



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

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**COUNCIL 9709 VOTES TO FUND FIRST EVER SCHOLARSHIP TO  
CARDINAL GIBBONS HIGH SCHOOL**

When Council 9709's Scholarship Committee first embarked upon deciding on a concept for a scholarship program, they had no idea they would be entering uncharted waters, much as the Order's namesake did in 1492. Should the Council membership vote to approve a \$1,000 annual scholarship program at its April 1 business meeting, it will be doing just that.

"When I approached the Cardinal Gibbons High School administration with the idea of providing a \$500 scholarship, they were overwhelmed by the offer," said Grand Knight Mike Darrow. "This will be the first scholarship ever offered at the high school, at least in recent memory."

In addition to the \$500 scholarship for a Cardinal Gibbons student, the Council will also provide a \$500 endowment for The Franciscan School as part of its scholarship program in support of the youth of the Parish.

The Cardinal Gibbons scholarship will be awarded to a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish who attends the high school and has distinguished himself or herself in academics, leadership and public service. The selectee must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better and provide documentation of volunteer service in the school, Parish or community as well as references from teachers, Priests and/or community leaders. The Council's Scholarship Committee will make the selection for each fall semester beginning in 2008. The scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to the most qualified applicant. Previous winners may reapply.

The TFS Endowment will be awarded to a middle school student of a registered parishioner of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community as determined by the TFS administration and be needs-based.

TFS annual tuition is over \$5,000 per year. While the \$500 per year at TFS and Cardinal Gibbons High School is only a fraction of that, it is a start, say Council Scholarship Committee members.

"The intent is to grow this," said Grand Knight Mike Darrow.

The motion to establish the Scholarship Program was tabled at the March 4 meeting, and in accordance with Council By Laws will be voted on at the Council's next business meeting on April 1.

**COUNCIL 9709 WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS**

Council 9709 welcomed four new members at a First Degree Ceremony conducted during its March 4 business meeting. The membership also voted to accept three transfers into the Council.

New members are Brothers Frank Crocco, Stephen Hyde, Larry Leins and Sean Stacey (see [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org) for photo). Transfers are Brothers Jerome Brewster, David Frost and Robert Stachewicz.

With the new members and transfers, All Saints Council membership is now 180.

**COUNCIL VOTES TO COVER 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER SHORTFALL**

Council 9709 voted March 4 to disburse up to \$3,500 from the General Fund to cover the costs of the Jan. 26 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Monies collected for the dinner only totaled \$2,025, which left a shortfall of some \$1,261.48. Revenues from the RBC Center and future beer sales at Durham Bulls games will be used to fund the difference, according to Grand Knight Mike Darrow.

Attendees at the March 4 meeting also voted overwhelmingly to approve the expenditure of \$400 for eight bricks engraved with the names of Council members who have died since the founding of the Council to be used in the construction of the Blessed Mary Grotto at the Father Price Council Compound. The eight deceased members are: Joseph F. Alman, Paul F. Hoffman, Wilbur P. Matthews, Richard H. Milroy, Anthony J. Pansini, Victor J. Parlanti, Frank T. Sancineto and Kenneth J. Steltz.

A third motion to disburse monies from the General Fund equal to revenues received from the April 12 Barbecue also passed. Barbecue Committee Chairman Shawn Bayle estimates revenues of nearly \$9,000 for the event.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Brothers,

We've got a couple of exciting events planned for our Council this spring, and I hope you can be a part of them. First up is our annual barbecue, which is going to take on a much larger presence this year. In addition to working with a new barbecue vendor with a larger menu, we will incorporate other groups from both the church and the community into the festivities. The Boy Scouts, Fire Department, SWAT Team, Air National Guard and others will be in attendance to display and discuss their roles in our community. We are adding several games for children, and we will be adding a couple of raffles into the mix as well. The idea behind all this change, which has the full support of the church leadership, is to grow our barbecue into a small community fair.

