



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

**MARCH 22 BARBECUE TO BE BIGGEST EVER**

The biggest challenge in pulling off this year's annual barbecue event may well be the weather on March 22, but coming in a close second is advance ticket sales. Every Brother Knight is being asked to sell 10 advance tickets before the event. Advance sales are critical to having enough food on hand for the event. Tickets were distributed at the Masses on March 2 and at the March 4 business meeting.

There are incentives this year for people to purchase tickets in advance, which should make sales easier. Premium rib plates (\$10) will be available through advance purchase only, and pork barbecue or fried chicken plates will cost \$7.50 for advance purchase instead of \$8.50 at the door, a 12 percent discount. There is also a special Family Pack available through advance purchase for \$25. That package includes two barbecue plates, two children's plates and 16 snack/dessert tickets, a discount of 19 percent if the items were purchased separately or at the door. Each adult plate includes two sides and a drink. Children's hot dog plates with chips, a treat, and a drink cost \$3, and children under five will eat free.

Advance ticket sales will also be held at all Masses through March 21.

"While moving the barbecue to March to combine with the GIFT ground blessing has caused us to hasten the preparations, we can pull this off," said Brother Shawn Bayle, who is coordinating the event. "We are going to need 'all hands on deck' for volunteer work, however." Knights willing to work during the barbecue at any of the venues should contact Brother Bayle directly, sign up online on the Council's website [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org) or just show up and pitch in.

While a highlight of this year's annual barbecue will be the Growing in Faith Together Ground Blessing with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, there are enough other activities to make the event a day-long affair for attendees.

Indoor activities in Jacoba Hall will be similar to last year's. The Council will be conducting a "50-50" raffle, selling KofC State Convention Raffle tickets and manning a membership table to recruit new Knights. Volunteers will also be selling barbecue tickets at the door, and the ladies will be holding another bake sale.

Outdoors activities will include two large circus tents to house a St. Francis Ministry fair with free kids midway games and live entertainment. The entertainment tent will have seating for 320 at banquet tables and include a 24'x12' professional stage with a 16-channel, 560 watt sound system. There will also be the same activities as last year for children, including static displays by the National Guard, police, Sheriff and fire departments. There will also be popcorn, cotton candy, pretzels and soft drinks available for sale at these activities.

Money raised by the annual barbecue will be used to fund the Council's scholarship programs as well as other charitable activities. For 2008 the Council awarded some \$2,000 in scholarships and grants.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**11 a.m.-8 p.m.**

Food Service, Jacoba Hall

**11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**

Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Church

**12:45-1:15 p.m.**

Ground Blessing, TFS Parking Lot

**1:30-5:30 p.m.**

Midway Fair Games and Inflatables, National Guard, Police, Sheriff and Fire Departments Displays and Demonstrations, Athletic Field

**4:30-5:30 p.m.**

KofC Annual Soccer Challenge, Athletic Field

**Music Performances, Bingo, Special Guests,  
Athletic Field Tents:**

1:30-2:30 p.m.	John Angotti Concert
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Bingo Round #1
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Live Music in the Event Tent
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Bingo Round #2
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Live Rock Music in the Event Tent

**COUNCIL TABLES BY LAWS VOTE UNTIL APRIL**

Attendees at the March 3 business meeting voted to table the final vote on the new By Laws until the April 7 meeting to allow members more time for further review of the final draft. Eventual submission of the By Laws will bring the Council into full compliance with guidelines provided by Supreme. Currently, Supreme has no record of By Laws having ever been submitted by Council 9709.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

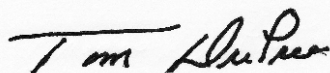
Greetings Brothers! Vivat Jesus!

On Sunday, March 22, our Council and the Parish will join together to celebrate the GIFT ground blessing. Much preparation and planning has been completed in order to fulfill our commitment. I would ask each Brother and family to mark their calendar. We need your full support in two areas: first and most CRITICAL, is the selling of BBQ tickets (which will be mailed to you and due back March 16); and second, your active participation is necessary on Sunday, March 22 at the event.

Please ask your wives to bake some goodies so that we can sell them during the celebration. Deliver them to Jacoba Hall on Sunday, March 22, after the morning Masses.

