



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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**Our 2024 activities are coming to an end. This is just half of what we have planned for the fraternal year. Come and see what else is on our agenda.**

**Monday, November 18th.**

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



## 1ST-3RD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

**Prior to our meeting on November 18th, we will hold a 1st-3rd Degree Exemplification. It will start at 6:00 PM.**

**If you are a 1st or 2nd degree Knight, it is a great opportunity to advance. Also consider attending to help us welcome our new members.**



**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP  
TOTAL: 377 MEMBERS**

# GK Comments



***“If you have food in your fridge, clothes on your body and a place to sleep, you are richer than 55% of the world;***

***If you have money to spend as you wish and freedom to go anywhere you want, you are among the top 8% of the world’s population;***

***If you are alive today with more health than illness, you are more blessed than 1 million people whom won’t survive this week;***

***And if you can read and understand this message, you are more fortunate than the 500 million people who cannot see, can not read and can not access the knowledge and information that surrounds us;***

***Life is not for complaining about pains and sorrows, it’s about focusing on countless reasons other reasons to be thankful;***

***The truth is EVERYDAY you wake up is a chance, chance to love, to grow, to learn, gratitude is a practice that helps us to see that we already have so much;  
(Danzel Washington)”***

***Have an attitude of gratitude !!!***

***Alex Montgomery-Soares  
Grand Knight***

# Recognition

## Key Dates

### November

11/5 – Officer Planning Meeting  
11/9 – Veteran's Dinner  
11/10 – Sunday Donuts  
11/17 – Sunday Donuts  
11/18 – Membership Meeting  
11/26 – Shalom House Dinner

### December

12/2 – Officer Planning Meeting  
12/6 – Winterfest  
12/7 – Street Cleanup  
12/8 – Sunday Donuts  
12/15 – Sunday Donuts  
12/23 – Membership Meeting

### January

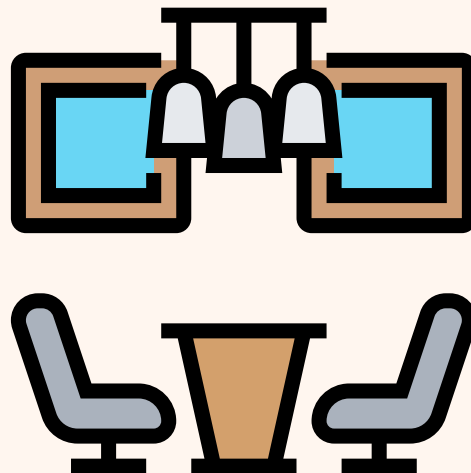
1/7 – Officer Planning Meeting  
1/12 – Sunday Donuts  
1/19 – Sunday Donuts  
1/21 – Membership Meeting

October

**Knight of The Month**  
*John Guerdan*

**Family of The Month**  
*Frank & Ashley Vardijan*

**JUST A REMINDER. THE OFFICERS' MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE TEACHERS' LOUNGE FOR THE REST OF THE FRATERNAL YEAR.**



# Activity Updates

## Shalom House

**In October another group of our skilled chefs went to Shalom House to prepare a delicious meal for the residents. Thanks for your great work.**



Tom Farmer, Jon Thielen, Oscar Horn and Richard Enerhardt



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**St. Philippine Duchesne  
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# Activity Updates

## Tootsie Roll

**On October 11th - 13th, the council participated in the annual K of C drive to support individuals with intellectual disabilities. A super thank you to all the folks who helped this year's campaign. We were able to raise a bit over \$3,500.00.**



## Catholic Facts

Brothers



A religious brother is a member of a Christian religious institute or religious order who commits himself to following Christ in consecrated life of the Church, usually by the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

A Brother is a man who, in making the vows of religion, surrenders the whole of himself in one single gift. By the vows of Chastity, a Brother renounces marriage with all the joys of family life and puts all his love and affection at the service of God and the Church.\*

## Spiritual Quotes



\*[www.amcatholic4life.com](http://www.amcatholic4life.com)

# ***Upcoming Activities & Events***



***November 9th we will  
provide another  
Veteran's dinner.  
Please consider  
helping.***



**On November 18th, we will hold  
a 1st-3rd Degree Exemplification.**



***We will host  
another dinner at  
Shalom house on  
November 26th.  
Come and help  
out.***

**St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260**

The Business meeting will be held on  
November 11th, 7:00 PM.  
(Meeting location will be at St. Paul's.)



# Supreme & State Tidbits

## Knights of Columbus Named to the Forbes America's Best Insurance Companies 2024 List Knights of Columbus insurance recognized for third consecutive year

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Knights of Columbus announced today that it has been named to the Forbes America's Best Insurance Companies 2024 List, marking the third consecutive year it has received this prestigious recognition. The award is presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., the world's leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. America's Best Insurance Companies 2024 were identified in an independent survey based on a vast sample of over 15,000 participants across the nation. Knights of Columbus ranked 22nd on the Forbes list among life insurers which issue permanent life insurance — up four positions from 2023.

The survey considered customers' overall recommendations, their general satisfaction, and six sub-dimensions: financial advice, customer service, price/performance ratio, transparency, digital services, and damage/benefit ratio. A loyalty score was calculated based on a series of questions about the customer's likeliness to keep their insurance policy under different circumstances, and the total length of time that consumers have held policies with the same insurer.

### Kansas Knights

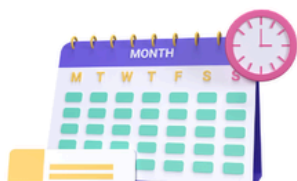
#### *Did you know.....*

For many years have supported Pro-Life groups in Kansas. Cash and in-kind donations of \$4.9 million have assisted these groups to protect the life of the unborn and have provided eleven sonogram machines at no cost to Pro-Life pregnancy centers.



## November Birthdays

Name	Day
John Guerdan	1
Brian Coburn	2
Mark Bestgen	4
German Berbel	5
Kenneth Wallace	5
Matthew Deatherage	7
Timothy Walker	8
Duane Hammeke	9
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
Nicholas Miccoli	19
Chadd Currier	25
Jerry Hilscher	25
Ron Hammen	26
Dwight Hoskins	27
Koffi Agboe	28
Danny McKinney	28



# UPCOMING EVENTS

# NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
5	4	5  Officers Meeting	6	7	8	9  Veterans Dinner
10  Sunday Donuts	11	12	13	14	15	16
17  Sunday Donuts	18  Membership Meeting & Exemplification	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26  Shalom House Dinner	27	28  Happy Thanksgiving	29	30

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***From all the officers and  
directors of the council.....***

