



**Knights of Columbus  
All Saints Council 9709  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community**  
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**January 2009**

**SPIRIT HIGH, ATTENDANCE OFF AT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

All Saints Council Knights brought some 38 gifts to the Council's annual Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 13, at Brier Creek Country Club for donation to the St. Francis Duke Children's Hospital Ministry. The gifts were distributed at the Ministry's final Christmas party at the hospital on Dec. 17. Grand Knight Tom DuPree read a thank you note from Mary Toomey, the Ministry Coordinator, at the Jan. 6 meeting in which she thanked the Council profusely for its generosity.

Only 30 Knights made reservations for 60 adults and three children for this year's event, making attendance some 20-30 percent lower than in past years. As a result, the Council had to pay an additional \$171.62 toward the final bill to cover the contract and the cost of hiring Bob Gottlieb to provide entertainment.

The Council approved a self-financing \$4,200 budget for the party in May after approving up to a \$1,200 advance deposit for reserving the date and the facilities in April. The actual advance deposit was \$1,025, which was paid, and the Council took in some \$2,154 in advance reservation money. The minimum guaranteed cost under terms of the contract was \$2,205.04, which included tax and gratuities.

More pictures of the party are on the Council's website at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org).



The party's three youngest guests (L-R) Gwen Pratt, Allison Baumgartner and Lauren Bayle danced the night away to the music of Bob Gottlieb and provided some special Christmas spirit for everyone.

**JAN. 16 SOCIAL GATHERING TO FEATURE THE MOVIE "BELLA"**

Council 9709's January Social Gathering will be a screening of the PG-13 movie "Bella." Supreme has recommended that KofC Councils nationwide show the movie with its pro-life message to all Knights and their families. The movie may not be appropriate for younger children, and parents should carefully consider the PG-13 rating the movie carries before bringing children not in their teens.

Note that the January Social Gathering will happen on Friday, Jan. 16, rather than the regular and previously scheduled date of Thursday, Jan. 20. The 90-minute movie will be shown in the Anthony Hall Founders Room at 7:30 p.m. Popcorn and other refreshments will be provided.

According to the movie's website ([www.bellamoviesite.com](http://www.bellamoviesite.com)), "Bella is a powerful and moving, utterly unique story that will lift your spirits and capture your heart." The 2007 film won the People's Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival, Best Picture and Best Actor at the 2008 MovieGuide Awards and the Legacy Award from the Smithsonian Institute Latino Center.

"We would like to vary the theme of our Social Gatherings by including other activities than dining out," said Family Chairman Bill Nowak. "We will still be going to restaurants this year, but we would welcome other suggestions from Council members as well."

**VOTE ON NEW BY LAWS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH**

Council members will have until Jan. 19 to review and submit proposed changes to the revised Council By Laws sent out by e-mail just prior to the Jan. 6 meeting.

The new By Laws were to have been voted at the Jan. 6 meeting, but it was decided to give the Council's members more time to review them. Discussion on the new By Laws will be held at the February meeting, and a final vote will be held in March.

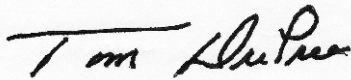
**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

HAPPY NEW YEAR ! The year 2008 was a great year. We look forward to another great year of service to our parish and community.

I would encourage all Brothers and their families to join us on Saturday, Jan. 17, starting at 8 a.m. with a "Mass for Life" at St. Joseph Catholic Church with The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge as celebrant. At 12 p.m. join "The Rally and March for Life" at Nash Square. Brother Kent Siefkes and Dick Bridges will lead our Brothers under the Council 9709 banner. Wear your Knight's t-shirt, hat and name badges. The Fourth Degree will provide the Honor Guard. Both North Carolina Bishops will take part. Last year we had a great turn out. See you there on Saturday!

The Council is in the process of updating our By Laws. You have received a proposed copy by e-mail. Please take a few minutes to review. Any suggestions or corrections need to be submitted to Brother Tommy Dalton, Council Advocate, by Jan. 19. The final draft will be presented to our Council at our Feb. 3 meeting.

Your Council's final LAMB collection for the year 2008 was \$24,358. On behalf of those with "intellectual disabilities" and the agencies that support these individuals,  
THANKS to all who participated!


**COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****January 2009**

- 16 - Social Gathering, 7:30 p.m., Movie "Bella," Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 17 - Right to Life Mass, 8 a.m., St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 630 S. Peartree Lane
- 17 - Prayer Breakfast for Life, 9:30 a.m., Holiday Inn-Brownstone Hotel, 1707 Hillsborough St.
- 17 - Right to Life March, 12:15-2:30 p.m., Nash Square, 200 W. Hargett St., Raleigh
- 21- Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- TBD - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**February 2009**

- 3 - First Degree/Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 10 - Men's Spiritual Direction Series, "Conversion is Amazement," 7 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 18 - Men's Spiritual Direction Series, "Flesh and Spirit," 7 p.m., Jacoba Hall
- 18 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 24 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 25 - Ash Wednesday
- 26 - Men's Spiritual Direction Series, "Sin and Grace," 7 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room

**March 2009**

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 14 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 18 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 31 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY**

On Oct. 2, 1881, a small group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven, Conn. Called together by their parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, these men formed a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882.

Father Michael J. McGivney was a 29-year-old assistant pastor when he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Father McGivney's holiness, devotion to priestly ministry and work to protect family life provide a powerful spiritual influence for Knights, their family members and a growing number of other Catholics.

Father McGivney's cause for canonization was opened in 1997 by then Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin of Hartford, Conn. Its diocesan phase has been completed. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican is currently reviewing Father McGivney's life and works and investigating two reported miracles attributed to his intercession.

