



Knights of Columbus
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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community
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RBC CENTER SEASON NOW A "GO" FOR COUNCIL 9709

The insurance policy issues that delayed the start of Council 9709's RBC fund-raising activity during the 2008-2009 season have been resolved. The first event All Saints Council staffed was Friday, Nov. 7, when the Canes took on Ottawa. Volunteers are still needed for the Nov. 22 event and into next year.

The Council has contracted for 30 events this season. As of now, however, only 27 are scheduled. The Council has agreed to staff booths for 19 Canes games, five NCSU games and three other events. The other events include performances by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra on Saturday, Nov. 22; the Lippizaner Stallions on Friday, Dec. 5; and the Celine Dion World Tour on Tuesday, Jan. 20. The sign-up sheet for all the events currently scheduled is on the Council's website at www.kofc9709.org.

Council 9709 added some \$6,289.47 to its coffers last year as the result of its work at the RBC Center. For more information, contact Brother Ralph Guenther at 572-5342 or via e-mail at rguenther2@nc.rr.com.

COUNCIL 9709 APPROVES \$2,000 FOR USO PROJECT

Council 9709 approved an expenditure of up to \$2,000 for purchasing and installing additional cabinetry and new countertops at the RDU Airport's USO at its business meeting Nov. 4.

Project coordinator Brother Ralph Guenther received approval to spend an initial \$500 of that \$2,000 prior to the Nov. 4 meeting vote and reported on progress to date at the facility at the meeting. Three stand-alone cabinets have already been purchased, assembled and delivered to the USO, and Brother Knights have also lowered cabinets already installed over the sink in the USO kitchen to make them more accessible to the USO volunteers.

"The hardest part was moving the copper water line for the coffee maker," said Brother Guenther. "Dropping the cabinets over the sink took about 20 minutes. Extending the water line was a little more complicated."

Brother Guenther expects to have the remaining cabinetry and countertops in place before the Thanksgiving holiday to accommodate the usual rush of servicemen and women heading home for the holidays.



18 PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION FRANCISCAN VOCATION

Eighteen Brother Knights from Council 9709 became the "seed sowers" for the Friars' recruiting effort for new vocations during October. Dubbed Operation Franciscan Vocation (OFV) by Fr. Mark, the Knights made personal contact with some 270 young single men in their 20s and 30s via handwritten letters and telephone to follow up a letter sent out to all the young men by Fr. Mark, which invited them to an evening of prayer, discernment and fellowship on Oct. 29.

"Handwriting letters to 15 strangers and then phoning them was the hardest part, both physically and mentally," said Church Committee Chairman Dave Vogelpohl who coordinated the activity for the Council. "In order to be effective, you had to encourage someone you may have never met before to discern a vocation to the Friars and have a relaxed attitude as you followed up with a phone call."

Some three young men attended the Oct. 29 gathering with the Friars, which was also hosted by the Knights of Columbus. While it is certainly too early to tell what effect the effort had, Fr. Mark considered OFV to be an overall success. There will be a similar activity for college-aged men of the Parish in the Founders Room after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Nov. 29. The Knights will also be involved in hosting that reception. Postcard invitations will be mailed out to these young men by Nov. 22.

Any Brother Knight wishing to assist in the Council's hosting of the Nov. 29 reception should contact Brother Vogelpohl at 293-0350 or via e-mail at dvogelpohl@nc.rr.com.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Greetings Brother Knights,

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday this year, please keep those who are less fortunate in our world in your prayers. Try to find a way to share the gifts we have been given by our God. A donation of blood would be an example. It costs you zero and saves up to three lives. Holidays are critical for donors!

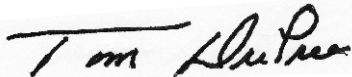
In the coming weeks, each of you will receive an e-mail from me, requesting you to consider making a personal donation to LAMB. The needs of those individuals with intellectual disabilities are even greater this year. Please help, if you can.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, your Council will celebrate the Christmas Holidays at the Brier Creek Country Club. Deadline for reservations is Nov. 25. Please bring a new toy for the kids at Duke Children Hospital. If you cannot make our party, please bring your wrapped gift labeled by sex and age to our December business meeting. Please join your Brother Knights and their families for a great evening of food and socialization.

Money we earn at the RBC Center goes directly toward funding our charitable works during the year. Your Council needs your participation! Please go to our Council website and sign up for a shift.

Thanks for all you and your family contribute to the works of our Council and the Parish.

May you and your family have a safe and pleasant Thanksgiving.


COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**November 2008**

- 11 - Veterans Day
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 19 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 23-30 - KofC National Family Week
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

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- 2 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 13 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 13 - Council Christmas Party, 5-9 p.m., Brier Creek Country Club
- 17 - Abbotswood Seniors Christmas Party, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

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- 6 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 21 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . TAX DEDUCTIONS

Out-of-pocket expenses incurred as the result of volunteer work are tax-deductible. A Knight who uses his personal vehicle to go to and from the site where the volunteer work is being performed and/or who uses it to perform volunteer work may deduct a flat \$.14 per mile or the actual cost of parking, tolls, gas and oil. Should a Knight incur expenses as a result of an overnight stay to perform the volunteer work, the cost of food, lodging and other unreimbursed expenses related to the performance of the volunteer work is also deductible. If a Knight uses public transportation for volunteer work, he can deduct that cost in full as well. A written record of such expenses or miles must be maintained.

The cost of transportation for a Knight to attend meetings is not deductible. However, a Knight attending a Knights of Columbus convention as a chosen representative of his Council can also deduct unreimbursed overnight expenses such as those described above so long as the volunteer travel does not involve a "significant element of personal pleasure, recreation or vacation." The deduction for expenses incurred as a result of volunteer work is taken on the Schedule A Form 1040 on Line 16.

