



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

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November 2007

OPERATION LAMB FOR OCTOBER NETS ANOTHER \$11,400

All Saints Council 9709 collected \$11,400 over the weekend of Oct. 5-7 for Operation LAMB, about the same amount collected in April, Brother Jerry Powell reported at the Nov. 6 business meeting. And, receipts are still pending.

“We still anticipate some corporate matching funds, and just as we have done in previous years, we want to give Brother Knights who were unable to work during Operation LAMB the chance to make personal contributions,” said Brother Powell. “The campaign is not over till it's over, and we aren't that far from our \$25,000 goal.”

Total receipts to date are about \$23,300, which includes \$237 received for the 2006 campaign too late to be credited last year as well as the \$11,428.94 collected in April. Last year, corporate contributions netted another \$1,100, and personal contributions throughout the campaign added another \$1,150.

Any Brother Knight wishing to make a personal contribution should make a check out to “LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc.” and bring it to the next business meeting or put it in an envelope addressed to Brother Jerry Powell, LAMB Coordinator, and either place the envelope in the Knights distribution box in the Parish Office or mail it to the church in care of Knights of Columbus Council 9709.

This year was the first that the Council split the two weekends into the spring and fall rather than run the campaign on two successive weekends in October. Brother Powell also redistributed Knights available for a shift so as to cover the more generous locations, which may have helped to increase contributions.

“Our donors seemed to view this as two separate campaigns, and rather than getting about 60 percent of the first weekend's contributions during the second weekend, we took in about the same amount in October as we did in April,” said Brother Powell. “We also had 81 Brother Knights participating in this year's campaign over 66 in 2006, something I would also attribute at least in part to splitting the campaign into spring and fall sessions.”

Council 9709 collected \$21,272.04 before expenses in 2006. Receipts so far in 2007 show almost a 10 percent increase over that.

“The members of our Council are the heart and soul of this project,” said Brother Powell. “Just think of the lives we have touched, those in need, their families, teachers and caregivers.”

COUNCIL 9709 SUPPORTS THREE SEMINARIANS VIA RSVP

At its Business Meeting Nov. 6, Council 9709 Brother Knights approved funding \$500 each for two additional seminarians with St. Francis connections under the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP).

“We originally thought we only had one seminarian to support this year, and we had only budgeted \$500 for Brother Eric Lopez,” said Brother Kent Siefkes, Chancellor and Chairman of the Community Committee for the Council. “Having the money to support an additional two seminarians is truly a blessing and very much in the spirit of this worthy program.”

The goal of RSVP is to provide direct support to every seminarian and postulant in the areas where Knights of Columbus Councils exist, and the program is viewed as so important that the Supreme Council refunds \$100 for every \$500 donated by a Council. In addition to financial assistance, the program also involves prayer and moral support, including letters and visits during the year. In this way RSVP creates bonds of friendship between Knights and future priests, many of whom join the KofC and become Chaplains, according to the Supreme Council's website.

The three seminarians Council 9709 will support this fraternal year are Brother Eric Lopez, who was an intern at St. Francis in the summer of 2007; Brother Scott Brookbank, who was an intern at St. Francis in the summer of 2006; and Brother Zach Elliot, who decided to pursue a religious vocation after becoming a parishioner of St. Francis in 1992. All three men are studying at Holy Name College in Silver Spring, MD.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers,

Operation LAMB had it biggest year ever in our Council with donations topping \$23,000. A big thanks to Jerry Powell and his wife who worked tirelessly as well as to all the Brothers and family members that helped collect.

At our November business meeting, we agreed in principle to sponsor a TFS Middle School scholarship as part of our ongoing commitment to the youth of this parish. Feedback was very positive, and with some fine tuning we should be ready to present this to the Brothers at our next business meeting.

Our Membership Blitz was a success! A big thanks to Tim Dyer and his Committee! We have some 12 prospects that are looking to attend their First Degree at our December business meeting.

Lastly, look for invitations going out soon for the organizational meeting of our Council's Ladies Auxiliary. Once formed, this group will enable the wives to be part of our many efforts and provide a networking and social group that they can call their own.


COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**November 2007**

- 18 - Fourth Degree Dinner, 4 p.m., Father Price Council Assembly Hall
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Stella Mare Ristorante, 7713-9 Leadmine Rd
- 21 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

December 2007

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

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- 8 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 12 - Right to Life March-NC Prayer Breakfast/Rally
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 16 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 22 - National March for Life, Washington D.C.
- 25-27 - All Saints Council 9709's 20th Anniversary Celebration
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR

The Knights of Columbus instituted the "Family of the Month" program in 1978 in the interest of recognizing strong, vibrant families within individual Councils. Council 9709's Family Committee presents recommendations to the Officers each month at Officers Meetings for consideration. Selectees are announced formally at the Social Gatherings held each month and presented an official certificate.