Barbecue tickets are available now, and your help in selling or buying a few would be greatly appreciated. Those who attended our March 4 business meeting have already picked up 10 tickets each. Brother Tom DuPree should catch any of you that we have missed at the Blood Drive booth as you attend Mass March 8-9.

The Council also approved a new fund-raising activity at the March 4 meeting. This spring and summer, we will be joining four other Triangle Area Councils in manning a beer sales booth at the Durham Bulls games. We have committed to 18 games for our Council, and more details will be forthcoming. If you come out to a game this summer, however, look for the Knights of Columbus booth along the first base side. Better yet, sign up to work at one of the games and enjoy some fun and fellowship and the game.

Have a happy and blessed Easter,


**COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****March 2008**

- 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., Cinell Restaurant, 7361 Six Forks Rd.
- 19 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 23 - Easter Sunday
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 29 - Blood Drive, 6 a.m.-4 p.m., Clare Hall
- 29 - Third Degree, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Cary

**April 2008**

- 1 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 4-6 - Operation LAMB, Friday, 3-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 12-9 p.m.
- 11 - Holy Hour, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Church
- 12 - Council Barbecue Event, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Jacoba Hall Cafeteria
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Mimi's Café, 6320 Plantation Center Dr.
- 16 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 19 - Third Degree, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Clemmons, Bishop Begley Council 9499
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**May 2008**

- 2-4 - KofC State Convention, Asheville
- 6 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 9 - Holy Hour, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Church
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 21 - Abbotswood Senior Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . THE FIRST SECTION**

Ever wonder while reading the minutes of a business meeting what was meant by the sentence: "The meeting was closed in the first section?"

All Knights upon initiation into the Order are cautioned that upon meeting another Brother Knight for the first time, they need to ensure that they introduce themselves as a First, Second, Third or Fourth Degree Knight. This is to prevent unintentional disclosure of details of higher degrees to a Brother Knight who has not yet been inducted into those degrees.

The same is true of business meetings. All business meetings for a Council are conducted in the First Degree or Section so that all Brother Knights of the Council can participate in the meeting equally. Should a visitor or guest be introduced at a later part of the meeting, the meeting is "closed in the first section" so as to allow the presence of someone who has not been initiated into the Order. Should no visitor or guest be introduced, the meeting is generally conducted entirely in the first section.

Meetings conducted before Second or Third Degree Ceremonies are conducted in the "second" or "third section," meaning that only Brother Knights who have been initiated into the corresponding degree can be present.

**YOUTH BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST NETS 24**

Some 16 boys and eight girls ages 10-14 competed in Council 9709's annual Free Throw Contest as well as the District Championship Saturday, Feb. 16, in Clare Hall Gym.

Winners in the boys' Council competition were Nate Calloway (10), Nolan Schacle (11), Brian Horan (12) and Adam Subasic (13). In the girls' competition, Brenna Urbanski (10), Alexa Pursley (11), Ava Avedikian (13) and Elissa Wells (14) took top honors.

Winners in the boys' District competition were Nate Calloway (10), Michael Balog (11), Shawn Stankavage (12) and Adam Subasic (13). Winners in the girls' District competition were Brenna Urbanski (10, Alexa Pursley (11), Margaret Gunn (12), Elizabeth McFarland (13) and Mary Gunn (14). Margaret Gunn, Mary Gunn and Elizabeth McFarland represented Council 10910 from St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill. Brother Knights volunteering for the event included Jerry Cucurullo, Mike Evans, Ralph Guenther, Jeff Huckel, John Lewandowski, Tim Stevens, Hadon Ware and Youth Committee Chairman Mike Wrzesien.



District Deputy Hadon Ware (L) poses with some of the winners in the District Competition: (L-R) Adam Subasic (13), Alexa Pursley (11), Margaret Gunn (12), Mary Gunn (14), Elizabeth McFarland (13), Brenna Urbanski (10) and Nate Calloway (10).



