



Knights of Columbus
All Saints Council 9709
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FORTY BROTHERS AND SPOUSES WELCOME COUNCIL'S NEW OFFICERS

Some 40 Brother Knights and their family members were on hand after the June 21 5:30 p.m. Mass to welcome aboard the Council's new officers for Fraternal Year 2008-2009. As is customary, proxies filled in for the newly elected officers who could not be present during the ceremony, including Brother Tony Anello filling in as Chaplain for Father Dave McBriar.

Congratulations to new Grand Knight Tom DuPree, Deputy Grand Knight John Izzo, Chancellor Kent Siefkes, Warden Mike Wrzesien, Treasurer Jerry Powell, Recorder Dick Bridges, Advocate Tommy Dalton, Inside Guard Tim Dyer, Outside Guard Bill Nowak and Trustee 1st Year Mike Darrow. Father Dave McBriar and Financial Secretary Jerry Cucurullo continue their appointments. The position of Lector remains vacant.



New Grand Knight Tom DuPree congratulates New Deputy Grand Knight John Izzo after the Officers' Installation Ceremony.

**COUNCIL 9709 TO BE PART OF THE 40th ANNIVERSARY
OF NC SPECIAL OLYMPICS JULY 20**

All Saints Council 9709 will provide support for three awards ceremonies for the bowling competition for the North Carolina Special Olympics Midsummer Tournament on Sunday, July 20. Sites for the bowling competition include AMF Pleasant Valley Lanes, Buffalo Lanes Cary and Buffalo Lanes North in Raleigh.

"This will also be a very special year," said Council Coordinator Jerry Cucurullo. "Sunday, July 20 also marks the 40th anniversary of the Special Olympics."

Council 9709 participated in the Special Olympics for the first time last year, and those who helped out at the awards ceremonies went away feeling rather special themselves.

At least 11 Knights and wives will be needed at each venue for a total of 33. More volunteers are welcome. The work takes place from midmorning to early afternoon indoors with minimal standing and no heavy lifting. Volunteer jobs include escorts (4), awards stagers (2), awards bearers (2), a presenter, an announcer and an awards manager.

Volunteers are required to attend a training session at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 15, at Ravenscroft School at 7409 Falls of the Neuse Road.

Knights and/or wives interested in volunteering for this event should contact Brother Jerry Cucurullo for the AMF Pleasant Valley Lanes site, Brother Dick Bridges for the Buffalo Lanes Cary site or Brother Hadon Ware for the Buffalo Lanes North site.

COUNCIL LOOKING FOR A NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Brother Jerry Cucurullo, Council 9709's current Financial Secretary, announced at the July 1 business meeting that he had decided to resign as Financial Secretary. Brother Cucurullo has served two consecutive three-year terms, and the end of his current appointment is September 2008.

Brother Knights interested in possibly serving as Financial Secretary should contact Grand Knight Tom DuPree directly. A financial background is desirable, but not a requirement.

The Council's Financial Secretary is appointed by the Grand Knight and subject to approval at the State level as well.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

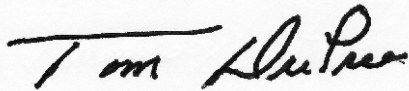
Brothers,

My number one goal this fraternal year is the recruitment of new members to our Order. To achieve this goal, I ask each of you to recruit two new members in the next 12 months. Secondly, I would like to increase our participation in the Council's activities, for example, LAMB, Youth and Family. I would like for all of us to support our charities by volunteering to work at the RBC, Bull's Ball games and our parish BBQ.

Thirdly, we will reinstitute our Council's **buddy system**. The Officers and Committee Chairs will personally be contacting our Brothers monthly.

As Knights we need to be visible within our parish. Please wear your nametag and carry your current traveling card so that people will recognize you as a Knight of Columbus. Also carry your rosary at all times. We will use it at our meetings, and parishioners know Knights carry their rosaries, and you might be asked to share.

If each Brother Knight contributes his fair share of time and talent, our Council and its activities will be successful and fruitful. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming months. Thank you for giving me your vote of confidence.


COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**July 2008**

- 11 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., Durham Bulls Game Outing
- 11 - Second Degree Ceremony, 8:30 p.m., North Raleigh Hilton
- 11-13 - State Organizational Meeting, North Raleigh Hilton
- 13 - Father David McBriar Jubilee Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis Church
- 15 - Special Olympics Training, 7 p.m., Ravenscroft School
- 16 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 19 - Bishop McGuinness Assembly 4th Degree Meeting, 2 p.m., Father Price Council Compound
- 20 - NC Special Olympics, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., AMF Pleasant Valley, Buffaloe North and Buffaloe Cary
- 29 - Officers' Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

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- 5 - Cookout/Organizational Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 16 - Bishop McGuinness Assembly 4th Degree Meeting, 2 p.m., Father Price Council Compound
- 17 - Bishop McGuinness Assembly Picnic, 4-8 p.m., Father Price 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

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- 2 - First Degree Ceremony/Business Meeting, 7 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 17 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT... RSVP

KofC Councils can sponsor seminarians, postulants and novices under the KofC Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). A seminarian is defined as a man enrolled in a first formation program for priesthood, minor seminary, college seminary or theological seminary program. Postulants and novices are men or women enrolled in the first years of formation for religious life.

Under this program local Councils "adopt" a seminarian, postulant or novice and agree to make an annual contribution of \$500 or more to help with his or her personal expenses. For every \$500 donated, the Council is eligible for a refund of \$100 from the Supreme Council.

Councils can earn an RSVP Plaque by demonstrating steady and substantial contact with their "adoptees" during the course of a year. Besides the financial support, Councils must write at least four letters per year to the seminarian, postulant or novice; visit him or her where possible and/or invite him or her to KofC activities; and working with the Parish on vocational activities.

Since the beginning of the program, the KofC Councils have given more than \$41.2 million to support seminarians, postulants and novices through RSVP with the Supreme Council refunding some \$7.4 million. All Saints Council 9709 participates actively in this activity and supported three seminarians for Fraternal Year 2007-2008: now Father Scott Brookbank, who was an intern at St. Francis in the summer of 2006; now Father Zack Elliot, who decided to pursue a religious vocation after becoming a St. Francis parishioner in 1992; and Brother Eric Lopez, who was an intern at St. Francis in the summer of 2007 and who is still studying for the priesthood.

CORRECTION: In last month's "For the First Degree Knight" article on NC Councils, it was incorrectly reported that Raleigh has fewer Councils than Charlotte. With the addition of Council 14422 at NCSU Dec. 7, 2007, Raleigh and Charlotte both have six Councils. It was also incorrectly reported that State Officers are nominated and elected from among District and Regional District Deputies. State Officers are elected by the Councils. District and Regional District Deputies do not vote.

COUNCIL 9709 FULFILLS REQUIREMENTS FOR STAR COUNCIL AWARD

All Saints Council 9709's Field Agent for KofC Insurance Tim Kilpatrick reported at the July 1 business meeting that he had completed processing sufficient insurance applications prior to the end of June so that the Council will qualify for the Star Council Award for fraternal year 2007-2008.

"It would have truly been a shame had we not achieved this goal," noted Grand Knight Tom DuPree. "We easily beat our goals on membership and volunteer hours. I'd like to extend my personal thanks to those Brother Knights who became insurance members in June to help us achieve Star Council status."

In order to achieve Star Council Status for a fraternal year, a Council must meet the requirements of the Colombian Award, the Father McGivney Award and the Founder's Award. To earn the Colombian Award, Council 9709 had to conduct and report to Supreme at least four major involvement programs in Church, Community, Council and Family and Youth activities. For the Father McGivney Award, Council 9709 had to show a five percent net increase in membership. For the Founder's Award, Council 9709 had to show a net increase of 2.5 percent in new insurance members.

