



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

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**June 2008**

## **COUNCIL 9709 TWO-THIRDS OF THE WAY TO STAR COUNCIL AWARD**

Council 9709 has wrapped up the Father McGivney Award for fraternal year 2007-2008, recording 138 percent of quota for adding to its membership. To achieve the Father McGivney Award, a Council with over 100 members must add a net five percent to its membership during the fraternal year. Council 9709 needed eight new members and got 15.

Council 9709's membership swelled to 182 as of May 7 with new Brothers Steven Becker, Pat McCullogh and Brian Osberg joining its ranks. Brother Gene Gordon, a transfer, was also added to the rolls in May.

The Council has also fulfilled conditions for the Colombian Award, which is presented to a Council for reporting to Supreme at least four major involvement programs in each of the four sections of the Service Program: Church, Community, Council and Family and Youth.

The only hurdle not cleared for award of Star Council status to Council 9709 for fraternal year 2007-2008 is the requirement for the Founders' Award. The Founders' Award is presented to a Council with over 100 members for adding 2.5 percent new insurance members. Council 9709's goal for the fraternal year is four, and while the Council has added five new insurance members, it has also lost three for a net gain of only two.

"If you've been thinking about contacting Brother Tim Kilpatrick regarding the KofC Insurance Program, now would be a good time," said Grand Knight Mike Darrow. Brother Kilpatrick can be reached by e-mail at [Tim1002@earthlink.net](mailto:Tim1002@earthlink.net) or by phone at 847-3799 (H) or 880-3463 (C).



Brothers (L-R) Brian Osberg, Steven Becker and Pat McCullogh joined Council 9709 at the May 6 First Degree Ceremony.

## **2008-2009 OFFICERS ELECTED**

Brother Knights at the June 3 business meeting elected new officers for fraternal year 2008-2009. Taking the Council reins July 1 will be Tom DuPree as Grand Knight, John Izzo as Deputy Grand Knight, Kent Siefkes as Chancellor, Mike Wrzesien as Warden, Jerry Powell as Treasurer, Dick Bridges as Recorder, Tommy Dalton as Advocate, Tim Dyer as Inside Guard, Bill Nowak as Outside Guard and Mike Darrow as Trustee 1<sup>st</sup> Year.

Father Dave McBriar will continue as his appointment as Chaplain and Jerry Cucurullo as Financial Secretary. Trustees Hadon Ware and Dave Vogelpohl will advance one year into their three-year terms.

An Installation Ceremony potluck dinner will be held after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, Saturday, June 21, and all Brother Knights and their families are invited to attend.

## **COUNCIL 9709 APPROVES RECORD BUDGET FOR 2008-2009**

Attendees at the June 3 business meeting approved the largest and most detailed budget in Council history. Gross projected income for the fraternal year is \$37,236, and gross projected expenses are \$33,200.

"We felt that our growth in the last few years warranted a more detailed analysis of where our money was coming from and where it was going," said Deputy Grand Knight Elect John Izzo, who headed up the Budget Committee. "The current budget should also be more transparent to the membership."

Major revenue producers for 2008-2009 include the RBC Center activity with net projected income of \$4,500, the Durham Bulls beer sales with net projected income of \$3,000, the annual barbecue with net projected income of \$3,000, dues with net projected income of \$2,746 and the State Council Vacation Raffle Ticket sales with net projected income of \$1,500.

Major charitable outflows include \$2,000 in scholarship funds, \$1,500 for the RSVP program, the Council's final installment of \$500 to the Church's GIFT program, \$200 to the Boy Scouts and \$100 each to Birth Choice, Colombian Squires, North Carolina Pro-Life and the USO. Operation LAMB funds are not included in the budget.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Brothers,

As we come to the end of the Fraternal Year, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank each of you for your support over the last year! You and we as a Council have many very large successes!

