



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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Council Operations

Our fraternal year is nearing its end, but we still have a few things on our plate to complete. Attend our next meeting to see what we have yet to finish.

Monday, May 19th.

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



Council Night

Join your fellow Knights for a night of fraternal fellowship immediately following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 3rd.

Be sure to RSVP (*on our website* KofC7909.org) so we don't run out of pizza or beer.

**Date: 05/03/2025 (Sat.)
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm CDT
Location: Parish Hall**



ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL: 373 MEMBERS



Brother Knights,

Living Blessed: How Faith, Effort, and Purpose Turn Every Kind of Luck into Grace

In life's unpredictable flow, luck appears in many forms — some random, some earned, some illusory, and some moral. Philosophers and psychologists categorize these as chance luck, merit-based luck, perceived luck, and moral luck. Each represents a different way fortune influences human experience.

From a Christian perspective, these expressions of luck are neither to be feared nor worshipped but approached with a trifold response: force, focus and faith.

Chance luck, the raw unpredictability of life, is most visible in events like natural disasters, illnesses, or sudden windfalls. As Christians, we do not deny these events, but place them within the broader framework of divine providence. Faith as the guiding response — the belief that even in randomness, God's will and wisdom are at work. As Romans 8:28 declares, "All things work together for good for those who love God." Faith transforms randomness into trust.

Merit-based luck seems to reward hard work when opportunity arises — a student aces an exam because they studied thoroughly. Here, as Christians we engage not just with faith but with force — the will to act, to strive, to steward their gifts. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:17) speaks directly to this: good fortune may come, but it is often the fruit of effort shaped by grace.



Perceived luck refers to the illusion that some people are simply “luckier” — often because they are more optimistic, open, or resilient. Christians cultivate focus — a disciplined spiritual outlook rooted in hope and humility. What others call luck, the faithful recognize as a mindset refined by prayer, gratitude, and attentiveness to God's presence in everyday life.

Finally, moral luck raises questions of justice: why is one person praised or blamed for outcomes largely outside their control? As Christians our responses blends all three — faith in God's ultimate justice, force in striving to live righteously regardless of outcome, and focus in remaining morally centered amid life's ambiguities. The example of Job stands here: a man judged by others for his suffering, yet ultimately vindicated by his integrity and God's wisdom.

In summary, while the world may call it luck, as Christian we see something deeper — a call to live with faith in God, to apply force in moral effort, and to maintain focus on eternal truth. In this light, even misfortune becomes meaningful, and fortune becomes a tool for service rather than pride.

Alex Montgomery-Soares
Grand Knight

Directors Corner

Faith Director(s) - Oscar Horn, Tom Keegan

The faith director, appointed by the grand knight, is responsible for all faith based council programs. The faith director coordinates with other officers and directors to support the knight's principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism centered through the base value of Cor (The word "Cor" is Latin for "heart" and is also the root of the word "courage").

Programs support the knights, their families and parish ministries. Emphasis to supporting our youth in their Christian journey is facilitated by working with our knights, who exemplify Catholic faith and culture.

Some great examples currently seen in our faith-based services are dedicated to:

1. Serving our families in fellowship and friendship with donuts after mass.
(Service hours for our youth is encouraged).
2. Supporting breakfasts twice a year for our Boy Scouts and once a year for our Cub Scouts.
(Both Donuts and Boy Scout Breakfasts represent 20 days donated to our parish)
3. Organizing youth support for service hours over the 6 weeks of Fish Fry.
(Our young men and women help with soft drinks, desserts, cleanup and support of our guest-in-need to their tables).
4. We currently added donut support for the parish Easter Egg Hunt (we saved money on Easter Buddy, he doesn't eat donuts!).
5. We serve lunches for our 7th and 8th grade pre-confirmation retreats and support the monthly meeting with set-up as requested.
We also get the opportunity to address the teens and parents once a year about the Knights of Columbus.
6. There is knight support for St. Mary's Food Kitchen once a month and Shalom House every other month.
7. Organizing and performing the street cleanup once a quarter.
(A tremendous time for Dads and their sons to serve together.)
8. Supporting 3 Seminarians with cards and annual financial gifts at Christmas.
9. Praying the rosary prior to every general meeting and bringing council awareness to other church opportunities for adoration.
10. Bringing the council together in corporate communion. Support of other ministries such as Fire Retreat and TMIY.

As Faith activities only represent a portion of what our council sponsors; The Team (Oscar H, Troy M, John G, Jon T, and Tom K) offer thanks and gratitude to our brother knights for contributing to the many other projects supporting the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism!

