



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

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May 2007

WELCOME TO FIVE NEW KNIGHTS



Council 9709 conducted a First Degree Exemplification before its regular business meeting May 1 and added five new Brother Knights to its rolls: (L-R) Tom Fontana, Keith Dudley, Dan Costa, John Dyer and Tom McKemie. Congratulations to all! Membership in Council 9709 now stands at 166.

2007-2008 OFFICERS NOMINATED

Trustee Larry Dudley submitted the Trustees' proposed slate of Council 9709 officers for fraternal year 2007-2008 at the May 1 business meeting. Nominated by the Trustees to serve as officers next year are: for Grand Knight, Mike Darrow; Deputy Grand Knight, Tom Dupree; Chancellor, Kent Siefkes; Warden Mike Wrzesien; Treasurer, Jerry Powell; Recorder, Dick Bridges; Advocate, John Izzo; Inside Guard, Tim Dyer; Outside Guard, Dave Phillips; and Trustee 1st Year, Dave Vogelpohl.

The offices of Chaplain, Financial Secretary, and Lecturer are appointed positions. Trustee 3rd Year will be Larry Dudley, and Trustee 2nd Year will be Hadon Ware, both of whom advance one year in their three-year terms.

The slate of officers will be voted on at the June 5 business meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the vote. Brother Dudley, however, specifically requested that anyone interested in nominating someone for office first ensure that that person is willing to serve. The new officers will be installed in July.

The Trustees were charged at the April 3 business meeting with proposing a slate of officers for 2007-2008.

COMMITTEE FORMED TO EXPLORE WAYS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION

Several Knights at the May 1 business meeting expressed concern at the lack of participation in recent activities. Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl agreed to appoint a committee to investigate how to involve more of the membership and institute a greater sense of responsibility among members.

Advocate John Izzo agreed to chair the committee, which also includes Lecturer Dick Bridges and Brother Knight John Dugan. Brothers Ralph Guenther and Jerry Powell were also asked to assist.

The committee will report out and make recommendations at the June 5 business meeting. Anyone having ideas on how to increase participation can contact Brother Izzo (Tel. 523-4239 or at john.izzo@top5inc.com).

MARISSA SIEFKES WINS \$3,000 BISHOP MCGUINNESS SCHOLARSHIP

Marissa Siefkes has won the Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 Scholarship. The merit-based scholarship is awarded to one Catholic student every four years and is paid out in \$500 increments per semester. The selected student must be attending a Catholic college or university, and the scholarship is contingent upon that student reporting a 3.2 grade point average for each semester.

Marissa, daughter of Kent and Virginia Siefkes, has already completed her first year at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., as an undeclared major and thus will be eligible for only \$3,000 of the scholarship. Brother Siefkes is the Chancellor for Council 9709 as well as the Chairman of the Council's Community Committee.

The Bishop McGuinness Assembly is made up of area 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Marissa will be formally presented the award at a 4th Degree Officer Installation Ceremony in Henderson, N.C., in June.



FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Dear Brother Knights,

The last month has been a busy one for the Council. With the first phase of Operation LAMB concluded on April 20-22 and the Annual Barbecue on May 5, we can take a collective deep breath and rest a bit. Brothers Tom DuPree and Joe Kane, who led these projects, deserve a huge thank you from the Council and some well-deserved rest from the work they've done. We also had a First Degree Exemplification at the business meeting on May 1 where we welcomed five new Knights and one transfer into the Council. Thanks to Brother Kent Siefkes, our Chancellor and Admissions Chair, for the work he did to get the new Brothers to attend the First Degree.

The results for Operation LAMB are not completely in yet, but I believe we did have more Brothers volunteer than previously. More information will be available next month. The results of the BBQ are reported elsewhere in the newsletter. We had great participation from the Council for the event and exceeded the proceeds from last year. Frs. Bill, David and George attended after the 5:30 Mass, and we received excellent support from the parish.

Lastly, we have nominated the slate of officers for next year and will be voting on them at our June 5 business meeting. The nominees have excellent experience and I encourage you to attend the meeting to cast your vote and express your support for the new leadership team, which will be taking office in July.

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**COUNCIL 9709 BIMONTHLY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS****May 2007**

- 15 - Social Gathering, Casa Carbone, 6019-A Glenwood Ave, Oak Park Shopping Center
- 16 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 19 - Fr. George's Ordination, 11 a.m., St. Francis
- 18-20 - State Convention, Raleigh Sheraton Imperial
- 21 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

June 2007

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 8 - Parish Holy Hour hosted by the Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., St. Francis Parking Lot
- 19 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., O'Charley's, 8115 Brier Creek Parkway
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 29-30 - Wheelchair Ramp Construction Project, LaVerna House, 8 a.m.

July 2007

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 17 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., TBD
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE 1ST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . DUTIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Emblem of a Knights of Columbus
Inside Guard

Inside & Outside Guards -

The Guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The Outside Guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the Inside Guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current. Council 9709's Inside Guard for fraternal year 2006-2007 is Brother Tim Dyer. The Outside Guard is Brother Dave Phillips.



