



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

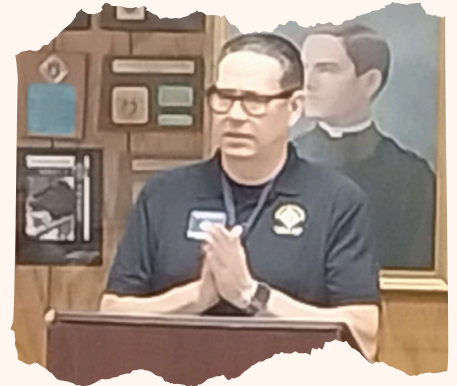
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Chaplain: Dcn. Leon Suprenant
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Chancellor: Andy Boehm
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Council Operations

As we enter into the holiday season, our activity list does thin out a bit. However, do try to attend the next meeting to keep informed about upcoming events.

Monday, November 17th.
The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.
(Rosary at 6:30 PM in the Cry room).



Please take a few moments to review the minutes of our October meeting, on our website, (KofC7909.org). We will be voting to accept the minutes at our next membership meeting.

Knight & Family of The Year Voting

At the November meeting, we will be voting for the Knight & Family of the Year.



ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL: 377 MEMBERS

GK Comments



Brother Knights,

As we gather in fellowship this month, I am reminded of the profound truth in those words we so often hear but perhaps too rarely contemplate: that love is not merely a sentiment, but the very bedrock of integrity, courage, and sacrifice.

Our Lord Jesus gave us the perfect illustration of this truth in the Gospel of John, when He knelt before His disciples in the Upper Room. Picture that scene: the Master, the King of Kings, girding Himself with a towel and washing the feet of those He loved—even knowing that one would betray Him, another would deny Him, and all would scatter. Yet He washed their feet anyway.

Peter protested, as we might have done. “Lord, do you wash my feet?” But Jesus answered with words that echo through the centuries: “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” This was not about cleanliness—it was about love that serves, love that humbles itself, love that refuses to count the cost.

Brothers, this is the love that calls us as Knights of Columbus. Not a love of easy words or comfortable feelings, but a love soaked in integrity and commitment. When we visit the sick, when we support our parishes, when we defend the dignity of life, when we stand with widows and orphans—we are washing feet. We are living that Upper Room moment again and again.

How blessed we are to be called to do this! How grateful I am to serve alongside men who understand that true love demands everything and gives more. In a world that often mistakes love for mere emotion, we know better. We have seen it in the Cross, in the service, in the sacrifice.

Let us go forward with hope, knowing that every act of genuine love—every moment we place another’s wellbeing above our own—we participate in Christ’s own mission. The same love that washed feet also conquered death. That same love lives in us.

Vivat Jesus!
Alex Montgomery Soares
Grand Knight

Recognition

Key Dates

November

11/4 – Officer Planning Meeting

11/8 – Veterans Dinner

11/9 – Sunday Donuts

11/16 – Sunday Donuts

11/17 – Membership Meeting

11/20 – Shalom House Dinner

December

12/2 – Officer Planning Meeting

12/6 – Street Cleanup

12/14 – Sunday Donuts

12/15 – Membership Meeting

12/21 – Sunday Donuts

January

1/6 – Officer Planning Meeting

1/11 – Sunday Donuts

1/18 – Sunday Donuts

1/19 – Membership Meeting

October

Knight of The Month
Henry Marsh

Family of The Month
Jeff Bartz Family



Ken & Barbra Wallace receive their certificate for Family of The Month for August 2025. Presented by our Membership Director Alfredo Diaz.

Recognition

Gand Knight Alex Montgomery-Soares recognized some of our recent Knights of The Month and Family of The Month.



Andy Boeham
Family of The Month - September



Tony Martini
Family of The Month - August



Myles Clark
Knight of The Month - September



Brian Corburn
Knight of The Month - September

(We had co-Knights of The Month For September.)

Activity Updates

Tootsie Roll Drive

On October 10th-12th, many of our brother Knights took up posts to man our Special Olympics - Tootsie Roll Drive for 2025. A Super Thank You to all who helped to support this important event. We were able to collect just over \$5,905.00.



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Activity Updates

Donation

Community Director, Bill Schoep arranged for us to donate our excess plates and silverware to the Flourish Furniture Bank.



