



Knights of Columbus
All Saints Council 9709
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community
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COUNCIL DONATES \$33,358.03 TO CHARITY FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2008-2009

All Saints Council 9709 donated \$33,358.03 to various charitable activities during fraternal year 2008-2009.

The Council's major charity, like all other Councils of the Order, is Operation LAMB, which assists organizations engaged in serving the intellectually handicapped or "the [L]east [A]mong [M]y [B]rethren," (Matthew 25:40). Although run on a calendar year basis, the Council usually distributes monies collected during the first half of the year following the end of the calendar year. For calendar year 2008, the Council collected \$24,358.03. Some 85 percent of the money is distributed locally; the remaining 15 percent is distributed throughout the state in areas where no Councils exist. The Council has until June 30 to distribute monies for 2008 and is looking to combine its funds with other area Councils to ensure as many local agencies as possible can receive meaningful donations.

Other major donations included \$2,000 to refurbish the current facility of the USO at RDU Airport, \$1,500 to three seminarians under the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), a \$1,000-scholarship to a student from Cardinal Gibbons High School (CGHS) selected by the Council, a \$500 grant to The Franciscan School (TFS), a \$500 grant to the St. Francis Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC), \$500 to Affirming Life publication of the Raleigh Deanery, \$500 to Birthchoice, a \$200 grant to the Fr. David McBriar Justice and Peace Endowment Fund. In addition the Council approved another \$2,300 in miscellaneous charitable donations.

Funds raised during the annual Knights Barbecue have been dedicated for the past two years to the CGHS scholarship and the grants to TFS and ECLC. The Council will be advertising for two \$1,000 CGHS scholarships this year, and the intent is to double the TFS and ECLC grants for fraternal year 2009-2010 as well.

The Council's charitable work is also not limited to monetary donations. Besides money, Brothers have participated in a host of charitable activities this past year, contributing their time rather than dollars. Some of the major activities included the quarterly Adopt-A-Highway trash pick up along Leesville Road, the work associated with the USO facility mentioned above, the Operation Franciscan Vocation telethon, cooking and serving dinner to migrant workers at Our Lady of the Rosary in Louisburg, blood drives, the youth Soccer Challenges and Basketball Free Throw Contests.

2009-2010 OFFICERS ELECTED

Attendees at the June 2 business meeting elected the Council officers for fraternal year 2009-2010. Brother Tom DuPree will serve a second term as Grand Knight, Brother Dick Bridges will be the Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Kent Siefkes Chancellor, Brother Mike Wrzesien Warden, Brother Jerry Powell Treasurer, Brother Shawn Bayle Recorder, Brother Tommy Dalton Advocate, Brother Tim Dyer Inside Guard and Brother Bill Nowak Outside Guard.

The offices of Chaplain, Financial Secretary and Lecturer are appointed positions. Father Dave McBriar will continue as Chaplain, and Brother Dennis Kelleher as Financial Secretary. The position of Lecturer was vacant for Fraternal Year 2008-2009 and is still open. Trustees Dave Vogelpohl and Mike Darrow will advance one year into their three-year terms. Past Grand Knight and Past Trustee Ralph Guenther was nominated and elected to the Board of Trustees for a three-year term.

The Officer Installation Ceremony and potluck dinner will be held after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 27, in the Anthony Hall Founders Room. Attendees (A-G) should bring covered casserole dishes, (H-R) desserts and S-Z salads or appetizers.

JULY BUSINESS MEETING DATE CHANGED

Because of a scheduling conflict, Anthony Hall will not be available July 7 for the regularly scheduled first Tuesday of the month Council business meeting. The July business meeting will be held Thursday, July 9, in Anthony Hall at 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Greetings Brother Knights,

As we prepare to end another successful year, I want to give a SPECIAL thanks to ALL of the Brothers who have participated in our Council's activities by giving of their talent and time this past year. For those who have not been active, I would challenge you to find the time to join your Brothers. The rewards are priceless!

We have participated in many projects beginning with the State Organizational Meeting and ending with NC Special Olympics this Saturday. Our biggest event was the Council BBQ with the parish GIFT ground blessing; what an event!

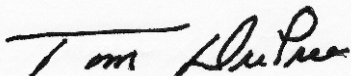
The LAMB program was very successful. Your Council ranked # 3 in the state.

One of my goals was increasing membership in the Order. We have done a good job, BUT, we can do better. Please take the time to ask men to experience how being a Brother Knight will enrich their family lives. We welcome our new Brothers.

Many Committee Chairs will be leaving their positions at the end of June. Brother Dick Bridges, DGK elect, and I would encourage our Brothers to share their talents in leadership for our Council in the coming year. Please join our team.

As Brothers, we are called to contribute our fair share of time and talent for the good of those less fortunate in society. Please recommit yourself. We are a GREAT organization.

It has been a privilege and honor to have served as your GK this year!


COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**June 2009**

- 6 - Third Degree Ceremony, Garner
- 6-7 - Special Olympics, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Triangle Aquatic Center, 275 Convention Drive
- 13 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 13 - Council Picnic, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m., Sandling Beach #5, Falls Lake
- 17 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 27 - Officers Installation Ceremony and Potluck, 6:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

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- 9 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- NOTE: MEETING IS ON THURSDAY NOT TUESDAY**
- 15 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 19 - Special Olympics Midsummer Tournament, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

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- 4 - Council Organizational Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 18 - Social Gathering, TBD
- 19 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . ANNUAL NC STATE COUNCIL CONVENTIONS

Annual KofC NC State Conventions occurring in odd-numbered years, such as 2009, are unique in that a new State Warden will be elected from among the members of the Order in North Carolina. The 89th Annual Convention in New Bern saw Fayetteville native Colin Jorsch elected to the position on Saturday, May 16. Barring any mishap, he will serve a total of 12 years as an active member of the State Council.

Traditionally, the State Officers serve two consecutive one-year terms and rotate up one position for another two consecutive terms. The Warden moves to Advocate, the Advocate to Treasurer, the Treasurer to Secretary, the Secretary to Deputy and the Deputy to Past State Deputy. The Past State Deputy serves more or less as a Council Trustee. In even-numbered Convention years, the officers traditionally are simply re-elected for their current positions.

The State Officers automatically go to the Annual Supreme Council Convention, which is being held this year in Phoenix, Ariz. Three other delegates and up to eight alternates are nominated and elected annually by the State Convention's voting membership to go or be ready to go to the Supreme Convention. This election occurs on Sunday following the election of State Officers. This year's slate of elected delegates included Regional District Deputy #2 John Nussbaum, who oversees District #9, which includes Council 9709.

The voting membership at the State Convention includes the two representatives from each Council, if present, properly credentialed and registered. They are identified to the State Deputy by the District Deputies responsible for those Councils. Regional District Deputies and District Deputies do not vote.

In addition to the elections, there are a host of award presentations and social events for delegates. Friday features the "Second-Half" Awards presentations, which are presented to Councils having submitted award applications in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Membership for programs conducted in the last six months of the current fraternal year. Saturday awards are presented for special category submissions. State and Supreme Council awards are also made Saturday.

Social activities included a luau on Friday, a Necrology Service on Saturday for Brother Knights who passed during the fraternal year, Mass and the main Banquet.

NUMBER OF DECEASED VETERANS HONORED AT MEMORIAL DAY MASS MORE THAN DOUBLES



The number of deceased veterans honored at the annual Memorial Day Mass May 25 in Jacoba Hall jumped to 186 this year, up 114 from 2008. Attendance also increased for the third straight year, totaling 96 this year versus 83 in 2008.

The Mass was started in 2005 under the sponsorship of Council 9709. The first three years it was held to coincide with Veterans Day on Nov. 11 and only included deceased veterans related to brother Knights. That year only eight deceased veterans were honored. Eligibility for enrollment was extended to all St. Francis parishioners in 2007. Last year, Fr. Mark asked the Council to move the Mass to Memorial Day because that holiday was intended specifically for deceased veterans.

"It's just the right thing to do," said Brother Jeff Rohman, who was inspired to start the tradition at St. Francis and with the All Saints Council. "And moving the Mass from Veterans Day to Memorial Day made sense too. Maybe the move increased the popularity as well. The enrollment number would certainly indicate that."

Parishioners are invited to enroll their deceased veteran relatives in the Memorial Book during Masses in May preceding Memorial Day by Council volunteers. The veterans' names enrolled during the current year are read at the Mass to honor their memory, although the Memorial Book with all names is present at the Mass.



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INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

Most life insurance costs the policyholder, but a Brother Knight and his wife have a free automatic Fraternal Benefit in the event of accidental death. Upon the death of any member or his spouse within 90 days of an injury resulting from an accident (with some restrictions), the Order pays a \$2,500 death benefit to the heirs of the deceased. While there is no charge for this coverage, it does require that the Knight be a member in good standing, current in his dues and of a Council that is in good standing. The coverage is provided on a 24-hour per day basis anywhere in the world and whether on or off the job. A member's spouse retains her coverage after the member's death.

There is also a Family Fraternal Benefit associated with Knighthood. While some of these benefits do carry a premium, they are unmatched in the insurance industry. There are five distinct benefits. First, a Knight can purchase a \$5,000 life insurance plan at standard rates for his uninsurable or rated newborn child provided the application is made before the child is 61 days old. This means that should a child born with a potentially terminal illness, the member can still purchase life insurance for the child. Second, a member can purchase a \$5,000 life insurance plan at a rated premium for his uninsurable child between the ages of 61 days and 18 years. Thirdly, he can purchase a \$5,000 life insurance policy at standard rates for an intellectually handicapped child who is otherwise in good health between the ages of three and 18 years. Fourth, KofC Insurance will pay a \$1,500 death benefit to the family when a child dies less than 61 days after birth. Fifth, KofC Insurance will pay a \$750 death benefit to the family when a child is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception. (The Order affirms that life begins at conception; however, the law requires a certified death certificate for the stillborn child, which is only issued after the 20th week.) To be eligible for these benefits, the member must be in good standing with his Council, and at least one parent must be insured under an individual KofC certificate.

