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COUNCIL BARBECUE SET FOR MAY 22

All Saints Council 9709 will hold its annual barbecue Sunday, May 22, in Clare Hall and the new Community Center. Food service will run from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and activities will go from 1-5:30 p.m.

This year's barbecue is being planned as the biggest yet for the Council with an overall operating budget of nearly \$17,000 and a projected net profit of \$5,200. All proceeds from the barbecue will be applied to the Catholic Education Fund. The Council only distributed some \$3,500 from the 2010 barbecue, down from the proceeds realized in 2009.

Meals offered presently include a barbecue plate of pork and fried chicken with four sides and a drink for \$10 for advance ticket sales. The plate will cost \$11 the day of the barbecue. Children over five can have a hot dog plate with chips, a drink and a treat for \$3. Children five and under will, as always, eat for free. Families with children have package options as well. The "Silver" family package includes two barbecue meals, two hot dog plates and eight on-site activity tickets for \$25, a 21 percent discount over purchase the day of the barbecue. The "Gold" package includes the "Silver" package plus two "Kidz Zone" passes, all for \$35, a discount of 24 percent from day of event purchase prices. The "Platinum" package includes the "Gold" package and four St. Francis of Assisi T-shirts at a cost of \$55, a discount of 36 percent over purchase the day of the barbecue. Tickets will be advertised for purchase online as well at www.kofc9709.com/BBQ.

There will be two "Kidz Zone" areas, one for older children and one for preschool children. Passes for those zones will be required for entry. The activity tickets can be used to purchase baked goods at a bake sale, used books at a used book sale, bingo, raffles, etc. Knights are asked to consider donations for the bake sale as well as the used book sale. Baked goods can be delivered the day of the barbecue. Used books can be dropped off in the Stewardship Room at Church in the box labeled for the KofC book sale.

There will also be a Cupcake Competition for bakers. Rules are on the website.

Brothers have been issued tickets to sell to friends and relatives, and stubs and money should be back to Brother Bayle no later than May 15.



More than 2,000 parishioners attended last year's annual Knights of Columbus Barbecue held at the Church Sunday, April 25, 2010, in conjunction with the Church's GIFTFEST.

COUNCIL TO HOST 2ND DEGREE ON JUNE 2

The District #9 2nd Degree Team will hold a 2nd Degree Ceremony on Thursday, June 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anthony Hall Founders Room. All 1st Degree Knights interested in taking their second step toward full Knighthood should notify Team Coordinator Brother Dick Bridges by phone at 806-3816 or e-mail at rbridges1971@aol.com no later than May 27.

This will be the fifth 2nd Degree Ceremony held this year by the new District #9 Team. All members of the Team are from Council 9709, although the Team is chartered to the District. The Team was certified in September 2010 and has inducted some 42 Knights into the 2nd Degree, including 12 from All Saints Council 9709.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers All,

I received a very touching letter from Brother Jerry and Irene Cucurullo this past month with a \$50 check for Operation LAMB donated on the occasion of the one year anniversary of the death of Brother Ron Hassan, who passed April 27, 2010. Brother Ron had requested that in lieu of flowers donations to Operation LAMB be made in his name, and the Council responded with some \$866 in donations at that time. If any of you feel so inclined, I would encourage you to make another donation this year. Brother Ron's intervention may well have been the impetus for us to have exceeded our 2010 calendar year goal.

Brother Jerry Cucurullo has also asked me to mention that we will once again be supporting the Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games at the Triangle Aquatics Center in Cary over the weekend of June 4-5. If you would like to participate in this easy and heartwarming volunteer effort, please contact Brother Jerry at cucurullo7@yahoo.com or 846-2085.

For all 1st Degree Knights in the Council, mark your calendars for Thursday, June 2. We will be holding a 2nd Degree Ceremony in Anthony Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. Candidates will need to be there at 7 p.m. If you are interested in taking your 2nd Degree, please contact me directly at rbridges1971@aol.com or 806-3816.