Besides providing insurance benefits to its members, KofC Insurance also funds a variety of charitable activities, including all of the Pope's travels.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD MAGAZINES FOR CHARITY

Brother Joe Hebert is still soliciting old magazines from Brother Knights for use at the Beacon College Murdock Center for intellectually handicapped children. He began collecting magazines in August 2007 and has been making monthly deliveries of contributions since then.

"The children really enjoy looking at the pictures in the magazines and cutting them out," said Brother Hebert. "For some, that is really about all they can do, but it makes their lives a little brighter for the effort."

The Murdock Center at Beacon College in Butner, NC, is officially supported by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Resources and cares for over 20 intellectually handicapped children and young adults.

Brother Knights willing to help out should bring their old magazines to the monthly meetings.



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INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

As many as 750,000 Americans could lose their jobs in 2008. Are you prepared – financially, if not emotionally – if you lose your job? If not, you might, with a financial advisor, consider buying more insurance.

Even if you are retired or feel strongly that your income stream is safe, you might want to consider in these times of

volatile stock and bond markets some stable long-term savings options found in many insurance plans.

While term life insurance is overall a more popular product, whole life insurance is enjoying a resurgence in demand. A whole life policy can act as a buffer against estate taxes and probate costs and provides a death benefit along with a living cash benefit – a unique feature. In addition, a whole life policy allows someone at the time of retirement to remain insured while spending the other assets they've accumulated or pursuing a more aggressive investment strategy for those assets.

Cash value accumulated via a permanent whole life policy can be used for several scenarios including supplementing retirement, starting or investing in a business, purchasing or improving a home, or paying for a child's or grandchild's college education. Whole life insurance is also well-suited for cases involving parents or caregivers of those with special needs or disabilities – an important feature for those in the "sandwich generation," who find themselves simultaneously saving for retirement, supporting children and taking in aging parents.

For all these reasons, whole life insurance is enjoying a resurgence. Previously thought of as insurance for people over the age of 50, whole life is increasingly in demand among younger Americans. As you get your financial house in order for the potential recession of 2008, talk to your financial planner about insurance.

--Adapted from an article by Beth Piskora, Managing Editor of U.S. Editorial Operations for Standard & Poor's, which appeared in *Business Week* Jan. 31.

Council 9709's Field Agent for Knights of Columbus Insurance is Tim Kilpatrick, 847-3799(H), 880-3643(c) or via e-mail at Tim1002@earthlink.net.

LAMB FIZZLES AS TEMPERATURE SIZZLES

The June 6-8 continuation of the spring Operation LAMB drive netted another \$3,059.03, but the total for the spring session remained well below the \$11,428.94 collected during the 2007 spring drive. The total amount collected for the 2008 Operation LAMB drive so far is only \$8,349.02, including \$5,198.69 collected May 16-18 and \$91.30 collected during the annual barbecue April 12.

“We need to make a massive effort this fall if we want to meet or exceed our 2007 goal,” said LAMB organizer Brother Tom DuPree. “Unfortunately, there have been a lot of factors that have caused us to come up short, many of them outside our control.”

Certainly, the 100-degree heat over the June 6-8 weekend hurt the effort, and the Council definitely missed being allowed to solicit funds at the lucrative Brier Creek Wal-Mart location because of a change in the store's scheduling policy. However, participation by Brother Knights also remains less than acceptable. Only 21 Knights and their wives participated during the June 6-8 drive. They managed to man 14 of 17 total shifts, but they could only fill 28 of the 44 slots available. Each slot is estimated to be worth \$120 or more.

The next phase of Operation LAMB will come this fall during September and early October. “The exact dates will depend on the availability of slots at the Brier Creek Wal-Mart to accommodate our fund-raising drive,” said Brother DuPree.

Council 9709 collected over \$26,000 for 2007, 85 percent of which was distributed along with funds from four other local Councils to Arc of Wake County, Community Partnership Inc., the Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center, Hilltop Home, Learning Together, Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities, the Wake Autism Society and Wake Enterprises. Supreme retains 15 percent of funds collected for distribution statewide.

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 in 1974 to assist people with intellectual disabilities and is conducted by the Knights of Columbus on a nationwide basis.



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