We donated:
415 dinner plates
380 salad plates
380 coffee cups
335 saucers
50 sugar rectangles
51 dipping bowls
60 teaspoons

Flourish, Kansas City's furniture bank, partners with social service agencies providing wrap-around services to empower families overcoming housing insecurity. By collecting, repairing, and providing donated furniture and home essentials for the entire home.

Catholic Facts

Church Fathers



Pope Gregory I (540 – 604)

A Roman senator's son and himself the prefect of Rome at 30, Gregory lived in a monastery that he established on his family estate before becoming a papal ambassador and then pope. Throughout the Middle Ages, he was known as "the Father of Christian Worship" because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day. His contributions to the development of the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, still in use in the Byzantine Rite, were so significant that he is generally recognized as its de facto author.*

Spiritual Quotes

*We
do not go to
Holy Communion
because we are good;
we go to become good.*



St. John Bosco
Feast: January 31

Activity Updates

Exemplification

On October 20th, we held a 1st - 3rd Exemplification. We welcomed 3 new Knights into the council.



Exemplification Degree Team and New Knights (Left to Right): Rob Eisele (Fraternity), Henry Marsh (Charity), David Anderson, Andy Boehm (Unity), Rich Santos, Dawyne Dickerson, Alfredo Diaz (Master of Ceremony), Robert Stegeman, Alex Montgomery-Soares (GK) and Oscar Horn (Warden), Deacon Dan Ondracek (Prayer) not in picture.



New Council # 7909 Knights (left to right):

David Anderson, Rich Santos & Family, Dwayne Dickerson & Family, Robert Stegeman & Family.

Activity Updates

Church Fathers

Scouts Breakfast

The council assisted the Scouts with one of their breakfasts on October 26th.



L-R: Jonathan, Yamin and Isaac



L-R: Jim, D.J., Adam, Brody and Gab

Supreme Tidbits

Pope Leo XIV greets Knights of Columbus Board of Directors during Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome

Pope Leo XIV received in private audience the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors Oct. 6 and commended the Order's charitable work, including "efforts to uphold the sanctity of human life in all of its stages."



Pope Leo further noted, "Throughout its history, the Order has supported the charitable work of the Roman pontiff in a variety of ways," enabling him "to express solidarity with the poor and most vulnerable throughout the world."

November Birthdays

John Guerdan	1
Brian Coburn	2
Mark Bestgen	4
German Berbel	5
Kenneth Wallace	5
Matthew Deatherage	7
Timothy Walker	8
Chris Steger	9
Dale Bieker	11
Brian Lueger	11
Matt Mitchell	11
Trevor Acord-Morris	12
Myles Clark	13
Richard Hagenhoff	15
Matthew Garrard	18
Peter Planco	18
George Martin	19
Chadd Currier	25
Jerry Hilscher	25
Ron Hammen	26
Dwight Hoskins	27
Koffi Agboe	28
Danny McKinney	28

Free Financial Webinar!

Smart Steps to Take Now for Your Retirement

Learn more about:

- Sources of retirement income
- Making sense of RMDs
- Distribution strategies



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November 5, 2025

7:00-7:30 PM ET

<https://tinyurl.com/Nov5Retirement>

RSVP:



November 12, 2025

7:00-7:30 PM PT

<https://tinyurl.com/Nov12Retirement>

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Upcoming Activities & Events

Sunday Donuts



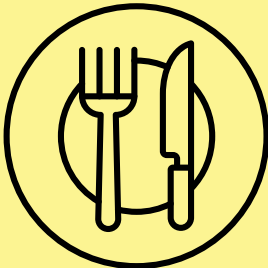
November 9th & 16th

Veteran's Dinner



November 8th

Shalom House Dinner



November 20th

St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260



**The Business meeting
will be held on
November 10th, 7:15
PM.**

**(Meeting location will be
at St. Paul's.)**

Special Food Drive










To assist Catholic Charities we are going to hold a special Food Drive in November and December. Please bring any non-perishable food items you wish to donate to our November & December business meeting.

(We are attempting this due to the high demand for food items as a result of the current government shutdown.)

November

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4  Officers Meeting	5	6	7	8  Veterans Dinner
9  Sunday Donuts	10	11	12	13	14	15
16  Sunday Donuts	17  Membership Meeting	18	19	20  Shalom House Dinner	21	22
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