Our Installation of Officers Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 30, beginning with the ceremony in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel at 5:30 p.m. and moving over to Anthony Hall at about 6:30 p.m. for pizza. Family Director Dave Bole will be sending out a formal invitation asking for RSVPs so he can estimate how much food to buy. If you plan on coming, please let him know.

Vivat Jesus,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

MAY 2011

- 15 - KofC Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.-noon, Clare Hall
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Trali's, 10370 Moncrief Rd.
- 18 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor
- 22 - Council's Annual Barbecue, Church Campus, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- 30 - Memorial Day Mass, 9 a.m., St. Mary of the Angels Chapel
- 31 - Officers Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 9606 Clubvalley Way

JUNE 2011

- 2 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 4 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 4-5 - SONC Summer Games, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Triangle Aquatics Center, Cary
- 7 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 11 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Parking Lot
- 15 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 23 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 25 - Council Picnic/Youth Fishing Derby, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fr. Price Compound
- 30 - Officers Installatiaon Ceremony, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary of the Angels Chapel and Anthony Hall

JULY 2011

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 9 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 20 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . PPDPK

Financial Secretary Dennis Kelleher will be sending out annual dues notices via e-mail in May. If necessary, follow-up notices will be sent out to members by mail if there is no response to the e-mail request. Please bring your dues checks to the June or July business meetings and save both the Council and yourself the cost of postage. And, don't forget to think about a voluntary contribution of \$3.65 on top of the \$28 in dues to cover the State's Penny-Per-Day-Per-Knight program!

At the May 1999 State Convention, delegates passed a resolution establishing a Catholic Charities Fund that would be supported by a voluntary "penny per day per Knight" donation from every Knight in North Carolina. Contributions are used by the State's two Bishops to support needy Parishes, especially during natural or man-made disasters. Monies collected are mandated to be used in the year they are collected under

the premise that there is always a need somewhere in North Carolina. Delegates to the 1999 Convention felt that it was more practical to establish a fund to support the Bishops than appeal to all Councils on an as-needed basis for assistance.

Last fraternal year, the State also made a \$500 contribution in support of Haiti in the wake of the earthquake that ravaged that nation in January 2010.

When you get your dues notice, it will include a line for a voluntary \$3.65 contribution to this fund. This fraternal year, All Saints Council sent some \$611 to State for this fund, up from the \$377 sent for fraternal year 2009-2010. If all 225 members of the Council would contribute this year, the Council would be sending some \$821.25.

TRUSTEES PRESENT 2011-12 OFFICERS SLATE

Trustee Mike Darrow announced the Trustees' recommendations for new officers to serve the Council for fraternal year 2011-12 at the May 3 business meeting. Nominations will also be solicited from the floor at the June 7 meeting prior to calling a final vote.

Proposed for Grand Knight is Brother Kent Siefkes, for Deputy Grand Knight Shawn Bayle, for Warden Steve Becker, for Recorder Brother Mark Baumgartner, for Treasurer Brother Dave Bole, for Advocate Brother Tru Hall, for Inside Guard Brother Tim Dyer and for Outside Guard Dave Phillips. Brother Dick Bridges was nominated for Trustee first year. Brothers Tom DuPree and Ralph Guenther were endorsed to continue their three-year terms as Trustee second year and Trustee third year respectively. The Trustees further recommended that Fr. David McBriar and Brother Dennis Kelleher continue their appointments as Council Chaplain and Financial Secretary. The Trustees will announce a nominee for Chancellor at the June business meeting.

New officers will be formally recognized at the annual Installation of Officers Ceremony on Thursday, June 30, in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel beginning at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Founders Room of Anthony Hall. All Brothers and families are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Brother Dave Bole when asked so that an accurate estimate of refreshments required can be made.