And, if both a Knight and his spouse die before their child is 19, the Orphan Fraternal Benefit is available. To be eligible for this benefit, the orphan's father must have been in good standing at the time of death, at least one parent must have been covered under a KofC certificate and the child must be covered under a KofC certificate. The benefits include a payment of \$80 per month to help support the eligible orphan until he or she reaches the age of 19, graduates from high school, enters military service, marries, discontinues KofC Insurance or no longer attends school. In the event of a disabling illness that prevents school attendance, the benefit remains in effect, and if the orphan attends college or a vocational/technical school full time, the benefit is extended up until the child is 23. In addition, the child may be eligible for up to \$1,750 each year in educational grants. Grants are based upon financial need and cannot exceed a maximum of \$7,000 over a four-year period.

Council 9709's own field agent Tim Kilpatrick can provide additional details at 847-3799(H), 880-3463(C) or via e-mail at Tim1002@earthlink.com.

COUNCIL TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES

Council 9709 will again support the North Carolina Special Olympics Summer Games this year, marking its third year of hosting the awards ceremonies at the games at multiple venues around Raleigh.

Brother Knights and their family members will be supporting the Summer Games Aquatics event this year the weekend of June 6-7 at the Triangle Aquatics Center in Cary. The Summer Games includes a host of competitions across the Raleigh area, including track and field, gymnastics, power lifting, softball and volleyball as well as swimming. The Knights of All Saints Council will work the Aquatics Awards Ceremonies only.

“The Knights know the importance of ceremony and the 'pomp and circumstance' of the events,” said Andrea Stamm, a lead Special Olympics staff coordinator of the events. “I, for one, really appreciate their participation.”

Brother Knights will also be on hand to conduct the awards ceremonies at the North Carolina Special Olympic Midsummer Games at three bowling venues in the Raleigh area on July 19: AMF Pleasant Valley, Buffalo Lanes Cary and Buffalo Lanes North. Knights and/or family members interested in participating in the awards ceremonies should contact the Council 9709 coordinator for the venue at which they wish to work. Brother Hadon Ware (341-4586/623-4839 or skhewsr@yahoo.com) will be coordinating the AMF Pleasant Valley site, Brother Dick Bridges (806-3816/323-0019 or rbridges1971@aol.com) the Buffalo Lanes Cary site and Brother Jerry Cucurullo (846-2085/601-1270 or cucurullo7@yahoo.com) the Buffalo Lanes North site.

Some 12-15 people are needed at each site for the ceremonies. The work does not require a lot of physical effort, and much of the work can be accomplished sitting down. Lunch is also provided.

“I don't know of anyone who has worked one of these venues who has gone away without feeling rather special themselves,” said Brother Cucurullo, who got the Council involved in the Special Olympics. “It's truly rewarding.”

COUNCIL 9709 WELCOMES THREE MORE TO ITS RANKS

All Saints Council 9709 welcomed three more new Knights into its ranks at a First Degree Ceremony held in conjunction with the June 2 business meeting, bringing its total recruitment efforts this fraternal year to 14 new members. Unfortunately, the efforts will still leave the Council short by four new members for the Father McGivney Award for new membership and Star Council status for fraternal year 2008-2009. The Council also remains short of the Founders Award for new insurance members by two, although it did recruit three new insurance members during the year.

Members attending the June 2 business meeting also voted to accept transfer Third Degree Knight Norman J. Tuomi from Missouri. Transfers do not count toward fulfillment of the Father McGivney Award. The members also voted to accept one other new candidate who was unable to attend the June 2 ceremony.

Council 9709's membership as of the June 2 business meeting stands at 184, which means its goal for Star Council status for fraternal year 2009-2010 will be nine new members and five new insurance members. Councils with more than 100 members are required to bring in five percent new members and 2.5 percent new insurance members for a fraternal year to earn Star Council status.

BUDGET FORMULATION MEETING SET FOR JUNE 8

Trustee Dave Vogelpohl announced at the June 2 business meeting that the Trustees and Officers would be meeting Monday, June 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Anthony Hall Conference Room to draw up the Council budget for fraternal year 2009-2010. Anyone interested in attending this meeting is welcome.

The annual budget will be presented at the July business meeting and be voted at the August organizational meeting.



Grand Knight Tom DuPree (third from left) welcomes new Knights (L-R) Raymond Hang, Frank Lewek and Dave Himberger to the Council after the June 2 First Degree Ceremony.