Our spring LAMB drive will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 3-5. As the budgets get cut, the needs stay the same or even greater. Won't you please mark your calendar and plan to work one or two shifts? These "Least Among Us" cannot take care of themselves. Your first principle is CHARITY. I expect to see each of you.

We are completing our RBC program. There are STILL VACANT SLOTS. Please volunteer to cover our commitment. Go to our website at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org) and sign up. Thanks!


**COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****March 2009**

- 14 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Mimi's Cafe, 6320 Plantation Dr
- 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
- 28 - Blood Drive, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Clare Hall
- 31 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**April 2009**

- 3-5 - Operation LAMB, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- 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.
- 17 - Parish Screening of "Bella," 6:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**May 2009**

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

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . OPERATION LAMB**

Operation LAMB is the single largest charitable activity conducted by the Knights of Columbus. Brother Knights in yellow aprons have been soliciting donations from passers by and doling out Tootsie Rolls since 1974.

Since its inception in 1974, the Operation LAMB program in North Carolina has raised more than \$16.6 million for the intellectually handicapped in the state. Thanks to the generosity of the state's residents, North Carolinian Knights raised over \$900,000 for fraternal year 2007-2008.

Brother Knights of Council 9709 solicit donations outside of grocery stores in the northwest Raleigh area. Last year the Council surpassed its goal and the grand total from any year previously by collecting over \$26,000. Eighty-five percent of what a Council collects is distributed to local charities. The remaining 15 percent is sent to the State where it is distributed to organizations supporting the intellectually handicapped in areas of North Carolina where no local Knights of Columbus Council exists.

A nonprofit foundation has been set up for the purpose of collecting and distributing funds. As a result of the foundation's status, donations to LAMB are fully tax deductible.

Council 9709 added its collection for 2007 to the coffers of Father Price Council 2546, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025, St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 and St. Raphael Council 9880 for distribution to local organizations in Raleigh. Charitable organizations are invited to apply for funds from the local Knights of Columbus Councils and make presentations to a panel with members from each Council represented.

A total of \$47,800 was distributed to ARC of Wake County, the Frankie Lemmon School and Development Center, Hilltop Home, Community Partnership Inc., the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities, the Wake Autism Society, Wake Enterprises and Learning Together.

Operation LAMB derives its name from Matthew 25:48: "whatsoever you do to the [L]east [A]mong [M]y [B]rethren, that you also do to me."

## FIRST WEEKEND FOR OPERATION LAMB IS APRIL 3-5

The first weekend for Operation LAMB this year will be April 3-5. Volunteers can sign up on the Council website at [www.kof9709.org](http://www.kof9709.org). The fall drive is currently slated for Oct. 2-4.

The North Carolina Knights of Columbus Council has set a goal of \$27,011 for Council 9709's Operation LAMB collection for 2009. All Saints Council collected a total of \$26,224 in 2008.

The state goal is \$1,071,979, and quotas by Council are assigned based upon membership, last year's contributions and a flat 1.03 percent increase applied to all Councils. Council 9709 started the fraternal year with 168 members and is included in the Division IV category made up of Councils with membership of 160 or higher. Of the 33 Councils assigned to this category, only six Councils have fewer members than All Saints, although only four Councils collected more than Council 9709 in 2008. The largest collection was by St. Matthew Council 10852 in Charlotte. That Council collected \$50,600 for 2008.

There are a total of 125 Councils participating in Operation LAMB this year, some 29 in Division III (91-159 members), 36 in Division II (51-90 members) and Division I (50 or less members).

## COUNCIL ON TRACK TO SELL 700 RAFFLE TICKETS

Thanks to some 57 volunteers to date, All Saints Council is on track to sell its quota of 700 State Vacation Raffle tickets by the deadline of May 1.

As of the March 3 business meeting, some 560 tickets had been distributed to Brother Knights for sale. Of those tickets some 63 have been sold, and the \$315 has been deposited into the Council's General Fund. The Council will sell raffle tickets at the March 22 barbecue at a booth in Jacoba Hall.

