



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

Officers & Directors

Chaplain: Dcn. Leon Suprenant
Grand Knight: Alex Montgomery-Soares
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Chancellor: Tim Walker
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Program Director: (Interim) Alfredo Diaz
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Faith Director: Tom Keegan, Oscar Horn
Community Directors: Mark Brinkman, Bill Schoep, Oscar Horn
Life Director: Troy Mills
Council & Youth Director: Andrew Boehm
Family Director: John Williams
Tech & Social Media Director: Tim Walker
Newsletter & Website: Rich Pawlowicz

Council Operations

Well, it is our final meeting for this fraternal year. However, we still have several events to do and to plan for. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Monday, June 16th.

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



**Just a reminder. Your Baby Bottles
are due back on Father's day.**

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL: 373 MEMBERS**



Brother Knights,

As we walk together in faith and brotherhood, let us remember that the strength of a knight is not only in his sword or shield, but in his devotion to the Lord who fights beside him. Before you lay your head to rest each night, take these sacred moments to speak to your Heavenly King. I don't go to sleep without saying these four things to God. Let them be your spiritual armor as you enter the stillness of night:

- 1. "The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want."**
- 2. Affirm your trust in God's protection. He guards you and your family against all evil. As a shepherd defends his flock, so our Lord stands watch over your home with heavenly power and unfailing love.**
- 3. "Thank You, Lord, for my home."**
- 4. Acknowledge His presence in your dwelling. It is not just walls and a roof, but a sanctuary filled with His peace. When you lie down, let His calm surround you, and sleep shall come swiftly, for where the Lord resides, rest is sweet and secure.**
- 5. "I trust You with my tomorrow."**
- 6. Release every worry and burden to the One who holds time in His hands. The Lord is already in your future, making straight your path. Let anxiety melt away, and rest in the truth that your journey is prepared by divine wisdom.**
- 7. "Forgive me, Lord."**
- 8. Bow your heart in humble repentance. Whatever has stained this day, lay it at the foot of the cross. The grace of God cleanses, restores, and lifts you up. Go to sleep knowing you are loved, forgiven, and made new in His mercy.**

Brothers, may these words be a shield to your spirit and a light in your soul. As knights of faith, let us end each day not in weariness, but in worship—anchored in trust, wrapped in gratitude, and covered in grace.

Enjoy the end of the Spring and the beginning of Summer, for the Lord is with you.

Alex Montgomery-Soares
Grand Knight

Directors Corner

Community Director(s) - Bill Schoep, Tom Farmer, Mark Brinkman & Oscar Horn

7909 Community Director Activity Brief

Give our council members opportunities to engage in charitable activities not associated with our parish i.e. Kansas City metropolitan area. Most are non-profit organizations.

Adopt-A-Street

Brief – In coordination with the Olathe Street Dept., pick up trash on both sides of Mur-Len Street from 143rd to 151st. In return the city of Olathe has installed a sign along Mur-Len recognizing our council.

When - 4 times a year, once every quarter, on a Saturday usually starting at 8:30AM (takes about an hour).

Volunteering – 4-6 volunteers needed each time, council contact typically asks for volunteers at officer and/or council meetings and by email if needed.

Council Contact – Oscar Horn (oscarhorn@sbcglobal.net)

Homeless Uplift (uplift)

Brief - Volunteer to help an organization called 'Uplift' provide for the homeless in the Kansas City (MO & KS) areas. Uplift operates from a warehouse on Prospect Street just east of downtown Kansas City MO. Uplift drivers use large vans to go to where the homeless tend to gather. Prior to going out volunteers fill the vans with hot meals, clothes, toiletries, medicine, blankets etc.

Volunteers then get in the van and help hand out these items to the homeless. Volunteers need to bring an open heart, warm caring smile and if desired a willingness to have some conversation. These people live on the fringes of society and we need to let them know we care.

When – 4 times a year, once every quarter, on a Saturday from 3:30PM to ~10PM (the ladder depends on how busy it is)

Volunteering - 4 volunteers needed each time, council contact typically asks for volunteers at officer and/or council meetings and by email if needed.

Council Contact - Bill Schoep (wpschoep@gmail.com)

Habitat for Humanity (habitatkc) Build

Brief – Work with the local Habitat for Humanity organization to help build a home for a well-deserving needy person or family. The work isn't usually very strenuous but is labor intensive. No experience necessary. An on-site foreman will be there to help.

