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**COUNCIL TO VOTE \$43,875 BUDGET IN AUGUST**

Attendees at the Council's August 4 Organizational Meeting will vote the Council's fraternal year 2009-2010 annual budget of \$43,875, the largest budget in Council history and the first time the budget has topped \$40,000.

Charity remains the largest disbursement category for the budget with over 25 percent already earmarked for existing programs. The Council will use most of the profits from the annual barbecue to endow The Franciscan School with \$1,000, the Early Childhood Learning Center with \$1,000, and Cardinal Gibbons High School with two \$1,000 scholarships. Birth Choice will receive \$1,500, which is three times what the Council contributed in 2008-2009. The Council will continue to support three seminarians under the Refund Vocations Support Program at \$500 each. Some \$500 has been budgeted for the USO, and another \$500 has been set aside for the Wounded Warrior Program that sends wounded soldiers home for the holidays. The budget also commits some \$3,000 to Divine Mercy Radio, the local Raleigh AM-radio program, and some \$2,000 to Room at the Inn, a KofC-run home for college women where they can carry their babies to term while continuing their studies. In addition, there is over \$2,000 that has been allocated to support anticipated Supreme and State assessments for charitable activities.

For the first time, the budget also contains line items for capital expenditures, some \$1,500 for display cabinets for the Council's awards and \$2,000 for future space requirements.

The biggest increases in revenue were for the annual barbecue and the RBC Center concession stand sales. The barbecue should be a bigger event this year as it will occur in May in conjunction with the Growing in Faith Together Dedication Ceremony. The income from the RBC Center concession stand sales for fraternal year 2008-2009 was \$9,729.27, more than twice what was budgeted. The 2009-2010 budget only shows anticipated revenue from the RBC Center activity as \$7,000, but if the Hurricanes go to the playoffs again, more revenue could be realized.

The Council enters fraternal year 2009-2010 with a reserve of over \$14,500, which is not included in the budget figure above, so there is plenty of room to do even more.

**AUGUST 4 MEETING TO FEATURE COOKOUT AND PRIZES**

The August 4 business meeting will be preceded by a cookout and round-robin presentations by new Committee Chairmen beginning at 6:00 p.m. The food will be served at 6:30 p.m., and gift certificates to local restaurants and other prizes will be raffled off around 7:30 p.m. The regular business meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Knights will have a chance to socialize as well as sign up with new Council Committee chairmen. Brother Kent Siefkes will continue as chairman of the Community Committee, Brother Tim Stevens will chair the Council Committee, Brother Mike Wrzesien will continue as chairman of the Youth Committee, and Brother Dave Vogelpohl will head up the LAMB campaign. Chairmen for the Membership, Church and Community Committees had not been finalized as of the deadline for the newsletter.

**JULY 19 SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLING COMPETITION POSTPONED**

The bowling competition for the North Carolina Special Olympics Midsummer Tournament July 18-19 has been postponed until December because of budget shortfalls and may not occur in Raleigh as originally planned.

"The state-level bowling competition will be held in December 2009 in the form of two regional one-day events," said North Carolina Special Olympics President and CEO Keith L. Fishburne in an e-mail June 10 to supporting staff and organizations. "A city in eastern North Carolina and one towards the western part of the state will be chosen as hosts."

North Carolina Special Olympics is facing a 19 percent deficit in funding for 2009 including some \$200,000 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services that was eliminated from the State budget.

Council 9709 had been slated to conduct the awards ceremonies at three sites in the Raleigh area and may still be involved in December depending on where the event is held in eastern North Carolina.

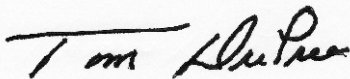
**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you and your family are having a wonderful summer together. Our officers and committee chairs have been busily working on the Council budget for the 2009-2010 fraternal year. It will be voted at the August 4 business meeting. I will also share our 2009-2010 goals and objectives for our Council at our August meeting.

