



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

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2008 ANNUAL BARBECUE SUCCEEDS BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

By any measure All Saints Council 9709's 2008 annual barbecue was a complete and total success - even with some slightly uncooperative weather.

"We served more meals in the first two and one-half hours than at the entire event last year," said a somewhat surprised but pleased event coordinator Brother Shawn Bayle at 2 p.m. "We did not expect this many this soon."

Some 672 meals were served by 2 p.m.

The Council was assisted somewhat by almost 500 people attending a First Communion meeting at the church that broke up at 1 p.m. At the end of the day, some 1,213 meals had been served compared to 641 at the 2007 event. Net profit was up as well, with the Council realizing some \$2,784 this year as compared to \$2,011 last year.

The increase in revenue was also the result of a number of changes to the format for the barbecue event this year. Children's activities were added, such as inflatable slide and basketball free throw stations for the older kids and a duck pond and spin art tent for the younger set. The North Carolina National Guard flew in an OH-58 helicopter in the morning, and the local fire and police stations provided equipment displays as well as a police K-9 demonstration.

Jacoba Hall also featured activities including a surprise grab bag station, popcorn and drinks for purchase with activity tickets. For the adults the Council ran a 50-50 event, won by Christine Bryant. She walked away with \$146, with the Council retaining the same amount.

Creche raffle tickets were also on sale as well as the State Council's Vacation Raffle Tickets (see accompanying article on page 3). Operation LAMB cans were placed on every table in Jacoba Hall, and patrons of the barbecue generously donated some \$91.30 and ate a few Tootsie Rolls in return.

Most impressively, over 50 Brother Knights and their wives signed up in advance to help out at the event, and there were numerous walk-ins who assisted as well, making this one of the most well staffed Council events ever. Six members of the TFS Builders Club also pitched in.

2008-2009 OFFICERS NOMINATED

Trustee Larry Dudley submitted the Trustees' proposed slate of officers for Fraternal Year 2008-2009 at the May 6 business meeting. Nominees include: Tom DuPree for Grand Knight, John Izzo for Deputy Grand Knight, Kent Siefkes for Chancellor, Mike Wrzesien for Warden, Jerry Powell for Treasurer, Dick Bridges for Recorder, Shawn Bayle for Advocate, Tim Dyer for Inside Guard, Tommy Dalton for Outside Guard and Mike Darrow for Trustee 1st Year.

The offices of Chaplain, Financial Secretary and Lecturer are appointed positions. Father Dave McBriar will continue as Chaplain, and Jerry Cucurullo as Financial Secretary. The position of Lecturer was vacant for Fraternal Year 2007-2008 and is still open. Trustees Hadon Ware and Dave Vogelpohl will advance one year into their three-year terms.

The slate of officers will be voted at the June 3 meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the vote.

The Trustees were charged at the April 1 business meeting with proposing a slate of officers for 2008-2009.



Clifford the Big Red Dog made a surprise visit to the barbecue early Saturday afternoon. He had a special hello for Father Bill (L) and Grayson and Hope Farlow, the grandchildren of Brother Hadon and Carol Ware.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers,

As we come down the final stretch of the fraternal year for our All Saints Council, please mark your calendar for a couple of very important events. First up is Operation LAMB, May 16-18. We are all expected to sign up for at least one three-hour shift. The second weekend for Operation LAMB will be at one store only (the Brier Creek Walmart) over the weekend of June 6-8. Please find the calendar on our site and sign up early for your three-hour spot.

The second big event is the information meeting for our Ladies Auxiliary. Every wife will receive an invitation for Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m., in the Anthony Hall Founders Room to discuss furthering our ability to make the Knights even more family inclusive!

The last big event is July 11-13. Our Council will host the North Carolina State Knights of Columbus Organizational Meeting here in Raleigh. We will need approximately 40 Knights to volunteer for this event and make it a memorable one for all of our visiting Knights from across the state!


COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**May 2008**

- 11 - Mother's Day
- 16-18 - Operation LAMB, Friday, 3-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday, 12-9 p.m.
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Casa Carbone, 6019 Glenwood Avenue
- 21 - Abbotswood Senior Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 22 - Ladies Auxiliary Inaugural Meeting, Anthony Hall Founders Room, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 - Memorial Day Veterans Mass, Jacoba Hall, 9 a.m.
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

June 2008

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 6-8 - Operation LAMB, Friday, 3-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 12-9 p.m.
- 7 - Third Degree, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Garner
- 14 - Flag Day
- 15 - Father's Day
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., O'Charley's, Brier Creek
- 18 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 21 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., St. Francis Parking Lot
- 24 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

July 2008

- 1 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 4 - Independence Day
- 11-13 - State Council Organizational Meeting, North Raleigh Hilton
- 12 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., Durham Bulls Game Outing
- 16 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT... PPDPK

At the May 1999 State Convention, delegates passed a resolution establishing a Catholic Charities Fund. The resolution stated that the fund would be supported by asking every Knight in North Carolina to donate voluntarily a "penny per day per knight."

Contributions are used by the State's two Bishops to support needy parishes, especially during natural or man-made disasters. Monies collected are mandated to be used in the year they are collected under the premise that there is always a need somewhere within North Carolina. Delegates at the 1999 Convention felt that it was more practical to establish an existing fund to support the Bishops rather than appeal to all the Councils on an as needed basis for assistance.

Since 1999 the program has become known familiarly as the "Penny Per Day Per Knight" program or PPDPK.

Each year when Knights in Council 9709 pay their annual dues, they are also asked if they wish to participate in the PPDPK by adding \$3.65 to their assessments. The PPDPK contributions are forwarded by the Financial Secretary to the State Council upon receipt.

