeawicz (declared unofficial under-10-year-old winner). Back L-R: Chris Mosakeawicz and Ralph Guenther. Volunteers not pictured: John Lewandowski and Mike Wrzesien.



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