



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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Chaplain: Dcn. Leon Suprenant
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Faith Director: Tom Keegan, Oscar Horn
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Life Director: Troy Mills
Council & Youth Director: Andrew Boehm
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Council Operations

It is September and we are looking at one of our biggest events of the year. Old Settlers. Be sure to attend the meeting to find out how we did.

Monday, September 15th.
The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.
(Rosary at 6:30 PM in the Cry room).



Officer Installation

On August 5th, our officers were sworn in for the 2025-2025 fraternal year.



Present were: Henry Marsh, Alex Montgomery-Soares, Doug Savotus, John Kimmi, Bill Schoep, John Williams, Chad Bowles and David Tout

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL: 378 MEMBERS



Brother Knights,

Life Is a Possibility, Not a Problem

In the parable of the wise and foolish builders, we see that life's challenges are not the problem; our foundation is. The storms of life—the hardships, setbacks, and uncertainties—will come for everyone. The question isn't whether they will come, but what we have built our lives on.

The foolish builder, looking for a quick and easy solution, built his house on the shifting sand. When the storms hit, his entire structure collapsed. He saw the ground as a simple situation to be dealt with quickly, turning a potential possibility into a great problem. The wise builder, however, saw the ground not as a simple task but as a possibility to build something strong and lasting. He took the time to dig deep and lay his foundation on a solid rock. When the storms arrived, his house stood firm.

This is a powerful lesson for us. Life's situations can either become problems or possibilities, depending on our inner state. When we cultivate a strong inner foundation of balance, equanimity, and resilience, we can face anything that comes our way. The challenges of life won't define us as a problem; they will become opportunities for us to grow stronger, wiser, and more capable. When you are rooted in this inner strength, you become a force of possibility. No matter what storms life throws at you, you won't turn them into problems because you yourself are not a problem. You are a possibility, and with that certainty, you can transform every situation into something wonderful.

Alex Montgomery-Soares
Grand Knight

Director's Corner

Pro-Life Director - Troy Mills

The position promotes Pro Life causes from conception to natural death in conjunction with the Parish Pro Life ministry.

- Working with Pro Life Parish members on events throughout year, especially in October - Pro Life month
- Supporting Pro Life walk, Pro Life banquet
- Baby bottle drive for Olathe Pregnancy center
- Pro-Life sausage sales
- Promoting Villa St Francis hospice – end of life care
- Would like to get donut Sunday fund raiser for the Villa Saint Francis back on the calendar

Contacts

- Parish Pro Life members and diocesan leaders
- Villa St. Francis Management

Recognition

Key Dates

September

9/2 – Officer Planning Meeting

9/4-6 – Old Settlers

9/14 – Sunday Donuts

9/15 – Membership Meeting

9/18 – Shalom House Dinner

9/20 – Fall Festival

9/21 – Corporate

Communion, Sunday Donuts

9/27 – Catholic Man Night

October

10/4 & 5 – Delta Drive

10/7 – Officer Planning Meeting

10/11 – Homeless Uplift

10/12 – Sunday Donuts

10/19 – Sunday Donuts

10/20 – Membership Meeting

November

11/4 – Officer Planning Meeting

11/8 – Veterans Dinner

11/9 – Sunday Donuts

11/16 – Sunday Donuts

11/17 – Membership Meeting

August

Knight of The Month
Tony Martini

Family of The Month
Ken & Barbara Wallace

New Freezer



On August 20th, the council received our new freezer for the kitchen. After many many years of faithful service the old freezer finally had to be replaced.

Activity Updates

Recognizing Knights of The Month

At the August meeting Grand Knight Alex Montgomery-Sores recognized several of our past Knights of The Month.



Tim Walker - December



Jon Thielien - January



Rob Ragusin - February



Oscar Horn - June



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Activity Updates

Street Cleanup

August 30th saw another hearty crew hit Mur-Len to clean up that street. Thanks guys for showing how the Knights support our community.

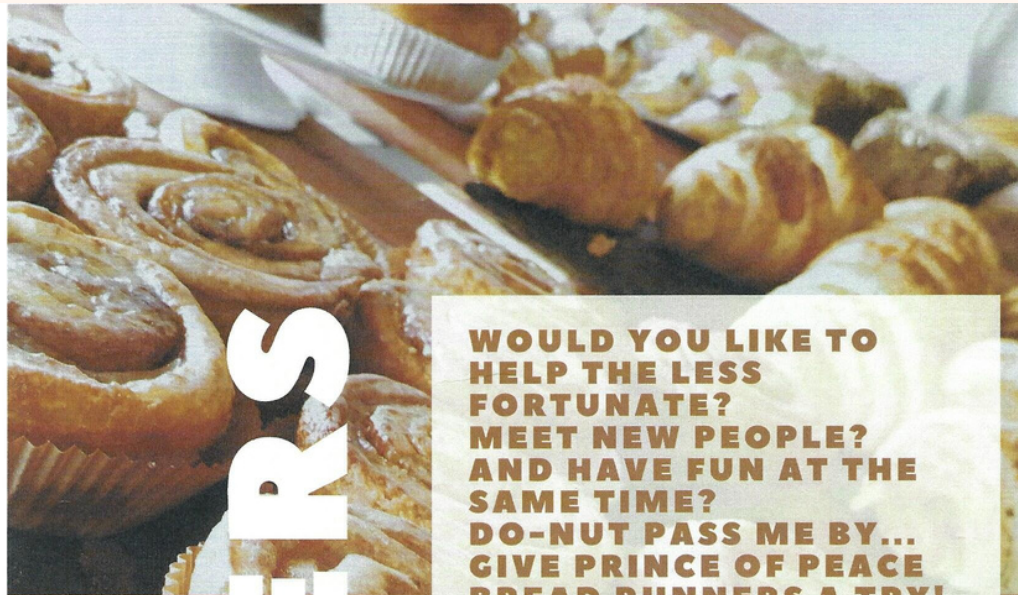
L to R: Oscar Horn , Logan & Andy Boehm, John Guerdan and Chad Bowles



