



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

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**January 2008**

**COUNCIL 9709 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BASH SET FOR JAN. 26-27**

Brother Knights of All Saints Council 9709 should have received or will shortly be receiving invitations to a formal dinner the evening of Saturday, Jan. 26 in honor of the Council's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Festivities will start with the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the church followed by the catered dinner in Clare Hall. The Knights of Columbus Chorale of North Carolina will sing at the Mass and provide entertainment during dinner.

"This is going to be possibly the single most significant event since the founding of the Council in 1987," said Deputy Grand Knight Tom DuPree, who is organizing the festivities. "We are going to do our best to make this evening very special."

Past founding members of the Council, State Deputies and other dignitaries have been invited, and many plan on attending.

"It's amazing to me just how far we have come," said Brother Larry Dudley, now a Trustee with the Council and the Founding Grand Knight of the Council. "I truly feel a great deal of pride in everything that we have done over the past 20 years and look forward to moving ahead with this great Council."

The Chorale is directed by Joseph H. Dick, PSD, FDM, and consists of 25 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights and an accompanist. The Chorale's members come from all over the state of North Carolina and sing together approximately eight times annually.

"The Chorale is a first-class organization, and it is an honor to have them with us for this occasion," said Deputy Grand Knight Tom DuPree.

The Chorale will also sing at the 7:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, Jan. 27. A breakfast reception for the Chorale, hosted by the Council, will follow to allow the St. Francis congregation an opportunity to meet the group.

The formal dinner Saturday evening will cost about \$25 per person, and reservations are a must.

"We need to have a firm number by Jan. 18," said Brother DuPree. "Get your reservations in early, and if there is any doubt, call me directly to make sure your check has been received." Brother DuPree's telephone number is 577-6901 (H) or 302-5550 (C).

Brother DuPree could also use some assistance in setting up for the events, especially the breakfast reception on Sunday. Any Brother Knight who would be able to assist should contact him directly.

**COUNCIL 9709'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY BRIGHTENS HOLIDAYS  
FOR DUKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PATIENTS**

Attendees at the 2007 All Saints Council 9709 annual Christmas Party Dec. 16 donated a total of 43 gifts for the St. Francis Duke Children's Hospital Ministry. The gifts were distributed to patients at the hospital at a party Dec. 19.

"Thank you so very much for all the wonderful donated gifts to Duke Children's Hospital," said Mary Toomey, the Coordinator of the St. Francis Ministry. "We really need the presents and appreciate your help. Be assured you have put many a smile on a dear terminally or critically ill child's face."

Some 93 Knights, spouses and children attended the annual event held this year again at The Heritage at Carlos and Falls of the Neuse Roads just below the Northridge Shopping Center.

Grand Knight Mike Darrow presented the Knight of the Month Award to Brother Dick Bridges and the Family of the Month Award to Deputy Grand Knight Tom DuPree and his wife, Elaine. The presentations are normally made at the monthly Social Gathering, which was displaced by the Christmas Party in December,

Photos of the party are available on the Council Website at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org).



**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Brothers,

It's time to celebrate! Knights of Columbus All Saints Council 9709 has completed 20 years of service to the community of St. Francis of Assisi. On Jan. 26 we will be visited by state dignitaries, founding members who have moved away, many past Grand Knights, our clergy and of course the current members of Council 9709. This will be a black tie affair, and 4th Degree members are encouraged to wear their tuxedos with baldric. The Knights of Columbus Chorale will start the evening at the 5:30 p.m. Mass where we will have reserved seating. We will follow that with a cocktail hour in the gym. Dinner is catered and will be something special. Mark your calendar, as this should be the "event of the year."

Many thanks to all of you that attended the Christmas party. It was a fun evening with great food and fellowship. A special thanks to all of you who brought gifts for the Duke Children's Hospital. Brother Dick Bridges was able to deliver 43 gifts to the Hospital, and they were very thankful for your generosity.


**COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****January 2008**

- 12 - Right to Life March-NC Prayer Breakfast/Rally, 9:30 a.m., Brownstone Hotel
- 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 Rm.

**February 2008**

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Jacoba Cafeteria @ TFS
- 6 - Ash Wednesday
- 9 - Third Degree, 11 a.m.-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 Rm.

**March 2008**

- 1 - Third Degree, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Charlotte, N.C.
- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Founders Room
- 15 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., St. Francis Parking Lot
- 15 - St. Patrick's Day Parade, noon, Raleigh
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 19 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm.
- 29 - Blood Drive, 6 a.m.-4 p.m., Clare Hall
- 29 - Third Degree, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Cary

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . DID YOU KNOW?**

As a Knight of Columbus you . . .

- Donated to the \$1 million Knights of Columbus Heroes Fund to provide financial aid to the families of the emergency personnel killed or disabled during the 9/11 attacks.
- Erected the Knight's Tower and carillon of bells at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, completely renovated it recently, and raised a \$500,000 memorial fund in honor of Past Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart to promote Marian devotion at the Shrine and to preserve the Shrine in perpetuity.
- Provide the entire budget of the National Family Planning offices of the U.S. and Canadian Bishops, and assist the NFP office of the Mexican Bishops.
- Supported the airing of both the Order's Eucharistic Congress, which took place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., in 2002 and again in 2003.
- In 2004, raised and distributed nearly \$135 million and contributed 63 million volunteer hours in service to the Church, community, youth, and fellowman through the "Surge . . . with Service" outreach program.
- Sponsor the Pope John XXVIII Center's seminars for the Bishops of the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and the Philippines on vital life-death issues.
- Provided free information on the Catholic faith to interested inquirers, more than 8 million responses and more than 750,000 enrollees in correspondence courses through the years.
- Furthered the Cause for Sainthood of our Founder Father Michael J. McGivney, through your prayers and reports of his intercession in your life's endeavors.
- Support a multimillion dollar scholarship program for members and their children pursuing higher education, with all seminarians eligible.