Criteria for selection naturally include significant contributions to the Church, Community or Council; however, there are other considerations as well, such as family's enjoyment of each other, sharing their experiences, communicating honestly and openly, praying and attending Mass together and spending time with one another.

Once the family is selected, the Council submits the "Family of the Month" report form to the Supreme Council. On the 15th day of each month, 100 of these forms are drawn at random from among all entries received, and each of these 100 families receives a beautiful Holy Family gift along with a personal letter of congratulations from the Supreme Knight.

Shortly before the state convention, Councils also submit a "Family of the Year" nominee to the State Council for consideration. Usually, the Family of the Year is one of the Families of the Month selected during the previous 12 months. There is a special certificate that is presented to the Family of the Year by the Council, and should the family win the statewide competition, the name is submitted to Supreme. The Supreme Council then selects the "International Family of the Year" from state and provincial winners.

Within Council 9709, any Brother Knight can nominate a family for this honor by submitting the family's name and the reasons for the nomination to Family Committee Chairman Bill Nowak at 847-3770 or bnowak@nc.rr.com or Co-Chairman Joe Noonan at 449-0232 or jnoonan2@nc.rr.com.

\$42 DUES NOTICES COMING IN NOVEMBER

The first dues notice for the coming year will be different than in the past. First, it will be coming via e-mail rather than through the Post Office (except for those who do not have e-mail). Second, the annual dues bill will be \$42 or a year and a half worth of dues, the result of a change approved at the Oct. 2 business meeting.

“Moving the billing cycle so as to coincide with the fraternal rather than the calendar year will more accurately reflect what the Council is doing,” said Financial Secretary Jerry Cucurullo.

Furthermore, instead of billing members for a half year, the motion approved at the business meeting authorized the Financial Secretary to bill each member of the Council on a one-time basis for a year and a half of dues to launch the Council into the fraternal year cycle.

The dues notice will cover a voluntary donation for Penny Per Day Per Knight which will be prorated from the present \$3.65 to \$5.50 for the year and a half. As always, these donations will go to the Bishops' Fund to be used for needy parishes and/or state disaster relief.

Brother Knights should pay their dues after receipt of the first notice, although a second notice will be mailed separately. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, Brother Knights who do not respond to the second notice by the deadline will face possible suspension.

COUNCIL 9709 WELCOMES LATEST HONORARY LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERS

At the Oct. 2 business meeting, Grand Knight Mike Darrow welcomed the Council's newest Honorary Life Member and Honorary Members, Brother Tony Anello and Brother Jerry Powell.

“It is a distinct pleasure to recognize Brother Knights who have virtually dedicated the better part of their lifetimes to serving others through the Knights of Columbus,” Grand Knight Mike Darrow said. Both honorees received permanent membership cards from Supreme and certificates. The Grand Knight also presented Brother Anello with a KofC windbreaker and Brother Powell with a KofC shirt as tokens of appreciation for their service. Photos are posted on the Council's website.

Honorary Life Members are Brothers who have been members of the Knights of Columbus for at least 25 consecutive years and have reached the age of 70 or who have been members for 50 consecutive years. Priests are automatically given Honorary Life Member status when they join. Honorary Life Members do not pay annual dues. Council 9709 now has 12 Honorary Life Members: Tony Anello, Dick Barton, Tom Cronin, Tony Evans, Bishop Gossman, Joe Hebert, Verne Ingersoll, Fr. Dan Kenna, Fr. Dave McBriar, Fr. Mark Reamer, John Sasseen and Bob Tremblay.

Honorary Members are Brothers who have been members of the Knights of Columbus for at least 25 consecutive years and have reached the age of 65. Honorary Members pay reduced annual dues of \$10. Brother Jerry Powell is Council 9709's only Honorary Member.



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If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus Web site in awhile, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. There are many exciting features on www.kofc.org under “Insurance,” but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled “Stages of Life.” In this multi-media area, six “real-life” stories are told by people at different stages of their lives. Chances are one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to **estimate** the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator. The Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!). I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide you and your family.

Call me, Tim Kilpatrick, at 847-3799 or on my cell at 880-3463.

STATE MAKES DOUBLE STAR AWARD OFFICIAL

State Advocate Jack Murray and District Deputy Hadon Ware made Council 9709's Double Star status official Oct. 2. They presented the official plaque award to former Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl at the October business meeting.

"This is something new," said Brother Murray. "You don't see many of them."

As reported in the September newsletter, Council 9709 is one of only 480 Councils out of 13,000 worldwide to receive this honor. All Saints Council won the award primarily because of its recruiting efforts for Fraternal Year 2006-2007, adding a net 15 new Knights to its rolls.

Council 9709 now has 167 members and will need to add 16 new members this fraternal year to achieve Double Star status.



Former Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl (L) accepts the Double Star Award from State Advocate Jack Murray (C) as District Deputy Hadon Ware (R) looks on.



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