Presumed Future Grand Knight Kent Siefkes is still working up a list of Program Directors for fraternal year 2011-2012. Any Brother Knight interested in serving as a Director or Co-Director should contact Brother Kent individually. Director appointments will be announced at the June business meeting and reported in the June newsletter. Committee responsibilities and activities will be finalized at the August Organizational Meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT SONC IN CARY



Council 9709 will be supporting the Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) Summer Games at the Triangle Aquatics Center in Cary on June 4-5. Volunteers are needed to work the awards presentations part of the program.

Brothers and their spouses and children interested in volunteering should contact Brother Jerry Cucurullo directly at cucurullo7@yahoo.com or 846-2085.

Volunteers should provide T-shirt sizes to Brother Jerry when they contact him to ensure that they will have shirts at the event. The Council typically supports the SONC Summer Games in June and the bowling competition in December each year.

Between 20-30 volunteers will be needed each day to support the awards ceremonies.

COUNCIL OFFICERS PROPOSE \$38,010 BUDGET

Council officers proposed a budget of \$38,010 for fraternal year 2011-12 at the May 3 business meeting. That budget is over \$3,000 less than last year's approved budget of \$41,330.

"We have spent the last of the big surpluses from previous years," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "Unless things change drastically, we will be budgeting on a pay-as-you-go basis for the foreseeable future."

The proposed budget ups the projected RBC Center revenue from \$3,500 to \$5,500, a reflection of the real revenue stream of about \$6,000 expected this year from that source. It also proposes a "new fundraiser" that would generate \$5,000 of revenue against \$3,000 of expenses for the Council.

"There are a number of projects that the Church has asked us to take a look at, and this budget item will serve as a placeholder to tackle one of those fundraising activities," said Brother Bridges. "Had we not included it in the proposed budget, we would have had to amend the budget in mid-year in order to pursue additional opportunities."

The budget fully funds some \$6,045 in Supreme and State assessments and \$10,925 in charitable disbursements for the year. The Council will cut back by one seminarian on its donations to the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) after Fr. Erick Lopez is ordained, leaving three seminarians being supported at \$500 each. The Council's contribution to Birthchoice will likewise be cut by \$500 to \$1,000 for the year. The Council's ongoing pledge to Room at the Inn will continue with the third \$2,000 installment this fraternal year. The USO at RDU Airport will be the recipient of \$600, and the Wounded Warrior Program donation of \$500 will remain the same. Some \$5,000 is projected for the Council's Catholic Education Fund for the new fraternal year.

FRIEDMANS CHOSEN AS MAY'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council Officers have selected the Friedman family as Family of the Month for May for their remarkable and inspirational resiliency during Jerome's recent illness. He has spent several weeks intermittently at WakeMed and during that time has inspiring others by example as well as providing personal prayers to other patients and families at the hospital.

Every member of the family has been actively sharing talent, time, and treasure throughout the community of St. Francis during this trying period. As a Speech-Language Pathologist, Kathryn has shared her talents with the little people of St. Francis by her commitment to the Preschool on campus by co-teaching the three-year-old class. She has led the music and movement class at the Preschool, coordinated "Moms, Pops, Tots" and participated in the Babysitting Co-op. Kathryn has volunteered helping out in the classrooms at TFS, with Girl Scouts and Boy Scout activities and chaperoned several lock-ins and retreats for the Total Youth Ministry program at St Francis.

Son Brock (18) serves on the Youth Board at St Francis. His Eagle Scout project was a prayer path on the St Francis grounds. He will attend Notre Dame this fall. Son Vince (13) attends The Franciscan School (TFS), plays basketball for the Church league and the school team. He runs cross country. He is a Star Scout. Daughter Gretchen (9) is in fifth grade at TFS. She plays basketball for the Church league and enjoys playing soccer for the YMCA. She was in Charlotte's Web last fall. Audrey (6) is in first grade at TFS. She plays basketball in the church league and soccer at the YMCA. She recently performed in School House Rock.