When - once a year on a Saturday, typically in spring or early summer

Volunteering – typically 8 volunteers are needed, a link with more details and to sign up if so desired will be emailed to all council members some time prior to the event.

Council Contact – Mark Brinkman (brinkmanship@sbcglobal.net).

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Special Olympics Fundraiser (sometimes referred to as the tootsie roll drive or gig)

Brief – While handing out free tootsie rolls, volunteers silently give customers the opportunity to donate to the local Special Olympics. Proceeds help those in the area with mental and/or physical disabilities participate in the annual Kansas Special Olympics. This is a nationwide Knights of Columbus fundraiser open to all councils. Volunteers are typically stationed at 2 local grocery stores on Friday from 11AM to 6PM (2 hour shifts) and on Saturday from 8AM to 6PM (2 hour shifts) and on Sunday at Prince of Peace after all morning masses.

When – once a year, typically on the 2nd full weekend in October.

Volunteering – a link with more details and to sign up if so desired will be emailed to all council members some time prior to the event.

Council Contact – Bill Schoep (wpschoep@gmail.com).

Shalom House Dinner

Brief – Proved dinner for the staff and formerly homeless men enrolled in the long-term program at Shalom House Men's Transitional Living Facility in Kansas City KS. After serving dinner volunteers are encouraged to join the residents in eating and fellowship.

When - 6 times a year, once every other month.

Volunteering – 3 to 5 needed each time, council contact typically asks for volunteers at officer and/or council meetings and by email if needed.

Council Contact – Tom Farmer (tomandlisa1990@gmail.com).

Project 1020 (project1020) Cold Weather Homeless Shelter

Brief – Located in Lenexa KS near 95th and Pfluum. Staffed by a wide swath of volunteers with guidance from experienced volunteers. The shelter provides security, a warm meal, bedding, privacy, clothing, hygiene, over the counter medicine and showers among other things. See above project 1020 link for more details and to sign up so desired. Volunteers need to bring an open heart, warm caring smile and if desired a willingness to have some conversation. These people live on the fringes of society and we need to let them know we care.

When – shelter is open from 6PM to 8AM December 1st to the end of March the following year.

Volunteering – see above project 1020 link for details and to sign up if so desired.

Council Contact – Mark Brinkman (brinkmanship@sbcglobal.net).

Recognition

Key Dates

June

6/3 – Officer Planning Meeting
6/7 – Parish Picnic
6/13 – Mission For Good Golf
Tournament
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

August

8/5 – Officer Planning Meeting
8/18 – Membership Meeting

May

Knight of The Month
Phil Kaminski

Family of The Month
Josh Johnson Family

*Thank
you*

June wraps up another fraternal year. Through your many hours of work and support we can be very proud of what we accomplished for our parish, the community and our council. Thank You to all for what you do.

Activity Updates

Shalom House Dinner



Tom Farmer, Henry Marsh,
Bob Herbic and Oscar Horn

On May 14th, a hearty crew provided another great dinner for the residents. This time they made breakfast. It consisted of biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs with cheese, hash browns, fruit salad, and scones made by Tom's wife. It was a big hit.

Final Donut Sunday

In May, we wrapped up Sunday Donuts for this fraternal year. A Super Thank You to Oscar Horn for overseeing this event. The event raised over \$2,400 this fraternal year.



John Guerdan, Troy Mills, Oscar Horn, Tom Keegan & Jon Thielen



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Activity Updates

1st - 3rd Degree Exemplification

On May 19th, the council held another 1st- 3rd Degree Exemplification. At this event we welcomed two new members into the council.



New Members: From Left to Right:
Rick Parsons and Drew Wunderly.