The Knights of Columbus has established the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild to provide people with information about his life, works and spirituality. For more information or if you are interested in joining the Father McGivney Guild, please visit the Father McGivney website at [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org).

Since 1882 the Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

## COUNCIL TO CO-SPONSOR MEN'S SPIRITUAL DIRECTION SERIES IN FEBRUARY

Council 9709 will join the Men's Ministry of St. Francis in sponsoring a series of three weekday evening talks under the theme of "God is Not Out There" by Fr. David McBriar. Fr. McBriar presented these talks at the Men's Retreat in October, and they were so well received at the Retreat that Church Chairman Dave Vogelpohl suggested that they be offered to the men of the Parish at large.

The three talks are based upon the writings of St. Paul the Apostle. All three talks will start at 7 p.m. and last for about an hour including a discussion session. The first talk, "Conversion is Amazement," will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the Anthony Hall Founders Room; the second, "Flesh and Spirit," Wednesday, Feb. 18, in Jacoba Hall and the third, "Sin and Grace," Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Anthony Hall Founders Room.

## DEC. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TURNOUT HIGHEST OF THE YEAR

The 12 Brother Knights who picked up trash on Dec. 13 were twice the number in June and a third more than in March. A total of 17 Knights and four family members participated in the program during calendar year 2008, many of them multiple times. Together they bagged 38 orange bags of trash and 11 blue bags of recyclables.

The Council has "adopted" Leesville Road from the Citgo station to the Wake-Durham County Line. Trash pick ups are conducted on a Saturday once a quarter beginning at 9 a.m.

The North Carolina "Adopt-A-Highway" program was established in 1988 in response to growing public concern over litter along the state's highways. There are over 6,000 groups participating statewide. Groups that participate for 10 or 15 years receive a green star to go on the signs announcing their years of participation. Council 9709 will complete 10 years of participation on Nov. 28, 2010.



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a minimum of three percent interest (the current rate for 2008 deposits was guaranteed at 4.5 percent through September 2009) and guarantee you a lifetime of distributions.

Knights of Columbus Insurance offers two options for establishing an annuity: the Single Premium Annuity and the Flexible Premium Annuity. With the Single Premium Annuity, you make one payment and select the age at which you would like to start receiving benefits. With the Flexible Premium Annuity, you make periodic payments of as much as you want for as long as you want.

New to the Knights of Columbus Insurance Annuity portfolio is the VANTAGE Annuity. The VANTAGE Annuity is a Single Premium Annuity with a minimum premium of \$25,000. The VANTAGE Single Premium Deferred Annuity uses two interest rates. The first is the minimum guaranteed rate of three percent and is guaranteed for the life of the contract. The second rate is the Current Declared Interest Rate at the time of issue, which is guaranteed for five years. Current rates are 4.55 percent on amounts under \$100,000 and 4.75 percent on amounts over \$100,000.

The VANTAGE Annuity owner has the option to withdraw up to 10 percent of the value of the annuity without a surrender charge after the first contract year as long as funds in the annuity remain above \$5,000. The owner also has options at the fifth and tenth policy anniversaries including keeping the funds in a VANTAGE Annuity, leaving the funds in a portfolio account where the interest rate can be changed on a quarterly or more frequent basis or, if requested within the 30-day period prior to the fifth or tenth anniversary, withdraw the funds without surrender charge.

To help you better understand and plan for the risks you will be exposed to in retirement from the risk of living "too long" to the risk of needing costly long-term care services to the risk of inflation eroding the value of your income stream, Knights of Columbus Insurance recommends reading the booklet "Retirement Risk Matcher" published by the Life Insurance Market Research Association. To obtain a free copy, e-mail a request to [field.mail@kofc.org](mailto:field.mail@kofc.org), and Knights of Columbus Insurance will mail you one.

As always, Council 9709's own Field Agent, Tim Kilpatrick can also help you at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or via e-mail at [Tim1002@earthlink.com](mailto:Tim1002@earthlink.com).

## RBC CENTER MORE PROFITABLE AND CONVENIENT THAN LAST YEAR

Council 9709 earned \$2,499.07 including tips working the concession stands for the first nine events of the 2008-2009 RBC season, which is over \$400 more than last season at this point.

“The RBC is also much better this year in paying the volunteer groups,” said Brother Ralph Guenther, who organizes the activity. “We are receiving the checks about two weeks after the events.”

The average revenue from an event is over \$325. The highest payout was the double event worked Nov. 22 when the Trans Siberian Orchestra played two concerts. All Saints Council took in \$504.66. The lowest was a \$90 gig where two Knights sold Dippin Dots on Nov. 16.

Participation so far has been good. Some 35 Knights, spouses and family members have worked at least one shift, including four new Knights, and seven wives have pitched in as well. The Council will be working seven events in January, eight in February, five in March and two in April. Knights interested in helping out can sign up on the Council's website at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org).

Assuming that each event will yield the current average, Council 9709 is on track to make over \$10,000 this season. For the 2007-2008 season, All Saints took in \$6,289.47. Revenue received from the RBC Center during the hockey and basketball season and the beer sales at the Durham Bulls games at the DBAP in the summer provide the funds that have enabled the Council to support an expanding number of charitable activities throughout the year.

For those who have not worked yet this year, there are some changes. The cash registers now take credit cards. Approval is virtually instantaneous, and unless the charge is for over \$50, no signature is required. There is also a new function for inputting the amount of cash a customer gives a cashier, and the change due automatically appears on both screens of the register, letting the customer know how much he is getting back.

Council 9709 also now has its own locker in the Men's Locker Room of the RBC Center down the hall and to the right from the sign up sheet room. There is plenty of room for five coats, and there are extra hats, shirts and aprons stored in the locker should you forget yours.



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