(L-R) Brock, Kathryn, Audrey, Vince, Gretchen, and Brother Jerome Friedman

BROTHER MIKE WRZESIEN IS MAY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Mike and Jan Wrzesien

Council officers have selected Brother Mike Wrzesien as Knight of the Month for May 2011. Brother Mike has been a Knight for six years, having joined the All Saints Council in March 2005, and reaching full Knighthood by taking his 3rd Degree in February 2006. He served the Council as Warden from 2007-2010 and has been the Council's Youth Director since 2006. He also took over as coordinator for the Council's RBC Center fund-raising activity in 2010.

Outside of Council activities, Brother Mike and wife Jan serve on the Planning Committee for the Raleigh Walk to Defeat ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease). The Wrzesiens joined the committee after Jan's brother, John Winkel, died from ALS in 2005. Brother Mike has also taken over from Brother Kent Siefkes as coordinator for the Lector Ministry at St. Francis.

The Wrzesiens moved to Raleigh from Maryland in 1993 and have been Parishioners at St. Francis since then. They have two children, Chris, a senior at Appalachian State University, and Melissa, a sophomore at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Brother Mike works as a Project Manager for IBM, supporting business analytics and transformation initiatives.

Brother Mike's father, Dick Wrzesien, has been a Knight for over 40 years at his Council in Baltimore, Md., and was the inspiration for Brother Mike's joining the Knights.

APRIL LAMB DRIVE NETS \$3,847.55

The second installment of the Council's spring Operation LAMB drive pulled in some \$3,847.55. The drive occurred over the weekend of April 15-17 and April 30. The stores' schedules have forced the Council into specific dates and times this year to conduct the drive, rather than doing a single weekend for all stores.

Some 24 Knights participated in the April 15-17 drive, filling 32 of the three-hour shifts. Two other shifts were filled by Knights' dependents, and the Arc of Wake County pulled two shifts for the Council. There were seven vacant shifts. Special thanks to Brother Mike Supianoski who volunteered for five shifts and to William Dodge of the Arc of Wake County who filled two of the 45 slots.

There were eight slots available for the April 30 drive at the McCrimmons Corner Harris Teeter, but only six were filled. Some \$438.95 was collected.

The proceeds from the April drive bring the Council's collection to date to \$9,563.04. The Council's goal this year is \$28,578, a three percent increase over the previous year's collection of \$27,745.78. The next Operation LAMB opportunities will be at the Church barbecue May 22. The Council website also has sign ups for 16 slots June 4 at the Harris Teeters at McCrimmons Corner (4093 Davis Drive) and Leesville (13210 Strickland Road) and for 16 slots July 9 at the Brier Creek Walmart. As of this newsletter's publication, nine of the June 4 slots were still open as well as 11 of the July 9 slots.

Operation LAMB derives its name from Christ's words in Matthew 25:48: "as you did it to the [L]east [A]mong [M]y [B]rethren, you did it to me." Operation LAMB has been conducted by the Knights of Columbus nationwide since 1974.



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by Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Executive Vice President
KofC Insurance

One of the many elements of permanent insurance is the accumulation of cash values within the policy. While we never run around recommending that these values be withdrawn or borrowed, the fact is they are available. When you borrow against the cash in the policy, you diminish the value of the policy until the borrowed funds are returned. But when I talk with members about the features of permanent life insurance, I certainly include this feature in the conversation.

When you pay your permanent life insurance premiums, the policy begins to accumulate a reserve, although usually not until the policy is in force for a couple of years. The company sets aside this reserve, which gradually and over time grows, depending on the size of the policy and the premiums paid.

During the life of the policy this cash value is always available to you. When you talk with your agent, he will help you determine how much is available, always keeping in mind that we want the policy to remain in force. He will then work with you to complete the necessary paperwork to process the request. The cash is usually delivered quickly with no questions asked. The agent will strongly suggest a repayment plan so that you can restore the cash value to its full amount.

With so many credit outlets tightening the reins and money becoming harder to find, borrowing against a permanent life insurance policy can be an attractive option for financial emergencies.