Charitable cash contributions are also entered on Line 16 of the Schedule A. However, under new rules established in 2007, a cash contribution of any amount is not deductible unless the contributor has as a record of the contribution a bank record (such as a canceled check, a bank copy of the canceled check or a bank statement containing the name of the charity, the date and the amount of the contribution) or written communication from the charity including the name of the charity, date and the amount of the contribution. For cash contributions of \$250 or more to be deductible, the taxpayer *must* have written substantiation from the charitable organization.

COUNCIL GIVES \$500 TO BIRTHCHOICE

Council 9709 presented a \$500 check to BIRTHCHOICE at the organization's Benefit for Life Gala Oct. 3 at Northridge Country Club. Council 9709 was one of four KofC Councils who sponsored 10-person tables at the event. Father Price, Fr. Aloysius Schmitt (Camp Lejeune) and the State Council joined All Saints Council representatives at the dinner.

Sitting at Council 9709's table were Brothers Ralph Guenther with wife Carol, Brother Mike Gould, Brother John LaTorre with wife Gloria, Brother Kent Siefkes and four non-Knights from the Raleigh Deanery Respect Life Committee.

St. Francis of Assisi was one of 16 Parish sponsors of the event.

BIRTHCHOICE offers help and hope to any pregnant woman. The organization believes that it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. BIRTHCHOICE provides testing, counseling, referrals and baby items free of charge to any woman requesting them. The nonprofit organization has served women in Raleigh, Fayetteville and Jacksonville and surrounding counties for over 29 years. More information is available on the BIRTHCHOICE website at www.birthchoicewake.org.



Brothers Ralph Guenther (L), Kent Siefkes (CL) and John LaTorre (R) present the Council's \$500 donation to Birthchoice CEO Betty Rogosich.



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pension, good insurance coverage from work, and felt comfortable with his portfolio, but he decided to purchase that additional KofC insurance – just in case.

Several months later, Johnny Knight had a minor stroke and was on temporary disability. The family called their KofC Field Agent because Johnny Knight's work stripped away his group life insurance coverage, was planning on stripping away the medical coverage after 120 days and was about to give him a timetable for when he had to return to work or be terminated. The unfortunate health situation caused by the stroke was followed by another stroke, and the family was under extreme hardship by losing health benefits and his job. The battle between Johnny Knight and his employer went on for months until Johnny Knight passed away.

The KofC Field Agent had been involved and went to the family's home with a check from the Knights of Columbus for the KofC coverage. The widow told the KofC Field Agent that she had received something from Johnny Knight's company, but it seemed wrong. She had received only five percent of the death benefit (\$5,000) the family had been once promised. At this, the KofC Field Agent went to Johnny Knight's former employer, demanded that the company take care of Johnny Knight's family and furnished proof of why the company should concur with his demands within 24 hours or face legal action.

Upon his return, the demands made by Mr. KofC Field Agent had been granted and then some. There was a check for \$95,000, all medical bills were to be paid, all pay was to be reimbursed due to false termination from the date of disability, and any hardships from Johnny Knight's disability were to be reimbursed. Can you imagine the relief and joy on the face of the widow when the KofC Field Agent knocked on her door and handed her the insurance check? All because they decided one evening to have the Knights of Columbus agent visit their home and share some information. Can you afford two hours of your time to meet with your KofC Field Agent? I think Johnny Knight's family would tell you that you can not afford not to!

Council 9709's Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick is available at 847-3799(H), 880-3463(C), or via e-mail at Tim1002@earthlink.com.

To meet with the Knights of Columbus Field Agent or not to meet with the Knights of Columbus field agent? That is the question. What follows is a true story . . .

The KofC Field Agent came to meet Johnny Knight and his family and found some areas where KofC insurance could fill some gaps. Johnny Knight had a great

OPERATION LAMB COLLECTION FALLS SHORT

Despite a somewhat better turnout in October than in July, Council 9709's efforts to support the intellectually handicapped fell short of last year's record \$26,000 collection. Receipts as of the Nov. 4 business meeting totaled only \$19,895.18.

"Not being able to match last year's collection is disappointing, to say the least," Brother DuPree said. "Considering the state of the economy, helping these organizations who are helping the intellectually handicapped is probably more important than ever."

Some 28 Knights and five families worked a total of 50 slots over the weekend of Oct. 3-5. Some 22 slots went unfilled. The Council staffed 46 of 80 slots over the weekend of Oct. 10-12 with 23 Knights and five families participating.

Operation LAMB is conducted on a calendar year basis. Eighty-five percent of funds collected by the Council are distributed locally with 15 percent going to the State Council for distribution to charities located where no KofC Council exists. Last year, Council 9709 pooled its collection with four other Raleigh Councils for distribution to eight local charitable organizations. A similar pooling of resources is anticipated to occur sometime early next year when funds will be allocated to eligible charities in Raleigh.

Any Brother Knight who might wish to contribute to Operation LAMB can still do so through December.

CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS NOV. 25

Council 9709's annual Christmas party is Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at 5 p.m. at Brier Creek Country Club. Flyer invitations were sent out with the October newsletter, and the flyer is also available on the Council's website www.kofc9709.org. Reservations must be made no later than Nov. 25.

Attendees are asked to bring a wrapped gift for a child marked by sex and age to the party for the St. Francis Duke Children's Hospital Ministry. Those not attending the party can bring their wrapped gifts to the Dec. 2 business meeting.



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