Just a few by the numbers:

- Zero brothers lost to death
- One State Meeting (first ever) hosted by our Council
- Two new Honorary Life Members
- Three Seminarians supported
- Five Eagle Scouts awarded
- Six new charitable outreaches we participated in this year
- 12 Social Gatherings
- 20 years of our Council's existence
- 21 Ladies at the first Auxiliary meeting
- 29 RBC events participated in
- 30 percent increase in this year's Memorial Day Mass attendance
- 44 (on average) Brothers present at our business meetings
- 100 feet of ramps we built
- 182 current members in our Council
- 982 volunteer hours worked by our Brothers
- 1,213 BBQ plates served at this year's event
- \$2,000 of Scholarships to be awarded from our Council
- \$17,049 increase in budget from 2007 to 2008
- \$26,200 raised by our Council for LAMB
- \$47,800 (from our five area Councils) contributed to local LAMB charities

It's been an honor to serve you and the Council; it has also been an opportunity of a life time!


**COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****June 2008**

- 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
- 21 - Officers Installation Ceremony and Potluck Dinner after 5:30 p.m. Mass, Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 24 - Officers' Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm
- 28 - Council Picnic, Falls Lake Picnic Area, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**July 2008**

- 1 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 4 - Independence Day
- 11 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., Durham Bulls Game Outing
- 11-13 - State Organizational Meeting, North Raleigh Hilton
- 16 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 20 - Bishop McGuinness Assembly 4th Degree Meeting, 2 p.m., Father Price Council Compound
- 29 - Officers' Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**August 2008**

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 17 - Bishop McGuinness Assembly 4th Degree Meeting, 2 p.m., Father Price Council Compound
- 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

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT... NC COUNCILS**

So you've bought a Knights of Columbus State Raffle Ticket to win a trip to Alaska. Ever wonder what the odds are that you'll win the trip? Assuming every KofC Council in North Carolina has, say on average, 300 tickets to sell, your odds of winning the trip are about one in 36,000.

North Carolina has some 120 Councils chartered throughout the state. Charlotte has the most Councils with six followed by Raleigh with five: Father Price Council 2546, All Saints Council 9709, St. Raphael the Archangel Council 9880, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025 and St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455. Wake County has the most Councils of any of North Carolina's 100 counties with a total of 11. Besides the five in Raleigh, there are two in Cary (one inactive) and one each in Apex, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Wake Forest and Wendell.

Four or five Councils in close proximity are grouped into Districts and represented by District Deputies at the State Level. There are currently 29 Districts in North Carolina with Council 9709 included in District #9, which is headed by District Deputy Hadon Ware. The Districts are also grouped by proximity into four Regional Districts. District #9 is included in Regional District #2, which is headed by Regional District Deputy John Nussbaum.

State Officers are nominated and elected from the Regional and District Deputies. State Officers include the State Deputy, State Chaplain (appointed), State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden and Immediate Past State Deputy, whose duties are similar in nature to their counterparts in any KofC Council. The current North Carolina State Deputy is John Gouldie.

## COUNCIL 9709 HONORS EAGLE SCOUT JOHN MORGAN

Youth Committee Chairman Mike Wrzesien represented All Saints Council at a Court of Honor for Eagle Scout John Morgan Sunday, May 4, in Jacoba Hall. On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, Brother Wrzesien also presented (see photo) new Eagle Scout John Morgan a certificate recognizing his earning Scouting's highest honor.

"We both strive to serve the community with our acts of charitable giving; we live our faith by helping others; we are members of a strong fraternity of Christian men; and we support our country," Brother Wrzesien said at the ceremony.

Eagle Scout Morgan is one of three Boy Scouts from Troop 352 this spring to receive the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. Council 9709 also honored Eagle Scouts Mark Baden on May 10 and Matthew Costa on March 15.



## GOLF, ANYONE?

Spring is about to turn to summer, and what is on most men's minds? Golf, of course. And, Father Price Council is more than willing to accommodate Knights and their guests who want to play golf just for the fun of it. Four man teams from across the area play in a league using the Captain's Choice or Scramble format.

"This means no one has to play from a poor lie," said Brother Sean Flanagan, who has played in the league with his sons for the past 4-5 years and is willing to organize a Council 9709 team for the upcoming season.

