



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

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December 2007

ALL SAINTS COUNCIL 9709 RANKS SWELL BY SEVEN



Council 9709 welcomed its seven newest members Tuesday, Dec. 4, at a First Degree Ceremonial held as part of the regular business meeting.

Joining the All Saints Council are new Brothers (L-R): Lawrence K. Mathiot, Samuel R. Saunders, Mark B. Nilsson, John E. Sweeney, Terence P. McKee, Mark A Baumgartner and Mark L. Welch.

The new members bring the Council's total membership to 173. Another membership blitz and First Degree Ceremonial will be conducted in Spring 2008.

COUNCIL 9709 TO SUPPORT ST. FRANCIS MINISTRY TO DUKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 16

Council 9709 will support the St. Francis of Assisi Duke Children's Hospital Ministry in conjunction with its annual Christmas party Dec. 16. Attendees are asked to bring a wrapped gift worth up to \$20 for a child marked by sex and age. Each gift should be marked for a boy or girl and an age category of infant, 1-2 years of age, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 or teenager.

The St. Francis Ministry will distribute the gifts at its Dec. 19 Christmas party at the hospital. The party is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Knights are welcome to assist. Any Brother Knight interested in helping can contact Ministry Coordinator Mary Toomey directly at 570-0669.

"Sometimes this may be the only gift a child might receive," said Mary Toomey, the St. Francis parishioner who heads the Ministry. "Gift cards are awesome for the teenagers; cards from Walmart and Target are the best."

"Toys like Legos, craft kits, Play Dough, coloring books and books are particularly good," said Laurie Hieronymi, who assists Mary with the Ministry. "Anything that can occupy the child while waiting for his or her next appointment will help."

The St. Francis of Assisi Ministry for Duke Children's Hospital has been supporting the hospital and its patients for ## years.

In 2006 the 151-bed Duke Children's Hospital treated 6,949 inpatients with an average stay in the hospital of 9.11 days, including some 4,778 surgeries. The hospital also had 13,579 Emergency Treatment Center visits and saw an additional 176,000 outpatients. About 89 percent of the children treated at the facility come from North Carolina with the remaining 11 percent coming from throughout the Southeast and around the world.

Last year, All Saints Council collected more than \$500 worth of gifts for the U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" campaign. The decision to support Duke Children's this year was based upon a specific request received from the St. Francis Ministry.



FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members to Council 9709. I encourage you to investigate what the Knights are involved with throughout the parish and find a cause that is close to your heart. Last quarter we were involved with 74 different activities. There is something for everyone. As Joe Hebert put it: "If you get involved you will love it; if you don't, you won't." We look forward to your energy, fresh ideas and leadership!

Please save the date Jan. 26th for our 25th Anniversary Gala. This will be a catered formal affair that will start with the 5:30 Mass. The State Knights of Columbus Choir will visit us and will perform during Mass and our cocktail hour and dinner.

When coming to the Christmas party Dec. 16, please bring a wrapped gift for the young ones at the Duke Children's hospital. On a gift tag, please list the age and whether it is for a boy or girl. Crafts, crayons, puzzles would be some good suggestions.

Don't forget during this busy holiday time to keep Christ in Christmas! See you at the Christmas party!


COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**December 2007**

- 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 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
- 25 - Christmas Day

January 2008

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 8 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Founders Room
- 11 - Holy Hour, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi
- 12 - Right to Life March-NC Prayer Breakfast/Rally, 9:30 a.m., Brownstone Hotel
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 16 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 22 - National Right to Life March, Washington, D.C.
- 25-27 - All Saints Council 9709's 20th Anniversary Celebration
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

February 2008

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Jacoba Cafeteria
- 6 - Ash Wednesday
- 9 - Third Degree, 11-3:30 p.m., Havelock, N.C.
- 16 - Basketball Free Throw Contest, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., TFS Gym
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 20 - Abbotswood 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 . . . DID YOU KNOW?

As a Knight of Columbus you . . .

