



**Knights of Columbus
All Saints Council 9709
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community**
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COUNCIL 9709 MARCHES FOR LIFE

Despite sub-freezing temperatures, six Brothers from All Saints Council 9709 joined about another 1,000 fellow Knights, family members and fellow Pro-Life advocates for North Carolina's annual Rally and March for Life in downtown Raleigh Jan. 17. District Deputy Hadon Ware, Grand Knight Tom DuPree and Treasurer Jerry Powell dressed in 4th Degree regalia for the event, and Brothers David Bole, Dick Bridges and Kent Siefkes carried the Council banner in the March.

Mrs. Barbara Holt, President of North Carolina Right to Life, started the program in Nash Square at 1 p.m. Raleigh's Bishop Michael F. Burbidge offered the invocation, and 4th Degree Knights provided the Color Guard and about 30 Sir Knights to lead the March. Ashley Tyndall, President of Students for Life of America and Students for Life of North Carolina provided special remarks noting that there are some 480 such Pro-Life student organizations nationwide.

Mrs. Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President for the National Right to Life Committee, the featured speaker, reminded the crowd that while the Pro-Life movement had saved about nine million lives as it watched the decline of the abortion rate since 1980-81, some 50 million abortions have still taken place since the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision some 36 years ago.

"I was a little disappointed by the turnout, although I'm sure the temperature discouraged a lot of people," said Brother David Bole. "I would encourage other Knights from our Council to participate in future because the March is for a very worthy cause, and I really feel the new Presidential administration could have a negative effect on this very disturbing issue."

The March lined up on McDowell St. headed south and marched east on Martin St., north on Salisbury St., east on Morgan St., north on Wilmington St., west on Jones St., south on Salisbury St. and west on Edenton St. before entering the Sacred Heart Cathedral compound where some welcome warm refreshments were available in a large tent. Marchers stretched a distance of some three blocks, and the March itself lasted about 45 minutes.

ANNUAL BARBECUE MOVED TO MARCH 22

At the request of Father Mark, the Council has agreed to move up its Annual Barbecue from April 25 to March 22. The earlier date will add to the celebration of the Parish's Ground Breaking ceremony that day for the Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) expansion. The expansion includes construction of a multifunctional community center, a renovation of Clare Hall, enlarging the Early Childhood Learning Center and the construction of Our Lady of the Angels Chapel in the area behind the LaVerna house.

"Great news! I'm thrilled that with your help and support the Parish's ground blessing will be an even more beautiful and Holy Spirit-filled event," said Father Mark in an e-mail to Grand Knight Tom DuPree after the Council informed him that the vendors had agreed to move up the date.

"The number one priority now will be advance ticket sales," said Brother DuPree. All Brother Knights are encouraged to plan on attending and volunteering time at the Barbecue. Sign ups for volunteers will be held at the March 3 business meeting, at which time Barbecue Coordinator Shawn Bayle will present the final plans.



Brothers Kent Siefkes (L) and David Bole (R) carry Council 9709's banner in the North Carolina's annual Rally and March for Life in downtown Raleigh.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

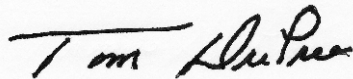
Greetings Brothers! Vivat Jesus!

On Saturday, Feb. 14, there will be a Second Degree at St. Michael in Cary from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and a Third Degree at St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Brothers who have not completed their journey to full Knighthood should plan on attending these Degrees. Our next First Degree will be Tuesday, March 3. Please extend an invitation to the men of our parish to join the Knights and experience a lifetime of rewards.

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, Father Mark requested the Knights to help celebrate the ground blessing for the GIFT Parish Expansion on Sunday, March 22. Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Gossman will be in attendance for this celebration. Father Mark asked us to move our annual BBQ and fair from April 25 to March 22. This is to help support the celebration of this important event in our Parish. Because of the change in time frame, we will need the support of all of our Brothers in accomplishing this commitment.

Father David will be presenting his evening talks, "God Is Not Out There," beginning Feb. 18. They will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. Check the Council calendar for dates.

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COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**February 2009**

- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 15 - Bishop McGuinness Assembly Valentine's Day Dinner, 5 p.m., Crabtree Marriott
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., O'Charley's, 8115 Brier Creek Parkway
- 18 - Men's Spiritual Direction Series, "Conversion is Amazement," 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, "Flesh and Spirit," 7 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room

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- 3 - First Degree/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
- 19 - Men's Spiritual Direction Series, "Sin and Grace," 7 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 22 - Annual Barbecue, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Jacoba Hall
- 31 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

April 2009

- 7 - First Degree/Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 12 - Easter
- 16 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . 4th DEGREE HIERARCHY

4th Degree Knights and their Assemblies report to the Supreme Master and a Board of Directors at the global level. There are 20 Provinces of Assemblies headed by Vice Supreme Masters in the United States (14), Canada, (1) Mexico (1) and the Philippines (1). The Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 belongs to the DeSoto Province, which covers Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Puerto Rico. Within the Provinces there are Districts headed by Masters that oversee the Assemblies.

Vice Supreme Masters can be identified by their blue-lined capes and blue-feathered chapeaus. District Masters have gold-lined capes and gold-feathered chapeaus. Each District also has a District Marshall who wears a green-lined cape and green-feathered chapeau. The District Marshall typically organizes and conducts 4th Degree Exemplifications. Faithful Navigators wear white-lined capes and white-feathered chapeaus.

4th Degree Knights also participate in Color Corps formations in which the Color Corps Commander wears a purple-lined cape and purple-feathered chapeau, and the Members of the Color Corps red-lined capes and red-feathered chapeaus.