Taco Prep

August 30th also saw a big crew of Knights and their wives pitch in to make Taco's for Old Settlers.





BREAD RUNNERS

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
HELP THE LESS
FORTUNATE?
MEET NEW PEOPLE?
AND HAVE FUN AT THE
SAME TIME?
DO-NUT PASS ME BY...
GIVE PRINCE OF PEACE
BREAD RUNNERS A TRY!**

WHAT: Collecting day old food items from local grocery stores and delivering to locations in need.

WHEN: Every day! You can sign up for as many pick-up dates per month as you'd like.

WHERE: We pick up at local grocery stores around 151st, 199th, 135th, and K-7 and drop off the food items to pantries in Lenexa, Gardner, Olathe, Overland Park, Shawnee, Spring Hill, Leavenworth and Kansas City, KS

WHO: Any parishioner who is available during the week days or weekends to pick-up + deliver food.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Contact Sharon Ward at 913-333-2780
or sharonjones47@comcast.net

Catholic Facts

Church Fathers



Cyril of Alexandria (376 – 444)

He was enthroned when the city was at the height of its influence and power within the Roman Empire. Cyril wrote extensively and was a major player in the Christological controversies of the late-4th and 5th centuries. Cyril is counted among the Church Fathers and also as a Doctor of the Church, and his reputation within the Christian world has resulted in his titles Pillar of Faith and Seal of all the Fathers.*

Spiritual Quotes

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

 St. John Bosco
Feast: January 31

mycatholicprayers.com

• Wikipedia

Supreme Tidbits

Highlights From The Annual Report of The Supreme Knight



Over the last year, we welcomed more than 96,000 new Knights of Columbus. And all told, we now have more than 2.1 million members. They're spread across nearly 17,000 councils in North America, Europe and Asia.

. Last year, we dedicated 48 million hours to serving others. And our brother Knights donated a record-breaking \$197 million to those in need.

We continue to support people with intellectual disabilities through our work with Special Olympics. The world too often denies their dignity, but they are made in the image and likeness of God. Last year, we gave nearly \$5 million to advance this truth. And even more importantly, we provided nearly half a million hours of volunteer service.

The Global Wheelchair Mission continues to grow. We have now donated more than 158,000 wheelchairs, including a record of more than 19,000 just last year.

Last year alone, we donated a new record of more than \$6 million to pregnancy resource centers. And all told, in just three years, we have now given more than \$17 million to help mothers and children.

State Tidbits



July 1, 2025 not only marked the beginning of another fraternal year in Kansas, but this year we are blessed to celebrate a powerful milestone: 125 years of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas.

September Birthdays

Charles Dierks	1
Alvin Schnake	3
Mark Ballard	5
Brett Barkemeyer	6
Thomas Bartels	7
Joe Allen	8
Michael Bauer	9
Larry Setter	9
Joshua Johnson	10
Matt Sockrider	13
Garrett Weaver	13
Christopher Berger	15
Thomas McGranaghan	15
Jeffery VonFeldt	15
Blake Lehning	16
Jerry Heath	17
Jeff Bowman	18
Nick Voda	18
Dominic Reuter	19
Gary Skorupsky	20
Stephen Sweat	20
Steven Hengeli	22
Dennis Meehan	22
Richard Pawlowicz	24
Michael Schumacher	25
Joel Sandersfeld	26
Eric Dufur	28
William McCoy	28
Greg Coady	29

Upcoming Activities & Events

Old Settlers



September 4th-6th

Shalom House



September 18th

Fall Festival



September 20th

Corporate Comunion



**September 21st
(9:00 AM Mass)**

**St. Philippine
Duchesne
Assembly 2260**



**The Business meeting
will be held on
September 8th, 7:15
PM.**

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

September

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  Officers Meeting	3  Breakfast Burrito Prep	4  Old Settlers	5  Old Settlers	6  Old Settlers
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Sunday Donuts	15  Membership Meeting	16	17	18  Shalom House Dinner	19	20  Fall Festival
21  Sunday Donuts Corporate Communion	22	23	24	25	26	27  Catholic Man Night
28	29	30				

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