As of April 15, only 83 out of 177 Brother Knights had opted to contribute to PPDPK for fraternal year 2008-2009.



DURHAM BULLS BEER SALES PULL IN SOME \$800 IN APRIL

Council 9709 made about \$800 selling beer at the first base line beer stand at the Durham Bulls stadium in April, Grand Knight Mike Darrow reported at the April 29 officers meeting. In addition, the Council volunteers at the games raked in some \$131.50 in tips.

“Business was brisk, and the tips were generous,” said Brother Darrow.

Knight volunteers are still needed for some games. Interested Knights can volunteer on the Council's Web site at www.kofc9709.org. Parking in the stadium's parking garage is free, a meal ticket is provided and the beer stand shuts down during the seventh inning.

PARTICIPATION FALLS, REVENUES RISE FOR RBC CENTER ACTIVITY

Brother Ralph Guenther reported at the May 6 business meeting that as of that date, Council 9709 had been paid \$6,289.47 for its participation in 29 events. That total includes some \$87.07 in tips.

“We contracted for 30 events, but the RBC Center only needed us for 29,” said Brother Guenther, organized the activity for the Council. Last year, Council 9709 received a total of \$5,094.11 in revenues for the season.

Brother Guenther thanked the 27 Knights and the seven wives and two children of Knights who worked events this past year. Brothers Don Donaghy and Jerry Powell were singled out for each having worked 12 events. Last year 40 Brother Knights and family members helped out.

“I am a little disappointed in the drop in participation and, of course, the Hurricanes missing the playoffs and the additional revenue we could have had,” said Brother Guenther.

VACATION RAFFLE TICKET SALES NET COUNCIL \$1,405

Council 9709 is the beneficiary of \$1,405 thanks to the North Carolina State Council's Vacation Raffle Ticket sale. Brother Knights sold 427 tickets by April 12, and thanks in large part to the phenomenal sales effort of Brother Ron Hassan at the annual barbecue event April 12, the Council managed to sell an additional 125 tickets.

Total proceeds from the sale of 562 tickets were \$2,810, and under the terms of the sale, Council 9709 gets half the total sales revenue. Some 28 tickets were returned to the State Council, and another 10 had to be declared as lost. The Council had been assigned 600 tickets to sell.



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What can your KofC Insurance Field Agent do for you? Many might be surprised. Here's a little story from Tim Kilpatrick, Council 9709's Field Agent:

“When Joe transferred to St. Francis, I went over to him and said: 'Joe, I'd like to meet with you.' He said, 'Tim, I'm an old man and don't have a need for any insurance,

and I am probably too old anyway.' I told Joe that I meet with all the members that will meet with me, and we set an appointment.

“I visited with Joe for an hour or so, and it was not long that he started talking about his wife who had passed away when they were living in Torrington, Conn. It became obvious to me that she died as the result of a fall, and I asked him if he had a death certificate, because we needed to let the home office know that his wife had died accidentally.

“About 20 days later, I called Joe back up and asked if I could come by again, and he said 'OK.' When I arrived, I had a check for \$1,000 for Joe. It shocked him. It was a great surprise to him, but he was so thankful, and tears filled our eyes.

“People ask me why I am a KofC agent, and this is one reason why. I feel that I helped Joe, and we, the Knights of Columbus, made a difference in his life.”

Knights of Columbus members in good standing (i.e., with paid up dues) are automatically enrolled for up to a \$2,500 benefit in the event of accidental death. A Brother Knight is eligible for a \$1,000 benefit upon making his first annual dues payment, and an additional \$500 per year is added thereto for a total of three years after initial enrollment for a total benefit of \$2,500 after four years of membership.

A new Knight's spouse is automatically enrolled for the same \$1,000 accidental benefit upon his joining the Knights, and that policy remains in effect as long as his dues are current.

Tim Kilpatrick is available at 847-3799(H), 880-3463(C) or via e-mail at Tim1002@earthlink.com.

COUNCIL 9709 RAMPS IT UP . . . AGAIN

Three Knights from Council 9709 constructed a handicapped ramp with handrails and an entry platform at the Mustard Seed Thrift Store Tuesday, March 12. They also replaced the stairs at the entrance to improve access for all customers.

Brothers Larry Dudley, Ralph Guenther and Bill Nowak worked from about 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on the 16-foot long ramp and stairs.

Brother Walt Winewicz, who is a member of the Mustard Seed's Board of Directors, asked the Council for help based upon its successful completion of the handicapped ramp at the Laverna House on the St. Francis campus last July.

"The Mustard Seed Thrift Store is indebted to the Knights of Columbus for constructing and installing a much needed ramp for the entrance to the thrift store," said Brother Winewicz. "For years we have been plagued with a sunken step, which has caused difficulty for everyone to enter or exit the store through the main entrance."

Cost of the project for the Mustard Seed was about \$550, less returns of unused lumber.

The Mustard Seed at 1504 New Bern Avenue is part of the Passage Home partnership established 17 years ago between the St. Francis and Lincoln Park churches to aid economic development of the New Bern Corridor in Raleigh by strengthening families and neighborhoods. St. Francis provides grant money on an annual basis for operations. Lincoln Park provides the building and storage facilities. The mission of the Mustard Seed Thrift Store is to provide high quality, slightly used goods at a discount to the people of the Lincoln Park Community.



Volunteer Caitlin Daugherty and her two children, Lisa and Ryan Gianturco, test out the new ramp at the Mustard Seed.



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