



Knights of Columbus
All Saints Council 9709
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community
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COUNCIL TO VOTE BY LAWS CHANGES IN JANUARY

Council Advocate Tommy Dalton made a motion at the Dec. 2 business meeting to approve updated and amended By Laws for All Saints Council 9709. While most of the changes are cosmetic and simply follow the template provided by Supreme, one change is significant and will be voted Jan. 6.

Under the Council's previously approved By Laws, the Grand Knight could approve expenditure of Council funds up to \$200 per occasion without Council approval. Under the new By Laws, this would be increased to \$500, which is what is recommended by Supreme in its template.

Brother Dalton's research into the By Laws disclosed that neither Supreme nor the Council has any record of the Council's current By Laws having been recorded or approved by Supreme, something that is required by the Constitution. Council members at the Dec. 2 meeting generally agreed, however, that until the new By Laws are approved that Officers would operate under the current By Laws.

COUNCIL 9709 ASSESSED \$480 FOR CULTURE OF LIFE FUND

Supreme has levied a \$3 per Knight assessment on every Council in the United States to help start its Culture of Life Fund. All Saints Council 9709 made its payment of \$480 in October.

"We are a non-partisan organization, and Knights belong to a variety of political parties. We do not endorse candidates for public office, although many of our members are elected officials. But we do take a strong interest in certain critical issues that affect our most fundamental values as Catholic Christians and as citizens.... And if we truly hope for a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love, then we must first think, and then act, in new ways," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said at the 2008 Supreme Council Annual Meeting held Aug. 3-4 in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.

Individual contributions are also being solicited, and any Knight interested in making a personal contribution can do so online at the Supreme website www.kofc.org.

Special assessments levied on Councils by Supreme are relatively rare, but not unprecedented. The KofC Constitution clearly allows for the action and requires compliance.

COUNCIL 9709 COMPLETES USO PROJECT UNDER BUDGET

Brother Ralph Guenther reported at the Dec. 2 business meeting that all work on the USO project had been completed for less than the \$2,000 the Council approved at its November business meeting. The total cost of the project was \$1,394.83.

"Our original estimate was for \$1,611, but the USO never did get back to us on whether they wanted a partition in the kitchen area to be installed," said Brother Guenther. "What we did will really help the USO get through the busy holiday season."

Four Knights contributed some 50 volunteer hours to purchase, assemble and install three standing cabinets, two under-counter cabinets and new wider counter tops. The volunteers also lowered some existing over-the-sink cabinets, extended a water line for the coffee maker and moved an electrical outlet.

Brother Guenther extended special thanks to Brothers Dick Bridges, Tommy Dalton and Don Donaghy, who assisted him with the work.



USO volunteers pose with Council 9709 on Nov. 21 at the RDU USO. Front: USO Dir Mary Burch, Hy Marks, Alice Baker, Helen Marks; Back: GK Tom DuPree, Ralph Guenther, Tommy Dalton, USO Associate Dir Alice DeSantis and Bonnie Carawan.

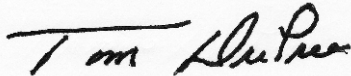
FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

We just completed the Thanksgiving Holiday, and I hope your holiday was pleasant. A special thanks to those Knights and family members who volunteered to help with our Council's special LAMB drive at the Brier Creek Wal-Mart on Nov. 22, 26 and 28. I am pleased to report that we were able to collect \$2,770.85, bringing our total year-to-date to \$22,706.03.

As you celebrate with friends and families at social events during the holidays, please remember to share your experience as a Knight. It is the responsibility of each one of us to recruit new members at every opportunity.

A special thanks to the ladies of our Council for providing the bags and wrapping paper for the Duke Children's Hospital project. Please do not forget to bring your gift-wrapped toy for the children at Duke Children's Hospital Saturday, Dec. 13 to the Christmas party at Brier Creek Country Club or to church after mass this weekend (put in the Knights closet area in the Founders Room).

As we celebrate Advent and Christmas, remember the reason for our celebration. Keep Christ in Christmas. Take time to share your talents and gifts with those less fortunate in our society. If you are traveling, be safe! Elaine and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!


COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**December 2008**

- 13 - Council Christmas Party, 5 p.m., Brier Creek CC
- 17 - Abbotswood Seniors Christmas Party, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 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 Road
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

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- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 18 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 24 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT... THE FOUR PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER

Led by the quiet, unassuming curate of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, a small group of men established the Knights of Columbus in the church basement early in the spring of 1882. The priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, saw clearly that both Catholics and the Church faced serious problems in the last half of the 19th century such as anti-Catholicism and ethnic prejudice, under-employment, lack of social standing and early loss of the breadwinner.

To resolve these problems, Father McGivney conceived the idea of an organization of Catholic men who would band together to aid one another in times of sickness and death, by means of a simple insurance plan, so that their wives and children would not face abject poverty; to strengthen themselves and each other in the Faith; to strengthen families and family life; to be a strong pillar of support for their priests and bishops and to be of service to Church and community by coming to the aid of those most in need in society. Out of this vision come the four principles of the Order:

Charity is the first principle of the Order. Knights are followers of Christ and men of faith. As St. James reminds us, "faith without works is dead." Therefore, as Knights we are committed to charity, easing the plight of those less fortunate.

Unity is the second principle of the Knights of Columbus. In unity there is strength. Existing in an environment that was openly hostile to Catholics, the founders of the Order relied on the strength of unity to remain steadfast in the Faith while claiming their rightful place in society. Today the Order uses that strength to speak out for religiously-grounded moral values in a culture that has forsaken them.