PS. Last donut day before summer school break is Sunday, May 18th

Recognition

Key Dates

May

5/3 – Council Night
5/6 – Officer Planning Meeting
5/10 – Foster Family Dinner
5/11 – Sunday Donuts &
Mother's Day Flowers
5/14 – Shalom House Dinner
5/18 – Sunday Donuts
5/19 – 1st-3rd Degree
Exemplification,
Membership Meeting

June

6/3 – Officer Planning Meeting
6/14 – Street Cleanup
6/16 – Membership Meeting
6/21 – Habitat For Humanity

July

7/1 – Officer Planning Meeting
7/12 – Homeless Uplift
7/21 – Membership Meeting

April

Knight of The Month
Tim Brown

Family of The Month
David Snyder Family

Pro-Life Sausage Sale



START SUMMER BBQ SEASON WITH YOUR KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS PRO LIFE SAUSAGE
FEATURING DELICIOUS LOCALLY MADE KRIZMAN SASUAGE
SHOWN BELOW

COST \$7.00 PER POUND (CASH, CHECK, CREDIT CARD) -
PAYMENT DUE AT PICK UP

* **BARBEQUE** * **BLOOD**
* **BRATWURST** * **BREAKFAST**
* **CAJUN – ANDOUILLE**

* **CHICKEN BRATWURST** * **CHICKEN ITALIAN**
* **MEXICAN - CHORIZO** * **POLISH**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL PRO LIFE CAUSES SUPPORTED
BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Please place your order by contacting Troy Mills at either
tapamills@gmail.com or 913-787-0190, no later than Thursday,
May 15th.

The sausage can be picked up after all the morning Masses on
Sunday, May 18th in the Parish Hall.

Activity Updates

Baby Bottle Campaign



In May the council conducts the annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby Bottles are available for pickup in the gathering area, and returned with donations on Father's Day. Proceeds go to the Olathe Pregnancy Center.

Sister's House Lawn Mowing

The warm weather is here and the grass is growing at the Sister's House.

This year, slots are available for Saturdays, but we understand that schedules can vary. You are welcome to volunteer on any day during the week that corresponds to the Saturday you sign up for. This flexibility allows everyone to participate and contribute, no matter their availability.

See our website (KofC7909.org) for links to a Sign Up Genius.



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Activity Updates

Fish Fry

In April we finished up our Fish Fry's. The event was very successful. We averaged 435 meals/week. The event generated over \$17,000 for the council. A tremendous Thank You to all the Knights for all the hard work that went into this event.



Activity Updates

Kansas State Council

Brother Knights

We're excited to share several upcoming opportunities for Fraternal Benefit Events that will provide valuable insights and help your councils meet Founders' Award requirements. Below, you'll find event details—please help spread the word to your members and potential new Knights!



A Career Unlike Any Other

Explore a Career with the Knights of Columbus

Join us virtually to discover what it's like to serve as a Knights of Columbus field agent—a career that offers purpose, flexibility, and the opportunity to make a real impact.



Tuesday, May 6, 2025



8:00 PM (Central) / 9:00 PM (Eastern)

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Ten Tips for Managing Market Volatility

Navigate Uncertainty with Confidence

Gain practical advice and smart strategies for managing investments during turbulent times.



Wednesday, May 7, 2025



7:00 PM (Central) / 8:00 PM (Eastern)

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Investing for Beginners: Planning for Success

Set a Strong Financial Foundation

Learn the principles of systematic investing and how beginners can build toward long-term goals.



Wednesday, May 28, 2025



7:00 PM (Central) / 8:00 PM (Eastern)

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Catholic Facts

Church Fathers



Irenaeus c. 130 – c. 202 AD) was a Greek bishop noted for his role in guiding and expanding Christian communities in the southern regions of present-day France and, more widely, for the development of Christian theology by opposing Gnostic interpretations of Christian Scripture and defining proto-orthodoxy. Originating from Smyrna, he had seen and heard the preaching of Polycarp, who in turn was said to have heard John the Evangelist.

To counter the doctrines of the gnostic sects claiming secret wisdom, he offered three pillars of orthodoxy: the scriptures, the tradition said to be handed down from the apostles, and the teaching of the apostles' successors. *Wikipedia

Spiritual Quotes



Upcoming Activities & Events

**Foster Family Dinner
May 10th**



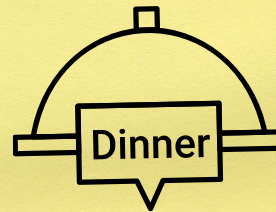
**Mother's Day Flowers
May 11th**



**Sunday Donuts
May 11th & 18th**



**Shalom House Dinner
May 14th**



**1st - 3rd Degree
Exemplification
May 19th**



**St. Philippine
Duchesne Assembly
2260**

**The Business meeting
will be held on May
12th, 7:00 PM.
(Meeting location will be
at St. Paul's.)**

Supreme & State Tidbits

America's Parish Priest in America's Parish Church

A new statue of Blessed Michael McGivney finds a home in St. Patrick's Cathedral, reflecting the dynamic history of the Church in the United States.



Standing in the St. Joseph Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, a new bronze statue graces the revered neo-Gothic masterpiece beloved as "America's Parish Church."

The slightly larger-than-life sculpture, crafted by artist Chas Fagan, depicts Blessed Michael McGivney clad in cassock and stole, imparting his priestly blessing. Commissioned for the cathedral by the Supreme Council and gifted by the Fourth Degree, the statue was presented with thousands of Knights of Columbus and family members looking on at the beginning of the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree on Feb. 22.

Kansas Knights

Did you know.....



Just an FYI. Each month there is a newsletter that State puts out. If you are interested here is the link below.



<https://files.ecatholic.com/30327/documents/2025/3/Mar%202025%20Explorer%20English.docx?t=1741607044000>






May Birthdays

Darrell Henke	2
Wayne Gudenkauf	3
Philip Thacker	3
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
Gabriel Edwards	22
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

May



2025

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

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