Emblem of a Knights of Columbus
Outside Guard

KNIGHTS FUND-RAISING ADDING UP



(R-L) Robert Bohinski, Mike Hoover, Jack Sobczak (father of Dave Sobczak and member of newly formed KofC Council 14267 in Butner), Tom Dupree, Dave Sobczak (with white hat) and John Mosterman the serving line at the May 5 barbeque.

Annual Barbeque

Council 9709's Annual Barbeque fundraiser netted \$2,029 in profit for the Council's 2007 effort. About 50 Brother Knights and their family members assisted in staffing the May 5 event.

"We surpassed last year's total before 4 p.m.!" said Brother Joe Kane, who organized the event. "I had a goal of 600 this year, and we had 641 customers. That's great!"

In addition to being a great fundraiser for the Council, the event has become a social event for the parish with food served from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The net profit accounts for the cost of the barbeque itself as well as a \$100 contribution to the Boy Scouts who assisted in selling tickets.

The annual barbeque is the Council's one fundraiser authorized on Parish grounds by St. Francis policy. Money raised from the barbeque is added to the Council's general revenue fund.

RBC Center

Brother Ralph Guenther reported that he expected Council 9709's share of the proceeds from the work at the RBC Concession Booth this past season would be \$5,094.11.

Brother Guenther noted that the increase from last year's approximately \$4,700 of earnings was the result of Council 9709 accepting a proposal from St. Catherine's midway through the 2006-2007 season to furnish five individuals per event rather than the three Council 9709 furnished during the 2005-2006 season. He also noted that the increase in revenue occurred despite the Hurricanes not making the playoffs this year.

Brother Guenther thanked the 40 Brother Knights and family members who participated this past season and made presentations to five of the participants who had volunteered for six or more games.

Brother Knights interested in getting involved in this activity for the 2007-2008 season should contact Brother Guenther directly (Tel. Tel. 572-5342 or ralph.guenther@prodigy.net).

Operation LAMB and Raffle Tickets

Brother Tom Dupree reported at the May 1 meeting that Operation LAMB proceeds to date had exceeded \$8,000, and money was still coming in. A complete report on Operation LAMB will be given at the June 5 meeting. Brother Michael Darrow will also have the final figures on the Raffle Ticket sales at that time.

COUNCIL 9709 TO HOST MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Council 9709 is hosting the St. Francis of Assisi Memorial Day Mass for deceased veterans at the 9 a.m. Mass, Monday, May 28, in Jacoba Hall.

Brother Knights are needed one-half hour before and after the Mass to help attendees enroll deceased family members who were veterans in the Council's Memorial Roll. Information required for enrollment includes the deceased veteran's name, rank, branch of Service and date of death. Brother Knights who volunteer to assist will also be asked to help screen attendees to identify for recognition those in attendance who have deceased relatives who were also in the Services. Brother Knights willing to assist should contact Brother Jeff Rohman at 787-7042,

Council 9709 has sponsored the Nov. 11 Veterans Day Mass in the past, but Fr. Mark asked that the Council move its sponsorship to Memorial Day instead, as the Council's intent was to recognize deceased veterans. Veterans Day is intended to recognize living as well as deceased veterans.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES EVERY KNIGHT UP TO \$2,500 INSURANCE

Knights of Columbus members in good standing (i.e., with paid up dues) automatically are enrolled for up to a \$2,500 benefit in the event of accidental death. Any Brother Knight who has paid his first annual dues assessment is enrolled for a \$1,000 benefit. An additional \$500 is added each year for a total of three years after initial enrollment for a total benefit of \$2,500 after four years of membership.

“Most Knights don't seem to know about this benefit,” said Brother Tim Kilpatrick, Council 9709's Field Agent for KofC Insurance. “It's there for your loved ones, and all you have to do is pay your dues every year.”

The Knights of Columbus offers life insurance to its members as part of the concept envisioned by founding Father Michael J. McGivney to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual encouragement while establishing an elementary system of insurance so that the widows and children of members of the group who might die would not find themselves in dire financial straits.

Today the KofC insurance program offers a variety of insurance and retirement investment options to help members secure their loved ones' futures in the event of accidental death. Each KofC Council has a Field Agent to provide advice and assistance.

Many Brother Knights have insurance from outside sources, and admittedly, a \$2,500 benefit is not much considering the needs of a growing family today. The KofC insurance program, however, is nationally recognized for its ethical standards and practices. Brother Knights who as yet do not have insurance or whose insurance needs are changing as a result of personal circumstances may want to consider investigating what the KofC insurance program has to offer. Consultation is free. Council 9709's Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick can be reached at 850-1343 or by e-mail at Tim1002@earthlink.net.

Council 9709 also has a goal set by the Supreme Council each year to enroll new members into the KofC Life Insurance program. This year's goal is three, and Council 9709 has only added one new policyholder. The Council has until June 30 to add two more.



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