All 4th Degree Knights wear a baldric, which in the United States and the Philippines has red and blue stripes on a white background, as part of the formal dress. Canada's baldric has red stripes, and Mexico has red and green stripes.



Fourth Degree Baldric

COUNCIL 9709 GAINS THREE

All Saints Council inducted two new Brother Knights at a First Degree Ceremony before the Feb. 3 business meeting. Joining Council 9709 were new Brothers Jerry Heindel and John Pawlik. The Council also welcomed Brother John Riddle, who transferred over from St. Catherine's.

Some 20 new Knights met the requirements for the First Degree at the ceremony, which is the largest number of new Knights inducted into the Order at a ceremony hosted by the Council since at least 2005. Along with the two new Knights joining Council 9709, nine were joining St. Catherine's, five St. Thomas More, three St. Raphael's and one St. Luke's.



(L-R) New Knight Jerry Heindel, transfer John Riddle and new Knight John Pawlik joined All Saints Council 9709 Feb. 3.

COUNCIL'S NEW BY LAWS SET FOR MARCH VOTE

All Saints Council 9709 will have a new set of By Laws, assuming a vote of approval by the membership at the March 2009 meeting. Copies of the draft By Laws were passed out at the Jan. 6 business meeting as well as e-mailed to the general membership to allow for submission of comments, and the final proposed By Laws were discussed at the Feb. 3 meeting. They will be distributed by e-mail to the membership before the March meeting.

“Basically, these By Laws simply follow a template provided by Supreme,” said Advocate Tommy Dalton, who briefed attendees at the February meeting on the changes. “The biggest change is increasing from \$200 to \$500 the amount that can be voted for expenditure at a meeting without having to make a motion and wait until the next meeting for a vote.”

Submission of approved By Laws will bring the Council into compliance with a requirement to have a set of By Laws on file with Supreme. During Brother Dalton's research on the issue, he found that no such record exists for the By Laws under which the Council is currently operating.



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INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

Beginning in December this column focused on the four basic products of KofC insurance. December's column addressed permanent life insurance, January's annuities and this month's column will address longterm care. Next month's column will be devoted to term life insurance.

Record numbers of people are living well into their 80s, 90s and even past the age of 100. This poses new challenges to you and your loved ones. In aging, you change in some familiar ways and potentially some ways that might be completely unexpected. In your 60s and 70s, tasks and activities that you once performed routinely or with ease might become increasingly difficult. And, over time, you may need more and more assistance with such activities. You might also experience a sudden, acute need for such help after a debilitating illness, such as a stroke.

Everyone is potentially at risk. A 2005 study found that 69 percent of people turning 65 years of age will need some long-term care before they die. Women are at a higher risk than men with 79 percent of women turning 65 years of age needing some long-term care and 58 percent of men turning 65 needing some long-term care. Among those turning 65 years of age, 44 percent will need less than one year; 30 percent will need 3-5 years; 12 percent will need five or more years. On average, private nursing home care can cost upwards of \$78,000 per year, according to a study conducted by the MetLife Mature Market Institute. You may be able to manage with at-home nursing care. Yet this option, too, can be quite expensive: such services can cost over \$55,480 per year in the United States for eight hours of service, 365 days a year.

These figures can be expected to increase over time as the baby boomer generation gets older. And, there should be some concern for those in coming generations as well. Some 40 percent of those receiving Long-Term Care services are adults between the ages of 18 and 64.

Council 9709's Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick can provide specifics about what KofC insurance can do to help. You can contact him at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or via e-mail at Tim1002@earthlink.com.

COUNCIL NEEDS TO SELL 700 STATE CONVENTION RAFFLE TICKETS BY MAY 1

Based upon membership, All Saints Council 9709 has been issued 700 State Convention Raffle tickets to sell by May 1, 100 more than the quota assigned for 2008. The Council will get to keep \$2.50 from every \$5 ticket sold. The other \$2.50 goes to the State Council to fund the State Convention.

Brother Knights will be asked to sign for 10 tickets each to sell. They should return the cash and completed stubs clearly showing the name, address, telephone number of the person(s) purchasing the ticket(s) to project coordinator Brother Dick Bridges no later than April 26.

The initial response from Brother Knights has been very encouraging. Some 28 Knights signed up to sell 285 tickets at the Feb. 3 meeting. Another 15 signed up for another 155 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass Feb. 8.

Council 9709 will be selling the Vacation Raffle tickets at the annual Barbecue March 22 as well, but sales at the Barbecue were only 125 last year. That still leaves 135 tickets to be sold. Knights interested in helping sell the Council's quota of tickets can contact project coordinator Brother Dick Bridges directly at 806-3816 or via e-mail at rbridges1971@aol.com or wait to be contacted.

The annual Knights of Columbus State Council Vacation Raffle will be held Saturday, May 16, at the State Convention in New Bern. Ticket purchasers do not need to be present to win, and winners will be notified directly by the State Council and printed on the back of next year's raffle tickets, just like this year's. Last year's winners were Rober Ippolito of Shallotte for the Alaskan cruise and George Scheidle, also of Shallotte, for the Hawaiian vacation.

The Grand Prize this year is a 7-10 day Alaskan Cruise for two, including airfare and \$700 cash. Second prize is a seven-night, six day, Honolulu, Hawaii vacation for two, including airfare, a voucher for a Polynesian Cultural Center Dinner/Show, and \$500 cash. There are also five other consolation prizes, each of \$200 cash.

The \$5 purchase price of the ticket is not tax-deductible, and winners will need to pay applicable taxes, both federal and state, on winnings.



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