Activity Updates

2025-2026 Officer Slate

Grand Knight: Alex Montgomery-Soares

Deputy Grand Knight: Henry Marsh

Chancellor: Andy Boehm

Treasurer: Rob Ragusin

Advocate: Tim Walker

Recorder: Open

Warden: Bill Schlep

Inside Guard: John Kimmi

Outside Guard: Chad Bowles

3rd Year Trustee: John Williams

2nd Year Trustee: Bob Davis

1st Year Trustee: David Tout

Program Director: Henry Marsh

Membership Director: Alfredo Diaz

Faith Director: Tom Keegan / Oscar Horn

Community Director: Bill Schoep (Uplift) / Mark Brickman (Habitat for Humanity, Project 1020) / Oscar Horn (Sponsored Street Clean Up) / Tom Farmer (Shalom House)

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Catholic Facts

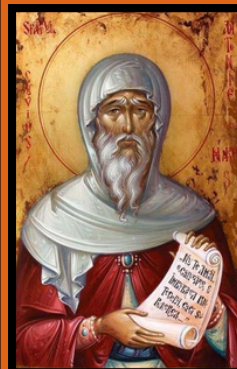
Church Fathers



Clement of Alexandria c. 150 – c. 215 AD)

According to the 4th-century bishop Epiphanius, Titus Flavius Clemens was born into a pagan family in Athens. Clemens is today called Clement of Alexandria (c. AD 155–c. 220)—his city of residence is added to distinguish him from the earlier Clement of Rome. As a seeker of truth, Clement traveled through Greece, Italy, Syria, Palestine, and finally to Alexandria, Egypt. There he encountered the teacher of the Alexandria Catechetical School, Pantaenus, who presented him with the Christian message; Clement became a believer. He presented Christianity as a new philosophy in terminology that would appeal to Gnostics. *

Spiritual Quotes



Know that we must serve not the times, but God..

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Saint Athanasius the Great



# ***Upcoming Activities & Events***

## **Parish Summer Picnic**



**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

## **Street Cleanup**



**June 14<sup>th</sup>. 8:30 AM**

## **Habitat For Humanity**



**June 21<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Philippine  
Duchesne  
Assembly 2260**



**The Business  
meeting will be  
held on June 9th,  
7:15 PM.  
(Meeting location  
will be at St. Paul's.)**

# Supreme & State Tidbits

## Statement of Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly Following the Election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV



NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Following the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued the following statement:

“The Knights of Columbus joins Catholics everywhere in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate. The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church’s mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation.

### Kansas Knights

*Did you know.....*



### K of C Charities Aid Foundation

The K of C Charities Aid Foundation is the non-profit corporation of the Kansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The Foundation oversees the charitable fund raising, administration of funds collected, and distribution of these funds for the Kansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The K of C Charities Aid Foundation encourages the Kansas State Council to conduct statewide solicitations for the Commitment to Humanity Program, Pennies from Heaven Program, and the Religious Education Fund. The K of C Charities Aid Foundation also encourages and accepts tax-deductible donations from wills and gifts for the purpose of the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus.

## June Birthdays

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Bill Schoep     | 3  |
| Patrick Atkins  | 4  |
| Michael Hawley  | 5  |
| Joshua Cameron  | 6  |
| Todd Einck      | 10 |
| John Diesel     | 11 |
| Robert Eisele   | 11 |
| Terence Milford | 11 |
| Brian Miller    | 13 |
| Austin Walker   | 14 |
| William Donegan | 15 |
| Leon Bailey     | 16 |
| Mark Brewer     | 16 |
| Stan Lopeman    | 17 |
| Ryan Best       | 19 |
| Tom Farmer      | 19 |
| Jonathan Burnos | 20 |
| Andrew Gaffney  | 21 |
| John Browne     | 22 |
| Jon Meyers      | 22 |
| Robert Hughes   | 23 |
| John Meyers     | 23 |
| Peter Rost      | 24 |
| Paul Zagorski   | 24 |
| John Dunn       | 25 |
| Dennis Malley   | 25 |
| Skip Soukup     | 26 |
| Dean Kehoe      | 28 |



# June



# 2025

| Sunday | Monday                   | Tuesday               | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                | Saturday                   |
|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1      | 2                        | 3<br>Officers Meeting | 4         | 5        | 6                     | 7<br>Parish Picnic         |
| 8      | 9                        | 10                    | 11        | 12       | 13<br>Golf Tournament | 14<br>Street Cleanup       |
| 15     | 16<br>Membership Meeting | 17                    | 18        | 19       | 20                    | 21<br>Habitat For Humanity |
| 22     | 23                       | 24                    | 25        | 26       | 27                    | 28                         |
| 29     | 30                       |                       |           |          |                       |                            |

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