

Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism

JANUARY 2026



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KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

Council Operations

Hopefully, one of your New Year's resolutions is to be more active in the Knights. Well, be sure to attend the January membership meeting to see what we have on tap for this year.

Monday, January 19th.
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 December meeting, on our website, (kofc7909.org). We will be voting to accept the minutes at our next membership meeting.

From all the officers and directors of
Knights of Columbus Council 7909.....

**Happy
New
Year**

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL: 378 MEMBERS

GK Comments



Brother Knights,



As you may know, I have been to Italy this Christmas Holiday and visit the Vatican. While there, I found out that the Knights of Columbus (Cavalieri di Colombo) have a very strong historical and physical presence in the Vatican and Rome, acting as one of the main arms of financial and logistical support for the popes for more than a century.



The Knights financed several of the most important renovations of St. Peter's Basilica.

The Bernini's Canopy in 2024/2025, the Knights financed the complete restoration (budgeted at about 750,000 euros) of the iconic bronze structure 30 meters high on the papal altar. The facade of St. Peter's Basilica, the Knights also paid for the cleaning and restoration of the main



entrance of the basilica for the Jubilee of the year 2000. They financed improvements and restorations in the areas where the tombs of the



popes are. They also supported the restoration of a 14th century crucifix, the oldest in the basilica.

GK Comments



Although technically outside the Vatican walls, the Knights have several leisure and sports centers in Rome (the Playgrounds). In 1920, Pope Benedict XV asked the order for help to offer safe spaces for the young people of the city after the First World War. One of these original lands was donated by the Knights to the Vatican so that the Paul VI Room (where the papally audiences take place) could be built. In return, the Vatican ceded a new nearby land for the new Oratory of St. Peter.



And there is the "Vicarius Christi" Fund, this is a fund held by the Knights whose proceeds are personally delivered to the Pope every year. This money is used by the Pontiff for his personal charitable works around the world, helping populations in situations of disaster, war or extreme poverty.

I thought these findings illustrate the presence and importance of the Knights of Columbus not only in the U.S., but also in Rome. Italian brothers who also believe in Charity, Unity and Fraternity just like us.



*Vivat Jesus!
Alex Montgomery Soares
Grand Knight*

Recognition

Key Dates

January

- 1/6 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 1/10 – Homeless Uplift
- 1/11 – Sunday Donuts
- 1/17 – Christmas Party
- 1/18 – Sunday Donuts
- 1/19 – 1st-3rd Exemplification Membership Meeting

February

- 2/3 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 2/8 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/15 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/16 – Membership Meeting
- 2/20 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 2/27 – Lenten Fish Fry

March

- 3/3 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 3/6 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 3/8 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/13 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 3/15 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/16 – Membership Meeting
- 3/20 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 3/27 – Lenten Fish Fry

December

Knight of The Month

Tom Farmer

Family of The Month

Troy & Phyllis Mills

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

Men Meeting Jesus

JANUARY 10 | 6:30-9:30PM

Parish Hall



RSVP
\$25 FOR DINNER
+ MATERIALS

Hey guys, looking for a meaningful night out? Join the men of our Parish for another CatholicManNight! We're diving into who Jesus is through solid Catholic teaching geared specifically for today's man. Expect prayer, reflection, great food, and awesome fellowship with other guys from the parish.

Activity Updates

Street Cleanup

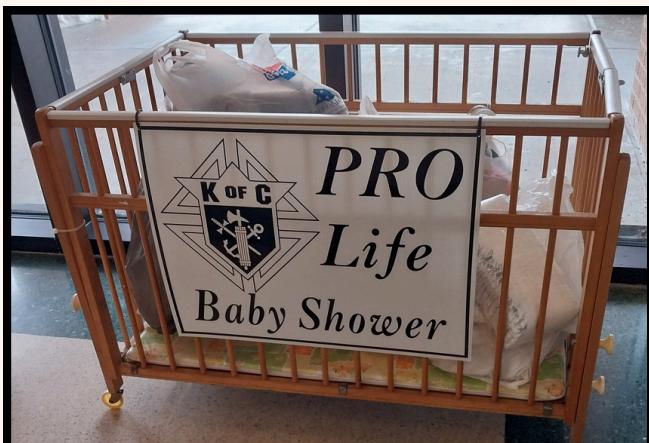
On December 6th, once again an intrepid crew of Knights and their families hit Mur-len to clean up our wonderful community. Thanks guys.



