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## COUNCIL-SPONSORED WHEELCHAIR VETS WIN GOLD

Each of the three veterans supported by Knights of Columbus Councils in the Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 footprint brought home a gold medal from the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games held in Spokane, Wash., from July 13-18.

"I had a blast, but getting a medal was like icing on the cake," said George Ramsey, 55, an Army veteran from Statesville, N.C. He won a gold medal in the Nine-Ball and a bronze in the Basketball competition.

Teammates from the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center Lloyd Kelso, 50, from Lucama, won the 1,500-Meter Wheelchair race and took bronze in the 200-Meter competition, and Glenn McClary, 49, from Jacksonville, took gold in the Hand-Cycling competition as well as a bronze in Nine-Ball. The trip to Spokane was the first for Ramsey and McClary. This was Kelso's second year of competition.

Kendra Monden, Chief of Recreation Therapy at the Durham facility, came to Durham from Washington, D.C., and introduced the program last year. While many VA centers do not participate, Monden hopes to help more veterans get involved.

"We want to grow," said Monden. According to McClary, Puerto Rico had 17 participants at the Games, and Monden said California and Texas typically bring more than double that.

Transportation and lodging costs must either be borne by the participants or covered by sponsors. Council 9709 approved a donation of \$250 at its May 5 business meeting as one of the area Councils pledging to support the program. Grand Knight Tom DuPree met Monden while running the Assembly's once-a-quarter bingo games at the VA Center, heard of the program and went to the Bishop McGuinness Assembly to solicit support. An additional \$1,575 pledged by other Councils as well as some \$450 in personal donations more than covered the athletes' expenses of \$2,246.01. Other participating Councils included Father Price Council 2546, Father Parker Council 9365, St. Raphael Council 9880, Msgr. Lou Morton Council 10892, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025, St. Luke Council 12455, Father James D. Campbell Council 13511, Rev. Joseph McNamara Council 14422 and Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778.

Next year's Wheelchair Games will be held in July in Denver, Colo.

## COUNCIL 9709 PLACES 5<sup>th</sup> IN STATE RAFFLE TICKET SALES

All Saints Council 9709 was the 5<sup>th</sup> highest seller of North Carolina State Vacation Raffle Tickets for fraternal year 2008-2009. The Council sold 675 raffle tickets.

State Raffle Ticket Chairman Dan Lange made the announcement Saturday, July 25, at the State Organizational Meeting in Charlotte.

"All in all, we did really well," Chairman Lange told attendees. North Carolina Councils sold a total of 27,452 tickets. The State Council received \$2.50 from each ticket sold, and the selling Councils kept the remaining \$2.50 for each \$5 ticket. Council 9709 realized some \$1,687.50 from its raffle ticket sales.

The top four sellers in North Carolina were Council 10910 in Chapel Hill with 1,040; Council 939 in Greensboro with 1,027; Council 10852 in Charlotte with 863 and Council 3303 in New Bern with 824.



(L-R standing) Bishop McGuinness Assembly Comptroller Donald Dubois, Durham VA Center representative Kendra Monden and Grand Knight Tom DuPree congratulated the Center's three sponsored wheelchair veterans, (L-R seated) Lloyd Kelso, Glenn McClary and George Ramsey, July 20 at the Brier Creek Hampton Residence Inn upon their return from Spokane, Wash. The truck is Kelso's.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

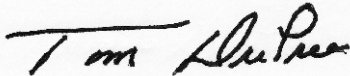
Greetings, Brother Knights!

Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year to be the Year of the Priest. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has also declared this year to be the Year of the Volunteer. Our Worthy State Deputy David Jones has adopted as this year's motto for the Order in North Carolina: "Live, laugh and love your Church, your Family, Yourself and the Knights of Columbus." My goals this year are to support these worthy themes and achieve Star Council status.

We will work with the Parish on how best to honor our Priests, but at a minimum we will dedicate a decade of the Rosary at each meeting to our Priests.

As regards the Volunteer of the Year, I would ask that each of you dedicate yourselves to becoming a "24-Hour Knight" by devoting 12 hours a year to reading the weekly Parish Bulletin, the State and Council newsletters and visiting the Supreme, State and Council websites; volunteering three hours at a Council charitable activity, such as Operation LAMB; spending two hours attending Council religious activities with your family; giving two hours of your time to a Council-sponsored program activity; participating in one Council meeting (one hour of credit); and spending four hours enjoying one or more Council social functions with your family.

I believe that if you honestly dedicate yourself to being a "24-Hour Knight," you will live, laugh and love your Church, your Family, Yourself and the Knights of Columbus, and we will achieve Star Council status or better. Vivat Jesus!


**COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****August 2009**

- 18 - Social Gathering, Manchester's Grill, 2121 TW Alexander Dr
- 19 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 22 - Officer Installation, 6:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm.
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm.

**September 2009**

- 8 - First Degree/Business Meeting, 7 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 12 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Parking Lot
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 16 Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 19 - Operation LAMB Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Jacoba Hall
- 20 - Migrant Ministry Dinner, 7:30 a.m., Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Louisburg
- 26 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 3498, Burlington
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm.