- Created the \$20 million "Knights of Columbus Vicarius Christi" fund the earnings on which are conveyed annually to the Holy Fater for his charities. Since its inception this fund has generated more than \$27.8 million for the Pope's good works, and the corpus remains intact.
- Committed \$8.8 million to the U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life educational campaign since 1990, and budgeted an additional \$1 million for the production of pro-life materials to overturn the pro-abortion mentality and defend the right to life.
- Bring the Pope to the world at least three times a year by providing the uplink cost for the televising of papal ceremonies, especially at Christmas and during Holy Week and the downlink in poor mission countries.
- Presented a new mobile television production unit to the Vatican Television Center for the taping, recording and transmission of Vatican ceremonies at a cost of \$600,000.

- Established the \$2 million Count Enrico Galeazzi Fund for the Pontifical North American College for the benefit of the College and for U.S. Bishop and priest students there; the Bishop Charles P. Greco Fund for the American College in Louvain, Belgium, and the Father McGivney Fund for the Collegio Pontificio Filipino, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Fund for the Pontifical Mexican College, and the Father McGivney Fund for Advanced Studies for Priests in Puerto Rico.
- Donated \$1 million to fund the Duc in Altum Park where the sacrament of reconciliation was held during the World Youth Day in Toronto, Ontario.
- Raised \$1 million for the Bishop de Laval Fund, earnings on which annually support the work of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- Contributed, since 1981, over \$16.5 million to thousands of seminarians and postulants through the Refund Support Vocations Program, generating \$3.2 million in rebates from the Supreme Council to participating councils, assemblies and circles.

-- From KofC "Did You Know?" pamphlet 4602

COUNCIL 9709 RECEIVES FIRST RBC PAYMENT OF \$1,326.44 FOR FIRST FIVE EVENTS WORKED

The first receipts for Council 9709's work at the RBC Center Concession Booths are in, and the Council is on track to earn \$7,500-\$8,000 this year, according to coordinator Brother Ralph Guenther. The Council earned just over \$5,000 last year.

"The increase is a reflection of our firm contractual commitment this year with the RBC Center and the dedication of a core group of about 40 individuals within the Council who participate," said Brother Guenther. "Of course, we could always use more volunteers. More volunteers would mean more earnings."

So far in 2007, Council volunteers have worked eight events. For the five events for which the Council has been paid to date, All Saints has earned \$1,326.44. The Council contracted to furnish five volunteers for 30 events for the 2007-2008 season, and there may be additional opportunities.



"We have to work a certain number of A, B, C and D events," said Brother Guenther. "The A events pay the most, but each participating organization has to work a certain number of each category of event during the season as part of the contract. However, there may be some additional opportunities, like the NHL playoffs, where we could earn even more."

Signing up to work at the RBC Center can be done on the Council's web site at www.kofc9709.org. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Volunteers should be prepared to work standing up for four hours or more.

Volunteers will be provided aprons for free from the Council. Dress for the events includes the Knights Council 9709 polo shirt and hat with nametag, dark trousers and dark shoes. Council 9709 polo shirts and hats are available at cost from Brother Dennis Kelleher, 518-2959 or via e-mail at kelleherdl@aol.com.



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BISHOP MCGUINNESS ASSEMBLY HONORS NEW FOURTH DEGREE SIR KNIGHTS FROM COUNCIL 9709



Five new “Sir” Knights from Council 9709 were honored at a formal dinner Nov. 18 at the Father Price Council Assembly Hall in eastern Raleigh.

Left, Bishop McGuinness Assembly Faithful Navigator and Council 9709 Deputy Grand Knight TomDuPree (L) welcomes (L-R) Sir Knight William Paul, Sir Knight John LaTorre and Sir Knight Larry Dudley to the Bishop McGuinness Assembly. Sir Knights Paul, LaTorre and Dudley all took their 4th Degree Oct. 20 in Concord, N.C.

Also honored at the event were Sir Knight Keith Dudley, son of Larry Dudley, who also took his 4th Degree Oct. 20 in Concord, and Sir Knight Dick Bridges, who took his 4th Degree in New Bern, N.C., April 28.

Fourth Degree Exemplifications are typically held once or twice a year and are open to any Knight who has received his Third Degree and has been a Knight for one year. A waiver for the time requirement is possible

The next 4th Degree exemplification will be Oct. 24-26, 2008, in Greensboro, N.C. Any interested Knight should contact Brother Tom DuPree for details.



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