Buying longterm care insurance is a lot like buying a car. There are a variety of options available, and there are specific costs associated with each. Naturally, the more you get for a particular option, the higher the premium. For example, you can opt for Comprehensive Coverage, which provides benefits in either a nursing

facility, at home or in an assisted-living care facility, or Facility-Only Coverage, which covers care provided in a nursing home or an assisted-living care facility. You also must decide on a Maximum Lifetime Benefit Amount, which limits the amount the plan can pay out. You will also have to decide on a Lifetime Elimination Period, which is the number of days (30, 60, 90 or 180) that must pass before you begin receiving benefits. The more days you decide to wait for coverage, the less the premium. There is also a Shared Care Benefit available for couples, which allows one spouse to draw on the benefits of the other spouse's policy should benefits for one spouse expire. This option also provides for the remaining benefits for a deceased spouse to be transferred to the surviving spouse. Lastly, there is a Bed Reservation Benefit, which pays 100 percent of expenses incurred for reserving a bed if you are hospitalized temporarily while receiving eligible services in a covered facility that charges a fee to reserve a bed. This benefit is limited to 21 days per calendar year.

Not everything costs something. KofC Insurance automatically includes a Disability Waiver Benefit, which waives premiums during periods when you are receiving benefits.

Sound complicated? Perhaps. But, the single most determining factor with regard to the cost of Longterm Care Insurance is your age at the time you establish the policy (see Table).

Clearly, the sooner you start purchase Longterm Care Insurance, the more coverage you will receive over time, and the less it will cost you and your family in the event you need it.

Want more information? Call me, Tim Kilpatrick, Council 9709's Field Agent for KofC Insurance, at 847-3799 or 880-3463.

THE COST OF WAITING TO BUY		
Age Policy Bought	Annual Premium	Total Paid by Age 65
45	\$ 679.20	\$27,168
55	\$1,156.00	\$34,680
65	\$2,322.80	\$46,456
75	\$6,862.60	\$68,626

*Annual premium based on the following assumptions: KofC Comprehensive Policy, \$200 daily benefit, 5-year benefit duration, 90-day elimination period. For comparison only.*

## COUNCIL 9709 FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIAL TEAM LOOKS FOR NEW MEMBERS

As the saying goes, "you only get one chance to make a first impression." That is especially true for Council 9709 when it initiates a candidate into the Knights of Columbus at a First Degree Ceremonial.

All Saints Council 9709 prides itself on its First Degree Team, which conducts First Degree Ceremonials three or four times a year. It is a responsibility shared with other Councils in the area, and oftentimes candidates from other Councils will attend Council 9709's Ceremonials. The District Deputy is in charge of the Second Degree Team, and the State Deputy is in charge of the Third Degree Teams. Fourth Degree Teams are the purview of District Masters.

Council 9709 currently has 11 Brother Knights on its First Degree Ceremonial Team, although not every member of the team is necessarily available or needed for every Ceremonial. Knights are certified to participate as members of the team, and the parts they play range from fairly complex to rather simple. All that is needed for some roles is a willingness to arrive early on evenings of scheduled First Degree Ceremonials.

The requirements for being a team member are fairly simple. Memorization is the easy part. Delivering the words with meaning to introduce candidates to the principles of the Knights of Columbus is the key to success. Ceremonials and the lessons exemplified through them are an important element of the full journey to Knighthood, so much so that designation as a First Degree Team member is a formal process certified by the District Deputy.

The team meets for rehearsals prior to each First Degree Ceremonial (approximately quarterly in association with Membership Blitzes) or on an as needed basis.

Brother Knights interested in learning more about becoming part of Council 9709's First Degree Ceremonial Team can talk with any of the team members or contact Team Captain Brother Tony Anello directly at 781-5930 or at any of the business meetings. The 11 members of the team are: Tony Anello, Jerry Cucurullo, Mike Darrow, Tony Domino, Larry Dudley, Tim Dyer, Dennis Kelleher, Dave Phillips, Kent Siefkes, Dave Vogelpohl and Marty Zoltoski.



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