**October 2009**

- 2-4 - Operation LAMB, Friday, 3-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., See website for locations
- 6 - First Degree/Business Meeting, 7 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 21 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd.
- 24 - 4th Degree Exemplification, Sheraton Imperial Suites, Durham
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm.

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . COMMITTEES**

Underpinning all Councils' Service Programs is the theme of the Knights of Columbus as a "Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization." The KofC's concept of "Surge . . . with Service" comes from that theme and is the guide for all Committee work within a Council. There are six Committees typically: Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Membership. The Grand Knight appoints a Program Director to oversee the first five committees and oversees the Membership Committee personally. The Membership Committee is further subdivided into a Recruitment Committee, a Retention Committee and the Insurance Promotion Committee.

For fraternal year 2008-2009, Council 9709's Church Committee sponsored the Refund Seminarian Vocations Program, participated in the Operation Franciscan Vocations drive and sponsored a series of talks by Fr. Dave McBriar for Knights and the men of the Parish.

For fraternal year 2008-2009, the Community Committee sponsored the Abottswood Seniors Poker games, the Adopt-A-Highway program, the semi-annual blood drives, participation in the March for Life and other Pro-Life activities, a Migrant Ministry dinner, participation in the North Carolina Special Olympics and the USO construction project,

For the past fraternal year, the Council Committee organized and ran the Annual Barbecue, the fund-raising events at the RBC Center and the Durham Bulls Athletic Park and named the Knights of the Month.

The Family Committee sponsored the monthly Social Gatherings, the Christmas party, the screening of the movie "Bella" for the Council and named the Families of the Month.

The Youth Committee supported Scouting activities as well as hosts the annual Youth Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Contest. It also runs the Council's Scholarship Program.

In Council 9709, the Program Director is traditionally the Deputy Grand Knight, who also serves within the Membership Committee as the Chairman of the Retention Committee, whose membership includes the three Trustees. The Recruitment Committee is made up of the Membership Committee Chairman and at least three other Brothers to form two two-man teams. Council 9709's Recruitment Committee is typically larger than what National prescribes. The Insurance Promotion Committee is usually headed by the local KofC Field Agent.

## AREA COUNCILS DONATE \$43,923.03 FOR OPERATION LAMB

Five area Councils combined their Operation LAMB resources to donate some \$43,923.03 at the end of June to eight local charities serving people with intellectual disabilities in Raleigh.

Father Price Council 2546, All Saints Council 9709, Saint Raphael Council 9880, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025 and Saint Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 had collected some \$51,674.14 total. Some 15 percent of what Councils collect is kept at the State level to assist agencies operating in areas where no Knights of Columbus Councils exist. Council 9709 was the largest contributor among area Councils in 2008 (and third in the State of North Carolina), having collected \$24,358.03, of which \$20,176.48 was distributed locally.

Local agencies receiving funds include the Frankie Lemmon School, the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities, the Hilltop Home, Wake Enterprises, The Arc of Wake County, the Wake County Autism Society, Community Partnerships Inc., and Learning Together.

Council 9709 will sponsor a breakfast for the donors and recipients Saturday, Sept. 19, in Jacoba Hall, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All Council members are invited to attend and hear from recipients themselves how important the annual Operation LAMB drive is for them.

Operation LAMB is run on a calendar basis, and the economy has probably affected donations to date. So far, Council 9709 has only collected some \$6,624.54 for 2009.

The next Operation LAMB collection will take place from Oct. 2-4. The Council will be soliciting donations at the Walmarts at Brier Creek, on Glenwood Avenue and the new store in Morrisville. The Council will also be at the Sam's Club in Morrisville, the Kroger's stores at Creedmoor and Strickland and Creedmoor and Lynn, the Harris Teeter at Stonehenge, and the Lowes Food at Brier Creek. Volunteers can sign up online at the Council's website [www.9709kofc.org](http://www.9709kofc.org) beginning in early September.

Operation LAMB is derived from Matthew 25:40: "Whatsoever you do to the [L]east [A]mong [My] [B]rethren, that you do unto me." Since its inception in 1974, the Operation LAMB program of North Carolina has raised over \$17.5 million to assist citizens of North Carolina with intellectual disabilities.



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The economy is not doing well, and no one knows it better than someone who all of a sudden finds himself temporarily out of work. If your budget's income is not sufficient to meet your expenses, you are likely looking for items to cut to help you live within your means until things improve. What should you do about your life insurance?

If you are paying on a term insurance policy, you could eliminate that expense from your budget. The downside to that decision, however, is that should you suddenly die in an accident, your family will have nothing.