LtoR: Eric Dufur sons and friend, Oscar Horn, Chad Bowles, Andy Boehm and son.

Pro-Life Crib

Pro-Life Director, Troy Mills has set up the Pro-Life Crib to collect donations for the Olathe Pregnancy Center. The crib will be up through January.



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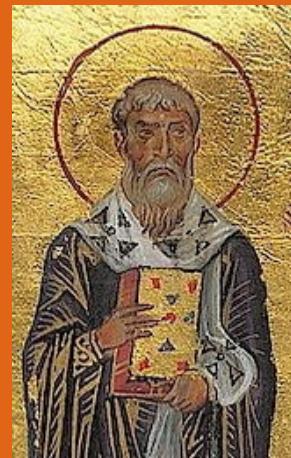
Activity List

In case you might be wondering what activities can use your talents, here is a general list. Hope one or two of these will be on you calendar for 2026.

- Fish Frys
- Old Settlers
- Tootsie Roll Drive
- Sunday Donuts
- Corporate Communion
- Delta Drives
- Fall Festival
- Shalom House Dinners
- Street Cleanup
- Homeless Uplift
- F.i.r.e. Retreat
- Pro-Life Sausage Sale
- Veteran's Dinner
- Habitat For Humanity
- Mother's Day Flowers
- Winter Fest
- Event Parking
- Christmas Party
- Information Desk (1st Sundays)
- Scout Breakfasts
- Supporting Parish Events
- 7909 Charities Golf Tournament

Catholic Facts

Popes



No 2. Anacletus (80 – 92)

Pope Anacletus (born c. AD 16 – died c. AD 92), also known as Cletus, was the [bishop of Rome](#), following [Peter](#) and [Linus](#).

Anacletus served between c. AD 80 and his death, c. AD 92. Cletus was a Roman who, during his tenure as pope, ordained a number of priests and is traditionally credited with setting up about twenty-five parishes in Rome. He died a martyr, perhaps about 91.*

Spiritual Quotes

even when alone,
be cheerful,
remembering
always that you
are in the sight
of angels

st. therese of lisieux

Supreme Tidbits & More

Stronger Than a Scoreboard



Supreme Officers joined college Knights from the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy in praying a rosary at halftime during the 126th annual Army-Navy Game in Baltimore on Dec. 13. An estimated 250 people gathered in the stadium concourse for the halftime rosary — for the second consecutive year — uniting in a public display of faith and fraternity.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Not sure what's required if you get involved in one of our activities?

Just come by and take a look. If you are not sure if one of our activities is for you, here's a suggestion. Just come by to observe what is going on. We would be glad to explain what's involved and what kind of time commitments would fit into your schedule.

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SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COUNCIL
WWW.KOFC7909.ORG

January Birthdays

Arvin Berding	1
Michael Hernandez	3
Henry Marsh	4
James Bellerive	5
Larry Peterson	5
Rick Brown	6
William Hoge	7
Alex Montgomery-Soares	7
James Wessling	9
Paul Boone	10
Richard Jacober	11
William Meyers	11
Dennis Shaffer	11
Douglas Wahl	12
John Duncan	13
Michael Woolworth	14
Jose Alonso	18
William Totten	18
Jackson Schoep	24
Stephen Kacvinsky	26
Joseph Stumpff	27
Richard Hale	28
John Williams	28
Frank Burger	29
Kevin Petracek	31
Steven Cunningham	30
Stephen Hiltibidal	31
Kenneth King	31

Upcoming Activities & Events



Homeless Uplift



Taking Care and Compassion to the Homeless

January 10th



Christmas Party



January 17th



Sunday Donuts



January 11th - 18th



St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260



The Business meeting will be held on January 12th, 7:15 PM.

(Meeting location will be at St. John Paul II.)



January

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HAPPY 2026 NEW YEAR	2	5
4	5	6  Officers Meeting	7	8	9	10  uplift.org Taking Care and Compassion to the Homeless Homeless Uplift
11  Sunday Donuts	12	15	14	15	16	17  Christmas Party
18  Sunday Donuts	19  Membership Meeting 1st-3rd Exemplification	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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