There are lots of features that distinguish permanent life insurance from term insurance. The accumulation of cash value, which can be accessed and used in the event of an emergency, is just one. When your agent talks to you about the value of whole life, remember this: permanent, cash value, level premium life insurance is a unique product. I can think of no other financial product that does what it can do, including helping your family in a financial emergency.

Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick is available to meet with you to discuss whole life insurance. Call him at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or by e-mail at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

COUNCIL PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR EASTER MASSES

Nine Brother Knights drove shuttle busses and helped guide traffic and pedestrians before and after the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter Masses, Sunday, April 24.

Brother Steve Burdett served as coordinator for both activities. Brother Steve is the coordinator for the Church's Parking Ministry, for which the Council assumed responsibility last year.

Brothers Steve Burdett, Fred Johnson, Vinny Tomaino and Dave Vogelpohl drove the 15-passenger busses borrowed from Cardinal Gibbons High School (CGHS) for the Easter Masses. The bus driving duty entailed picking up the busses from CGHS Friday afternoon as well as returning them Sunday afternoon.

Brothers Dick Bridges, Steve Burdett, Tom DuPree, Andy Farrell, Mike Hoover and John Stewart helped cars park and pedestrians get through the traffic. Brothers Burdett, DuPree and Hoover worked both Masses in this capacity.

The Church has relied on the Council for providing volunteers for the shuttle busses for major holiday services as well as large Church activities such as the annual barbecue for years.

Brother Knights contributed a total of 27 volunteer hours to this effort.



Brother Steve Burdett (R) provides direction to bus driver Brother Dave Vogelpohl.

COUNCIL DONATES 60 BAGS OF GROCERIES

Some 25 Brothers from All Saints Council 9709 donated 60 bags of groceries and \$30 in cash to the Our Lady of the Rosary Church food drive over the weekend of April 9-10. The 60 bags nearly double the Council's contribution to this food drive over last year's donation of 33 bags to the same spring food drive.

The Council reported donations of 197 bags of groceries and \$430 in checks and cash for four food drives conducted by St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community ministries to Supreme for fraternal year 2010-2011 under the Order's Food for Families Program. The Order made a contribution of some \$5,200 to the Raleigh Diocese as a result of Diocesan Councils efforts for fraternal year 2009-2010, and State Food for Families Director Ray Wycoff has confirmed that Supreme will be making a similar contribution this year if sufficient Councils in the Diocese participate in food drives.

Thanks to Brothers Mark Babyak, Mark Baumgartner, Dick Bridges, Jim Brown, Steve Burdett, John Buyarski, George Canfield, Pat Cherry, Don Donaghy, Larry Dudley, Tom DuPree, Mike Evans, Tony Evans, Jim Falanga, Ralph Guenther, Tony Halterman, Bill Nowak, Kent Siefkes, Frank Sola, Tim Stevens, John Stewart, Mike Supianoski, Jeff Szymendera, Norm Tuomi and Tim Wagner for their contributions.

COUNCIL SELLS 777 STATE VACATION RAFFLE TICKETS

Some 59 members of All Saints Council 9709 sold 777 State Vacation Raffle tickets raising some \$3,885, which will be split evenly between the State and the Council. Council 9709 sold 685 tickets last year, the fifth highest total sold by any Council in the State.

Fifty percent of the funds generated from the \$5 raffle tickets support the State Council's annual operating expenses. The other half goes directly into the Council's General Fund for use as the Council sees fit.

Council 9709 was issued 800 tickets for this year's sale. Some 13 tickets were lost, and 10 tickets were returned unsold. Special thanks go to the Council's top sellers: Brothers Dick Bridges (137), Dave Vogelpohl (50), George Corvin (25), Tom DuPree (25), Mark Babyak (20) and Shawn Bayle (20). Some 36 Knights sold 10-15 tickets, and 15 Knights five to nine tickets.