If you are paying on a whole life insurance policy, you might stop payments and simply accept the paid-up face value of your insurance policy. You will have a fixed amount of insurance in reserve, although it will be far less than the face value of the policy you originally purchased. You could also simply take the cash value of the policy in a lump-sum payment, although you need to consider the amount of tax you will have to pay on the accrued dividends and interest on your policy. And, once again, you would have nothing to protect your family. You could also borrow on the cash value you have. Interest rates on such loans are normally better than what you could get on other loans. While you maintain the face value of the purchased policy, should you die prematurely, whatever you borrowed must be paid back prior to the distribution of the policy's proceeds to your family.

Should you drop life insurance coverage and desire to reinstate an insurance policy once things get better for you, remember that when you first bought the policy you cancelled, you were younger and in better health, considering actuarial tables. When you buy a new policy, your premiums will be higher, and should your health have declined, you may not even be eligible for life insurance.

Also remember why you bought that life insurance policy to begin with—to protect your family in the event that you died prematurely. In many respects, your life insurance policy is more important than house or automobile insurance. You can always buy a new house or new car. Your family cannot buy a new you.

There are other options available as well, especially for KofC Insurance Policyholders. Before you do something you may regret, talk with your KofC Field Agent. He can help you find the best solution to your situation and lay out the options available to you. Council 9709's Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick is always available at 847-3799(H), 880-3463(C) or via e-mail at [Tim1002@earthlink.com](mailto:Tim1002@earthlink.com).

## **SUPREME SETS COUNCIL'S STAR AWARD QUOTA FOR 2009-2010**

Council 9709 will have to add at least 13 new members and five insurance members during fraternal year 2009-2010 to achieve Star Council status. Supreme established these quotas based upon the Council's current membership of 188.

The figure of 13 could go up depending on the number of Brother Knights in the Council who choose not to pay their annual dues and forfeit their membership. To date two members have indicated they will resign, which will make the membership goal at least 15. Some 53 Brother Knights are receiving a second notice with regard to paying their dues for the fraternal year. On the plus side, Brother John Ward reactivated his membership in July from Virginia to Council 9709 and counts as a plus one.

A Council can achieve Star Council status by meeting the requirements for the Colombian Award, the Father McGivney Award and the Founders Award. The Colombian Award is presented to a Council that conducts and reports to Supreme at least four major involvement programs in each of the five sections of the Service Programs: Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth activities. The Father McGivney Award is presented for showing a net increase in membership of five percent for Councils with memberships over 100. A Council can get the Founders Award by achieving a net increase in insurance members of 2.5 percent for Councils over 100.

Double Star Awards are also possible for Councils that achieve twice their quotas. Council 9709 received a Double Star Award in 2007 for fraternal year 2006-2007 when it met double the requirement for membership.

In a note in the July Tarheel Knight, former State Deputy John Gouldie reported that statewide, the Knights of Columbus recruited some 993 new Knights for fraternal year 2008-2009, which by percentage made North Carolina 7th in the Continental United States and 12th worldwide. Two of 29 Districts made "All Star" status, meaning that all Councils within those Districts achieved Star Council status. Some 13 Councils of 122 statewide met the requirements for Double Star Council status, 42 Councils achieved Star Status, 60 will receive the Father McGivney Award and 47 the Founders Award. Council 9709 came up short on both the membership and insurance member goals, although, as always, it exceeded the requirements for the Colombian Award for service.

## **COUNCIL RECEIVES RBC CENTER BONUS**

All Saints Council 9709 has received a \$710 bonus check from the RBC Center for its work at concession stands for the 2008-2009 Hurricanes season. Some \$410 of that is for the regular season, and the remaining \$300 comes from the Council's work during the playoffs.

"This was a pleasant surprise," said Council coordinator Brother Ralph Guenther. "The additional \$710 brings the Council's total earnings to \$10,439.27, almost \$4,000 more than last year."

The Council will continue working the RBC Center for the 2009-2010 season. The 30-event contract will be negotiated in August. Most events will be Hurricanes games, but the Council will likely also work some NC State basketball games and one or more entertainment events as well.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO AWARD TWO \$1,000 GRANTS**

All Saints Council 9709's Scholarship Committee will meet in early August to evaluate some 15 applications received for two \$1,000 scholarships for Cardinal Gibbons High School students. The two winners will be announced at the September business meeting. Last year, there were nine applicants.

Scholarship Chairman Mike Darrow will lead the Committee made up of Brothers Jerry Cucurullo, Kent Siefkes, Joe Mesa and Mike Wrzesien in evaluating applicants on a 100-point scale. Points are awarded for GPA, references and the student's contributions in the areas of charity, community and church. Ten points are awarded automatically to applicants whose fathers are Knights.

The Council's Scholarship Program awarded its first \$1,000 scholarship to Kristen Murray, daughter of Brother Mike and wife Linda, in October 2008. Checks for \$500 each were also presented to the Early Childhood Learning Center and the Franciscan School for needs-based grants at the same time.

Funds generated from the annual barbecue are dedicated to the Scholarship Program, and based upon the success of the barbecue in March this year, the officers recommended doubling the scholarships to be awarded for this year. The \$4,000 was approved as part of the fraternal year 2009-2010 budget at the August 4 business meeting.