



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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Council Operations

Well, it is time to get ready for one of our biggest events. Lenten Fish Frys. They start this month. Come to the membership meeting to see what we are doing for this year's event



Monday, February 16th.

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

Please take a few moments to review the minutes of our December meeting, on our website, (kofc7909.org). We will be voting to accept the minutes at our next membership meeting.

In case you did not know, money we collected from Tootsie Rolls goes to our local Trailblazer organization. This year we gave them a check for \$4,475.07.



Accepting the check for Trailblazers are George Martin and friends from Trailblazers.

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL: 378 MEMBERS**



Time Wasted Handicapping Ourselves

Brother Knights,

We often spend our lives limping through life with an artificial handicap, convinced that we are permanently broken by our circumstances. There's a funny but biting story about a man walking down the street with one foot on the elevated curb and the other down in the gutter. A police officer, seeing him stumbling and swaying, pulled over to arrest him for public intoxication. As he was being led away, the man asked why he was being picked up. When the officer told him he was clearly drunk, the man sighed with massive relief and said, "Oh, thank God! I thought I was a handicap." The moral is pretty simple: more often than not, we are the ones who handicap ourselves by choosing to walk in the gutter when the sidewalk is right there.

It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that if we just wait long enough, things will fix themselves. But the truth is, time doesn't heal our wounds. It's just a blank canvas. It is what you choose to do within that time God gave you that actually determines how you heal. If you spend your days leaning into your excuses and walking with one foot in the street, time will only serve to make that limp permanent. We have to be intentional about stepping up onto level ground; healing is an active pursuit, not a passive waiting game.

This self-imposed paralysis is perfectly captured in the story of the man at the Pool of Bethesda. For thirty-eight years, he sat by the water, waiting for a miracle and complaining that he had no one to help him in. He had become so comfortable in his identity as a "lame man" that he stopped looking for a way to stand. When Jesus approached him, he didn't offer a hand—He asked a pointed question: "Do you want to get well?" He was challenging the man to stop wasting time handicapping himself with excuses and to finally pick up his mat and walk. Like that man, we often have the power to rise; we just have to stop choosing the gutter.

Vivat Jesus!
Alex Montgomery Soares
Grand Knight

Recognition

Key Dates

February

- 2/3 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 2/4 & 5 – Burrito Prep
- 2/8 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/15 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/16 – Membership Meeting
- 2/20 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 2/27 – Lenten Fish Fry

March

- 3/3 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 3/6 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 3/8 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/13 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 3/15 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/16 – Membership Meeting
- 3/20 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 3/27 – Lenten Fish Fry

April

- 4/7 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 4/12 – Sunday Donuts
- 4/19 – Sunday Donuts
- 4/20 – Membership Meeting

January

Knight of The Month
Rich Pawlowicz

Family of The Month
Tracy Oberrieder Family



Grand Knight, Alex Montgomery-Sores recognized David Schneider as Family of The Month - April 2025.

Activity Updates

Homeless Uplift

On January 10th, The crew of Rich Eberhardt, Rob Ragusin, Jon Thielen, Mark Brinkman and DCN Mike Denning gave their time and talents to help the homeless.



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St. Philippine Duchesne
Assembly 2260
<https://rich9560.wixsite.com/kofc-2260>

Shalom House Dinner

On January 22nd, another crew of dedicated Knights fixed a great dinner for the residents of Shalom House. They made rotisserie chicken, mac N cheese, Italian mixed salad, buttered bread & apple crisp with whipped cream.



Tom McGranaghan, Oscar Horn, Mark Brinkman and Tom Farmer



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Activity Updates

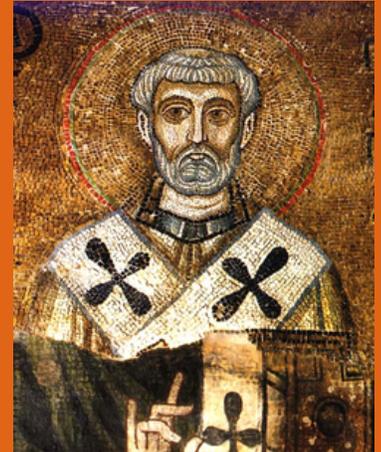
Christmas Party

On January 17th, we held our annual Christmas party. We had about 65 people come and join the festivities.



Catholic Facts

Popes



No 4. Clement (AD 92 – AD 100)

Roman citizen, born in the capital of the Roman Empire. The earliest Apostolic Father; issued First Clement, which is said to be the basis of apostolic authority for the clergy. Possibly mentioned in the New Testament (Epistle to the Philippians 4:3). He was martyred by being tied to an anchor and being thrown into the sea. *

Spiritual Quotes

Charity
is that
with which
no man is lost,
and without which
no man is saved



St. Charles Borromeo
Feast: November 4

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Activity Updates

Popes

Christmas Party (Continued)



Activity Updates

Popes

Exemplification

January 19th, saw us hold another 1st - 3rd Exemplification to welcome a new Knight (Michael Bohler) into the council.



The Exemplification team consisted of: Oscar Horn, Henry Marsh, Andy Boehm, Alex Montgomery-Sores and Alfredo Diaz.

Supreme Tidbits & More

Did you know we have a YouTube Channel? Check it out.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/KnightsOfColumbus>

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Knights of Columbus Supreme Council

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DID YOU KNOW...

Being a Knight doesn't mean you have to commit a large amount of time. There are a number of activities throughout the year where pitching in for an hour or two is perfectly OK.

You can try one of these:

- Sunday Donuts
- Helping at the monthly information desk
- Setup or teardown of an event
- Street Cleanup
- Winter Fest
- Pro-Life Sausage Sale
- Veteran's Dinner
- Shalom House Dinner

(See other opportunities on our website) ● ● ● ●

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COUNCIL
WWW.KOFC7909.ORG

February Birthdays

Jacob Steger	1
Chad Bowles	2
Orville Finnigan	2
William Fomban	2
Gary Linton	3
Michael Crevoiserat	4
Larry Drbal	5
John Conner	6
Lawrence Sieve	6
Richard Eberhardt	7
Roger Hansen	7
Bradley Killeen	7
Jim Milazzo	7
Beau Barnthson	8
Justin Reuter	9
Carl Villagomez	10
Andy Wurtenberger	12
Frederick Kupfer	13
Charles Cecil	14
Jon Hjelmaas	14
Rick Parsons	15
Marcel Montreuil	16
Zachary Person	19
Jared Thomason	19
John Goodack	20
Paul Matlack	20
Kevin Rottinghaus	21
Eric Buck	22
Bryan Caudillo	23
Clarence Cheshire	23
Andrew Heim	24
Al Berding	25
Ronald Orscheln	25

Upcoming Activities & Events

FIRE Retreat- Burrito Prep



February 4th & 5th

Sunday Donuts



February 8th & 15th

February Birthdays

Adam Brenner	26
Philip Kaminski	27
Matthew Oesterlei	27
Aaron Lupo	29

Fish Fry



February 20th & 27th

St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260



The Business meeting will be held on February 9th, 7:15 PM.

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

February

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	5  Officers Meeting	4  Burrito Prep	5  Burrito Prep	6	7
8  Sunday Donuts	9	10	11	12	15	14
15  Sunday Donuts	16  Membership Meeting	17	18	19	20 FISH FRY  FRIDAY	21
22	25	24	25	26	27 FISH FRY  FRIDAY	28

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