



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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## COUNCIL OPERATIONS



**Although folks might be starting to look forward to Summer vacations, the council will continue with a few projects in May.**

**Come to the meeting to see what we have coming up.  
Monday, May 20th.**

**The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.  
(Rosary at 6:30 PM in the Cry room).**



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020.

Members of the Guild, and anyone devoted to Father McGivney, can play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness, and reporting to the Guild any favors received.

Membership in the Guild is free and open to anyone who is devoted to Father McGivney and wishes to invoke his intercession and assist in his sainthood cause through prayer. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions.

**[www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)**

**MEMBERSHIP  
TOTAL: 338 ACTIVE MEMBERS**

# Recognition

April

**Knight of The Month**  
*Alex Montgomery-Soares*

**Family of The Month**  
*Charlotte Doyle Family*

## Key Dates

May

5/7 – Officer Planning Meeting  
5/12 – Mother's Day Flowers,  
Sunday Donuts & Baby Bottle  
Campaign Starts  
5/18 – 1st-3rd Exemplification  
5/19 – Sunday Donuts  
5/20 – Membership Meeting

June

6/2 – Corpus Christi Meal  
6/4 – Officer Planning Meeting  
6/8 – Street Cleanup  
6/14 – Mission-For-Good Golf  
Tournament  
6/17 – Membership Meeting

July

7/2 – Officer Planning Meeting  
7/13 – Homeless Uplift  
7/15 – Membership Meeting

**Grand Knight Tom Westerman recognizes some of our brother Knights.**



**Rob Ragusin - January  
Knight of The Month**



**John Kimmi - February  
Family of The Month**



**Chad Bowles - March  
Family of The Month**

# Activity Updates

## Boy Scout Breakfast

On March 7th the council helped the Boy Scouts put on another fund raising breakfast.



ADAM, DJ, AND KNIGHT MIKE HAWLEY  
(L to R)



NATHANIEL, DAVID AND BRODY  
(L to R)

## Homeless Uplift

On April 12th another crew of our Knights spent their evening distributing food and clothing to the city's homeless.



This crew included, Oscar Horn, Dan and Denise Ketelle, and helpers Lize and Ross.

## Catholic Facts

### Deacons

As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church.

As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are

leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs.\*

## Spiritual Quotes

*"Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith."*

— MARGARET SHEPARD

\*[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



# Activity Updates

## Habitat For Humanity

On April 13th this crew of our Knights gave their time and talents to Habitat For Humanity.



Among them were: Tom Westerman, Jon Thielen, Tom Farmer, Rob Ragusin, Bob Davis, Mark Brinkman, Chad Bowles & Oscar Horn & Ken Brown.



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Kansas State Council**  
<https://kansas-kofc.org>



**Knights of Columbus  
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**St. Philippine Duchesne  
Assembly 2260**  
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# ***Upcoming Activities & Events***

On May 12th, we will be handing our flowers to all the parish mothers after each Mass. Come and give us a hand.



*Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign Begins on May 12th.*



The Pro-Life Sausage sale will be May 12th - 16th. Be sure to get your order in.  
(Contract Troy Mills)



*Our next 1st-3rd Exemplification will be held on May 18th. Come and welcome our new members. Activities start after the 5:00 PM Mass.*



## ***Last Call for Donuts***

May 12th & 19 will be last Donut Sundays until next Fall.

## **St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260**

The Next business meeting will be at St. John Paul II. Monday May 13th, at 7:05 PM.



# Supreme & State Tidbits

## K of C chaplains travel from Poland to visit sites associated with the Order's founder.

Daniel Thompson

Jason Tucker

Twenty-one Knights of Columbus chaplains from Poland made a pilgrimage in the northeast United States, April 8-16, walking in the footsteps of Blessed Michael McGivney and visiting holy sites, churches and places of national interest from Connecticut to Washington, D.C.

D.C. Karnopp

Christopher Pasco



Father Wiesław Lenartowicz, associate state chaplain of Poland, celebrates Mass with other Knights of Columbus chaplains from Poland at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., on April 9. (Photo by Paul Haring)

The international pilgrimage, the first of its kind for Polish priests, was born from a desire for K of C chaplains to encounter the Order's founder in a more concrete, personal way. Father Wiesław Lenartowicz, chaplain of Our Lady of Częstochowa Council 14004 in Radom and associate state chaplain of Poland, was inspired to help organize the pilgrimage after personally visiting sites associated with Father McGivney two years ago.

Edward Smith

Alan Mitchell

## Knights produce documentary about Fr. Kapaun.

The Knights of Columbus released "The Magazine and the Miracle: Finding Father Kapaun," a short documentary highlighting the extraordinary life and legacy of Servant of God, U.S. Army Chaplain, and Medal of Honor recipient Fr. Emil Kapaun.

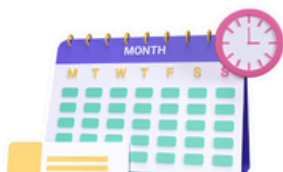


[www.kofc.org/en/documentary/father-kapaun/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/documentary/father-kapaun/index.html)

## May Birthdays

Darrell Henke	2
Wayne Gudenkauf	3
Philip Thacker	3
Joshua Newton	5
Jonathan Thielen	5
Bruce Johnson	6
James Mavec	6
Brian Timberlake	7
Laurence Roos	9
Dennis Klamann	10
Daniel Ketelle	12
William Riley	15
Brian Borland	16
Kevin Coulter	16
Paul Hernandez	18
Andrew Shearer	18
John Blair	19
Daniel O'Rourke	22
Steve Brown	23
Charles Keena	24
Kenneth Beran	25
Joseph Winslow	26
Joseph Bercari	28
Fredrick Erker	28
Simon Ngugi	28
Robert Neises	30





# UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY  
2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7  Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11
12  Sunday Donuts Mother's Day Flowers	13	14	15	16	17	18  1st-3rd Exemplification
19  Sunday Donuts	20  Membership Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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