"Any Brother Knight who does not think he can sell the tickets he has should return those tickets to me before March 22," said Brother Dick Bridges, the Council's coordinator for the sale. "We sold 125 tickets at last year's barbecue, and we will make every effort to equal that figure this year, but we can't sell what we don't have."

The Council will retain \$2.50 for every ticket sold. Assuming the Council sells all 700 tickets, the State will realize \$1,750 and the Council \$1,750.

The drawing for the winners of the Alaskan cruise for two, Hawaiian vacation for two and five \$200 cash consolation prizes will occur Saturday, May 16 at the State Convention in New Bern.



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**INSURANCE**  
*Making a difference for life.*

This is the fourth and last of a series of articles covering KofC insurance products and what's new in 2009.

The economy is in recession. You have two kids about to enter college. Your wife does not work. You have enough in savings to survive, but who is going to pay that college tuition should you die in a car accident? You could

sure use some kind of insurance coverage for the next five or ten years. What's available?

Term insurance is purchased for a specific period of time and is in effect for the term of the policy. When the term ends, the coverage ends, although a policyholder does have the option of renewing the term policy or converting it to a permanent plan. Because the protection a Term policy offers is temporary, the premiums are less expensive than for a Whole Life insurance policy.

KofC insurance has a wide variety of Term products: Ultra Premier Non-Tobacco, Premier Non-Tobacco, Premier Tobacco (for people who smoke but are in good health) and Tobacco. Factors for qualification for a tier include height and weight, prescription medications being taken, family history, tobacco status, cholesterol levels, blood pressure, etc. There is an extra charge added to the rate for conditions such as diabetes.

KofC term insurance differs from most commercial insurance policies by guaranteeing conversion to whole life, should the policyholder so choose, without an extra charge for a rider. KofC insurance also does not include a "terrorist clause," which precludes payment in the event the policyholder dies as the result of a terrorist act.

KofC Insurance offers a variety of term life insurance products: Level Term Insurance (guaranteed premiums over the term of the policy); 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-year Term, and Decreasing Term Insurance (amount of coverage and premiums decrease over time). The cost per month of a 20-year policy for a 35-year-old male ranges from \$19.50 for Ultra Non-Tobacco to \$69.50 per month for Tobacco. A ten-year policy would be about half that.

As always, Council 9709's Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick is available to answer any questions at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or via e-mail at [Tim1002@earthlink.com](mailto:Tim1002@earthlink.com).

## COUNCIL 9709'S ANNUAL YOUTH FREE THROW CONTEST CONTINUES GROWTH

Some 32 boys and girls aged 10-14 participated in this year's All Saints Council Basketball Free Throw Contest Saturday, Feb. 7. That's up from 24 in 2008 and 18 in 2007. Boys and girls representing three KofC Councils, including Council 9709, participated.

Winners from St. Francis in the boys' competition included: \*Ben Zemonek, 10; \*Alex Royalty, 11; Chris Schnupper, 12; \*Kyle Unruh, 13; and Michael Schnupper, 14. Winners in the girls' competition were: \*Sophia Rumford, 10; \*Rachel Stefanic, 11; \*Gabby Wells, 12; \*Katie Magee, 13; and Lauren Velasco, 14.

"It's very rewarding to see the children enjoying the event and supporting their friends and competitors," said Brother Mike Wrzesien, Youth Committee Chair and event organizer. "The contest also allows Brother Knights to serve as positive role models for the youth in our community by promoting friendly competition."

Each child shot 25 free throws with the District(\*) winner being determined by the highest number made.

Nine Brother Knights and one wife supported the event: Akuro Adoki, Don Donaghy and wife Terry, John Izzo, Chris Mosakewicz, Dick Novacek, Bill Nowak, Kent Siefkes, Hadon Ware and Mike Wrzesien. District Deputy Hadon Ware presented medallions to the District(\*) winners.



Council 9709 Champions Back Row: (L-R) Katie McGee, Lauren Velascu, Brother Mike Wrzesien, Ben Zemonek, Alex Royalty, Kyle Schnupper. Front Row: (L-R) Sophia Rumsford, Rachel Stefano, Kyle Unruh and Chris Schnupper. Not pictured: Katie Wells.



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