Our annual Council kick-off for the coming year will be August 4 with a cookout on the patio off the Founder's Room. The cookout will begin at 6 p.m., and the business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Officers and Committee Chairs will be available to answer questions about programs for the coming year. This is one of the most important meetings of the year. If you are recruiting a future Brother, please bring him to our cookout and meeting to find out what we are about. We will also have raffle prizes for those attending.

I am still in need of volunteers for committees and special projects. If you would be interested in sharing your time and talent on behalf of your Council, please contact me at 302-5550. We are also still in need of your support for the Durham Bulls beer sales, which supports our Council's charitable programs. Please go to our Council website: [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org) and sign up. Thanks for your help in this worthwhile program!


**COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****July 2009**

- 15 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., O'Charley's, 8115 Brier Creek Parkway
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**August 2009**

- 4 - Council Cookout/Organizational Meeting, 6 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

**September 2009**

- 1 - Labor Day
- 8 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 12 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 16 - Abbotswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 20 - Migrant Ministry Dinner, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Louisburg
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . FATHERS FOR GOOD**

**Fathers for Good** is an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus that seeks to guide men in the great adventure of fatherhood and provide the resources, tools and encouragement they need to become the fathers they were meant to be. The initiative provides expert advice and solicits input from website visitors on the journey to becoming authentic Fathers for Good. The program was instituted under the premise that there is a role that only a father can fill and only gifts a father can give. In a culture that

often does not favor fatherhood or masculine virtue, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council wanted to highlight the unique contributions of men, husbands and fathers. The initiative also welcomes wives who want to support their husbands in becoming the best fathers that they can be.

On the **Fathers for Good** website at [www.fathersforgood.org](http://www.fathersforgood.org), visitors can find videos on the marriage vocation, podcasts from experts, stories from everyday fathers, inspiration, ways to strengthen a marriage, expert advice, answers to frequently asked questions, interactive features, a forum for fathers' stories and how to live the fatherhood vocation and a St. Joseph booklet series. Copies of the St. Joseph booklet series "A Life of Prayer, A Life of Virtue and A Man of God" can be ordered free on the website.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson says of the program: "As Christians, we know that fatherhood is a gift, a privilege and a responsibility, and that the way in which we accept this gift, acknowledge this privilege and act upon this responsibility will determine the ways in which we will build up the good of our families and our communities.

"Like marriage itself, fatherhood is a vocation; it is that special place where we find who we have been called to be. By being faithful to our calling as husbands and fathers we are ultimately being faithful to ourselves.

"Fathers for Good—like fatherhood itself—is a work in progress. And it is a work in which we can all learn from each other. We hope that in the days to come you share with us your experiences, insights and suggestions. And that Fathers for Good will become a valued resource for you and your family."



## DEADLINE FOR CARDINAL GIBBONS SCHOLARSHIP SET FOR JULY 31

Council 9709 will be offering two \$1,000 scholarships this year for students at Cardinal Gibbons High School. The deadline for applications is July 31, and the recipients will be announced in August.

All students from Cardinal Gibbons High School are encouraged to apply, although students from St. Francis and of parents of Brother Knights will receive extra consideration. The scholarships are merit-based and will be awarded on the basis of a student's academic, athletic and civil service achievements. Applications can be obtained by calling Brother Michael Darrow at 957-1159 or via e-mail at [autofindr@aol.com](mailto:autofindr@aol.com).

All Saints Council awarded its first \$1,000 scholarship in 2008 and decided to double the number of scholarships to be offered based upon increased receipts from the annual barbecue. The Council's endowments to the St. Francis Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) and The Franciscan School (TFS) were also doubled for fraternal year 2009-2010 to \$1,000 each. ECLC and TFS distribute those funds to students on a needs basis.

## OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY MOVED TO AUGUST 22

Council 9709 will wait until after 5:30 Mass on Saturday, August 22, to install its new officers for fraternal year 2009-2010. The unusual delay is the result of vacation dates for the newly elected officers and the scheduling availability of Anthony Hall. The original date for the ceremony had been June 27.

Brother Knights and their families are invited to the ceremony and to join the officers in a potluck dinner afterwards. Attendees (A-G) should bring covered casserole dishes, (H-R) desserts and (S-Z) salads or appetizers.



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## FOURTEEN KNIGHTS SUPPORT NC STATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Some 14 Knights, five wives and two grandchildren worked the Awards Ceremony at the 2009 North Carolina State Special Olympics swimming venue June 6-7 at Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary.

“Once we got started, it seemed like just a steady stream of awardees thereafter,” said Council coordinator Jerry Cucurullo. Volunteers presented awards to some 656 contestants on Saturday and 415 on Sunday. Contestants participated in both individual and relay team events, and many of the contestants participated in more than one race. There were some 146 races run with a total of 293 heats, 184 on Saturday and 109 on Sunday. Some 76 of the races were run on Saturday and 70 on Sunday.

It was a long day. Most of the volunteers showed up at 7:30 a.m. and worked until about 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and just after noon Sunday. Volunteers worked as runners, escorts, awards presenters, awards tray organizers and bearers and announcers. Council 9709 was also assisted by an equal number of other volunteers.

Special thanks to Brothers Jerry Cucurullo\* and wife Irene\*, Dick Bridges, Frank Crocco, Don Donaghy and wife Terry, Jack Fallon\*, Ralph Guenther\*, Mike Hoover and wife Karen, Joe Kane and wife Mary, Joe Mesa\*, John Moster, Kent Siefkes, Richard Szulewski, Jeff Szymendera,\* grandson Brandon Szymendera (Saturday) and granddaughter Jessica Szymendera (Sunday); and Dave Vogelpohl\* and wife Ann. Knights and family members marked with an asterisk worked both Saturday and Sunday.



(L-R) Mary Kane, Terry Donaghy, Irene Cucurullo, and Ann Vogelpohl prepared awards trays at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary.

## RBC CENTER SEASON BRINGS IN \$9,729.27

Brother Ralph Guenther reported at the July 7 business meeting that the Council had realized a total of \$9,729.27 in revenue for its work at the RBC Center concession stands this past season. That amount was over 50 percent more than what the Council earned last season, which increase is due at least in part to the Hurricanes getting into the playoffs.

“We had 25 new people join us this year,” said Brother Guenther. “Along with the 28 experienced people, we had a total of 53, which is a welcome improvement over last season when only 36 people were involved.”

Brother Guenther also reported that the average take per game was about \$237.30 and that the participants had put in a total of 955 hours of work, which averages out to about \$10.19 an hour.

## DURHAM BULLS REVENUE LAGGING

Blame it on the weather, poor game attendance or the new location for the Council's Durham Bulls beer sales activity, but Council 9709 has only made some \$512.36 after seven games, not including tips. Projected total revenue for this season based upon current payments is only about \$1,318, well below the \$3,040 last season.

Tip revenue is also off. For the same seven games, the Council has only realized some \$303.75 in tips. Last year the Council pulled in some \$1,266 in tips.

“At the end of the season, we will review our participation for next year,” said Brother Mike Wrzesien, who coordinates the activity for the Council. “I am hopeful that the sales figures will improve, but we'll see.”

Volunteers are still needed to work games into September. Brother Knights can sign up on the Council's website at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org).

## 12-MONTH COUNCIL CALENDAR ON WEBSITE

The complete calendar for Council 9709's activities for fraternal year 2009-2010 is now posted on the Council website at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org).

The major missing events at the moment are the RBC Center dates; however, they will be added as soon as the contract is signed. Brother Knights having questions about dates or events or wishing to make necessary changes should contact Brother Bridges directly by e-mail at [rbridges1971@aol.com](mailto:rbridges1971@aol.com).