Fraternity is the third principle of the Order. In 19th century America, life insurance was beyond the financial reach of many poor Catholics, and social services did not exist. Through the Knights of Columbus, men were able to band together as brothers to help one another in times of distress, sickness and death.

Patriotism is the principle of the Fourth Degree. One of the reasons the Order was founded was to emphasize that Catholics are proud citizens of their countries. Today Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia, the visible arm of the Order, serve witness to the values of devotion to God and country, the bedrock of patriotism.

--from "These Men They Call Knights"

COUNCIL ONE-THIRD OF THE WAY TO STAR STATUS

With the induction of five new Knights to All Saints Council 9709 at a ceremonial conducted in conjunction with the Council's Nov. 4 business meeting, Council 9709 is one-third of the way to achieving Star Council status for fraternal year 2008-2009.

Council 9709's original goal of 17 new members for the fraternal year was upped to 18 with the resignation of one member.

In order to gain Star Council status, a Council must meet service, insurance and membership goals. The Colombian award for service has never been a problem for Council 9709. The Council will need five new insurance members to achieve the Founders Award. The Father McGivney Award remains the Council's biggest hurdle.

Any Brother Knight who would like to recommend a potential candidate should contact Membership Chairman Dick Novacek at 848-0692 or dick.novacek@gmail.com or Grand Knight Tom DuPree at 577-6901 or twdupree@aol.com with the name and contact information. The next membership blitz will be held in February.



Congratulations to new Knights (L-R) Lee J. Van De Carr, David Bole, David Elizondo, James Brown and Steve Burdett who were inducted into the Knights of Columbus at a First Degree Ceremony Nov. 4.



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INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

KofC Insurance has evolved from a "pass the hat" approach in 1882 to one of the best rated insurance companies in the United States. KofC Insurance offers four basic products: Permanent Plans, Term Plans, Annuities and Long Term Care. For this and the next three months, this column will feature these general product

categories and highlight recent changes to them that have made them even more competitive.

KofC Insurance Permanent Plans give policyholders the security of knowing that their families are protected as long as policy premiums are paid, knowing that the policy premiums will stay the same from inception regardless of the policyholder's health status, and provide a guaranteed cash value that will grow over time and can provide a source of funds for future needs.

Types of permanent plans include Whole Life, Limited Payment Life, Discoverer and Dualife. A Whole Life plan requires premiums to be paid throughout the policyholder's lifetime. A Limited Payment Life policy is similar to the Whole Life plan but has a provision for the policyholder to pay premiums over a defined period. The Discoverer plan is a custom blend of whole and term life insurance. Cheaper than the Whole Life plan by some 40 percent, the term part of the plan is an additional death benefit that eventually converts to whole life as well by applying the dividends associated with the policy. The Dualife plan is also a custom blend of Whole Life and Term insurance insuring two people's lives and payable on the second person's death.

Another valuable feature of the permanent life insurance plans is the opportunity to earn dividends. The Order's Board of Directors declares dividends annually, and while not guaranteed, such dividends continue to be among the very best in the industry. Policyholders have a number of options as to the distribution of dividends.

Whole Life insurance rates were lowered in 2008 in the four tiers offered based upon health. About 10 percent of applicants qualify for Ultra Premiere, 40 percent for Premiere, 40 percent for Non-Tobacco and 10 percent for Standard. The tiers have changed recently to reward members for living a healthier lifestyle. The healthier you are, the less of a premium you have to pay.

KofC Insurance also now offers a Guaranteed Policy with no medical questions on the underwriting. A policyholder aged 18-54 can get coverage up to \$7,500, and a policyholder aged 55-65 can get coverage up to \$5,000. The Guaranteed Policy is meant to be very affordable. For example, for someone 52 years old the monthly premium is only \$27.

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COUNCIL 9709 TO SUPPORT THREE UNDER RSVP IN 2008-2009

Council 9709 voted at the Nov. 4 business meeting to support three young men studying for the priesthood at Holy Name College in Silver Spring, Md., under the KofC Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). The three were recommended to the Council by Fr. Mark.

Under RSVP the Council “adopts” seminarians and agrees to make an annual contribution of \$500 or more to help them with their educational and personal expenses, as well as provide moral support throughout the year with prayers, cards, letters, and visits. For every \$500 donated, the Council receives a refund of \$100 from Supreme. \$1,500 is already earmarked in the Council's budget for this fraternal year.

Council 9709 will continue to support Brother Erick Lopez, who was an intern at St. Francis of Assisi in 2007 and received a check for \$500 in 2007. Br. Lopez was born in Cuba, migrated to Columbia and started working in Miami in the computer science industry. Although Erick first met the Franciscans in Colombia, it was not until his family began attending Immaculate Conception Church in Hialeah, Fla., which was ministered by the Franciscans, that he felt called into the Order.

New to Council 9709 this year are Br. Stephen DeWitt and Br. Dan Horan. Br. DeWitt hails from Buffalo, N.Y., where he graduated from Canisius High School, a Jesuit school in 2000. He graduated Saint Bonaventure University in 2004. Encouraged by the Jesuits to join the priesthood while in high school, he opted to join the Franciscans in 2005 after meeting members of that Order at Saint Bonaventure.

Br. Horan is also a graduate of Saint Bonaventure, where he too met and joined the Franciscans. He began his journey in ministry at Holy Cross Parish in the Bronx. He professed his first vows in 2007 and moved to Holy Name College where he attends Washington Theological Union where the friars study for ordination.

Community Chairman Kent Siefkes, who manages the program for All Saints Council, passed around Christmas cards at the Dec. 2 meeting for attendees to sign. He and others attending the National Annual March for Life on Jan. 22 will also visit the seminarians while in Washington.



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