-- From KofC "Did You Know?" Pamphlet 4602 7/05

## COUNCIL 9709 EXCEEDS OPERATION LAMB GOAL FOR 2007

Council 9709 collected \$26,024 in 2007 for Operation LAMB, exceeding the \$25,000 goal set in both 2006 and 2007 for the first time.

“The year 2007 marks a major milestone in our Operation LAMB campaign,” said Grand Knight Mike Darrow. “Through the collective efforts of everyone, the generosity of the people of Wake County and the fantastic response to our appeal for help from corporate backers and the families of Council members, we collected over \$26,000.”

Council 9709 collected a total of \$11,892 in conjunction with its April drive and some \$14,132 during the October drive. Of the monies counted for the April drive, there was \$237 from the 2006 campaign that was received late and had to be counted in 2007. The October drive receipts included \$900 in corporate matching funds from Autofindr (\$500) and Top 5 (\$400) and \$1,860 in direct contributions from 18 Brother Knights within the Council.

Less \$966 in expenses for Tootsie Rolls, the Council will receive credit from State for a net collection of \$25,058. Fifteen percent of the money will go to State for regional distribution, and the remainder will be distributed locally in the Raleigh area.

Expenses were about \$125 less this year than last because of the requirement to purchase new aprons and cans in 2006, and net proceeds available for distribution to the organizations Operation LAMB supports increased by some \$4,900.

In 2006 All Saints Council 9709 collected \$21,272 prior to expenses, including corporate matching funds of \$1,100 and Brother Knights' direct contributions of \$1,050. Locally, the Council helped fund the operating budgets of Community Partnerships, Arc of Wake County and the Autism Society in 2006 and provided nearly \$3,000 to State for regional charities.

In 2005 Council 9709 raised \$17,760 for Operation LAMB.

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

“In the end, this is about the lives you have touched - those with intellectual disabilities, their families, teachers and caregivers. Please share this news with your families, so that those who helped will know the success of their efforts and that more may be encouraged to join us for our 2008 campaign,” said Brother Darrow.

Council 9709 will conduct its 2008 Operation LAMB drive at the same eight retail stores in the north Raleigh area where it has collected donations in the past. The first drive will be in the spring.



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In its ongoing effort to offer members and their families reliable and stable ways to enhance their financial security, the Knights of Columbus has introduced a new annuity product: the Vantage Single Premium Deferred Annuity.

Vantage features a lifetime minimum rate of return as well as a five-year guaranteed interest rate from the date of issue. Additionally, after the first year of the contract, Vantage owners may withdraw up to 10 percent of the policy value annually without penalty.

“This product is a great hedge against the risks of investing in stocks or mutual funds or even certificates of deposit, which are all subject to market shifts,” says Brother Tim Kilpartick, Council 9709's Field Agent. “You get a guaranteed minimum return on your investment with the Vantage Single Premium Deferred Annuity over time. I don't know of any other investment that can offer that degree of security.”

The Vantage Annuity should appeal to members who seek to defer taxes on their retirement savings or to preserve the tax-favored status of IRA proceeds. Unlike many savings plans provided by commercial banks, a Vantage Annuity offers a guaranteed lifetime minimum interest rate.

The Vantage Annuity is just one of many products offered by the Knights of Columbus, which has consistently achieved the highest ratings for financial stability from both Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best Co., as well as certification from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association for ethical business practices.

To learn more about the Vantage Annuity or any of the other Knights of Columbus life insurance, long-term care, or annuity products, contact Brother Tim Kilpatrick at 847-3799 or 880-3463.

**DECEMBER TRASH PICK UP NETS ONLY 14 BAGS**

Whether it was the weather or the time of year, the 11 Knights, spouses and guests that patrolled Leesville Road for trash Saturday, Dec. 15, came up with less trash than usual.

“We only got three bags of trash and one bag of recyclables on the trek from TFS to the Citgo station,” said Brother Ralph Guenther. “That was a little surprising, although it may have had something to do with the new elementary school construction site on Leesville.”

The group that picked up trash from TFS to the Wake-Durham County line fared a little better, filling eight orange bags with trash and two blue bags with recyclables.

“In all, the effort only took about an hour, and the group finished just before the weather started to turn a little nasty,” said Brother John Moster, who coordinates the Council's effort.

Thanks go to participants Dick and Sabine Bridges, Tom Byrnes, Jerry Cucurullo, Tom DuPree, Paul Koch, John Moster, Ralph Guenther, Tim Wagner, Hadon Ware and Neko Williams.

Council 9709 collects trash once each quarter. The next trash pick up is scheduled for Saturday, March 15. Safety vests, gloves and trash bags as well as refreshments are provided. Participants dress for the weather, and long pants and boots are highly recommended.

Council 9709 has been active in the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program since Nov. 28, 2000.

For more information, contact Brother John Moster at 783-8407 or at [jamoster@bellsouth.net](mailto:jamoster@bellsouth.net).



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