The league plays on Saturdays at reduced rates on different area courses: Wendell (\$25), 1 p.m., June 14; Eagle Ridge (\$35), 2 p.m., June 28; Crooked Creek (\$39), 2 p.m., July 19; The Neuse (\$39), noon, Aug. 23; Zebulon (\$27), 11 a.m., Sept. 13; Hedingham (\$28), noon, Sept. 27; Riverwood (\$36), noon, Oct. 11; and Wilmar (\$33), noon, Oct. 25. Carts are included.

Council 9709 Knights who are interested in forming a team should contact Brother Flanagan at 272-6642 or via e-mail at [seangf@nc.rr.com](mailto:seangf@nc.rr.com).



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Previous columns have reported on the automatic accidental death benefits for Brother Knights just for keeping their dues current. Current members are automatically enrolled for up to \$1,000 worth of accidental death insurance after the first year's dues payment and an additional \$500 per year for the next three years for a total of \$2,500. Their wives are also automatically enrolled for a \$1,000 accidental death benefit. Since 1994, KofC Insurance has paid \$6.3 million in accidental death claims on 3,766 members.

For those Knights who become KofC insurance members, there are benefits for their children as well.

Minor children of insurance members are automatically enrolled for an "orphan benefit" in the event both the Knight and his spouse die. KofC Insurance will pay an \$80 monthly benefit per each surviving child up until his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. While this may not seem like that much, should a child choose to attend a Catholic college, KofC Insurance will also pay up to \$7,000 per year for a Catholic college education and will continue the \$80 per month payments, if the child goes directly to college from high school.

There are some 178 beneficiaries of this benefit at the present time across the United States. The benefits are automatic for insurance members and are available at no extra cost.

Another benefit for children is the Guarantee Policy Benefit, which guarantees that a Knight can purchase an insurance policy on any of his children under the age of 18. Since 1994, KofC Insurance has insured 1,249 children under this benefit and paid \$470,000 in claims. Another fraternal benefit for insurance members also applies to children before birth after the first 20 weeks of pregnancy. KofC Insurance has paid \$252,000 for 336 stillborn babies and \$401,700 in claims for children who died within 61 days of birth.

Providing for Catholic widows and orphans was a central theme in the founding of the Knights of Columbus under Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882. The benefits provided by KofC Insurance today are the outgrowth of the early goals of that group of valiant men who formed the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn., over 125 years ago.

**MAY LAMB DRIVE NETS LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF LAST YEAR'S SPRING DRIVE**

A handful of Brother Knights collected over \$5,000 for the intellectually handicapped during the first phase of this year's Operation LAMB spring drive over the weekend of May 16-18. With some change still to be counted, the total as of June 3 was \$5,105.66. Council 9709 collected some \$11,428.94 during the spring phase of Operation LAMB in 2006 and over \$26,000 for Fraternal Year 2007-2008.

"Not being able to collect money at the Brier Creek Walmart and the lack of participation of Brother Knights will make beating last year's total rather difficult," said LAMB organizer Jerry Powell. The Brier Creek Walmart changed its scheduling policy for charitable groups unbeknownst to the Council.

Of the 63 two-person, three-hour shifts reserved for the Council, only 39 were staffed, and only 17 of those had more than one person. Only 28 Brother Knights from Council 9709 participated, with 11 of them working multiple shifts. Brother Don Donaghy worked five shifts. Five Knights brought along wives and/or family to help.

Operation LAMB will continue the weekend of June 6-8 at two locations. Council 9709 will solicit donations at the Leesville Road Harris Teeter Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, and at the Walmart at 6600 Glenwood Avenue the entire weekend. Sign-up rosters are posted on the Council's Website at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org).

Some \$47,800 collected last year by All Saints Council 9709, Father Price Council 2546, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025, St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 and St. Raphael Council 9880 was presented to local charities May 15 at a dinner held at the Father Price Council Compound. The amount represents 85 percent of the monies collected by the five Councils. The State Council retains 15 percent of LAMB funds for distribution in areas of North Carolina not represented by a KofC Council. Local recipients included ARC of Wake County, the Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center, Hilltop Home, Community Partnership, Inc., Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities, the Wake Autism Society, Wake Enterprises and Learning Together.

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



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