



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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Council Operations

Now that Fish Fry season is over, we can turn our attention to our **Spring & Summer events. Come to the April meeting to see what that list looks like.**



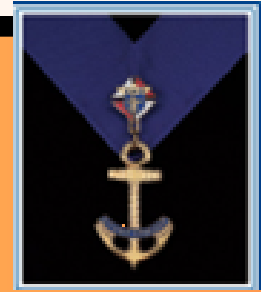
Monday, April 20th.

**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 March Meeting, on our website, (kofc7909.org). We will be voting to accept the minutes at the next membership meeting. (Don't forget you will need a password to view these. Contact the Grand Knight (KofC7909@popolathe.org) or Rich Pawlowicz (rpawlowicz156@gmail.com) for access.



**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL: 367 MEMBERS**



"Faith will protect me while I walk distracted..."

Brother Knights,

As I look at the calendar and realize I have only two months left to serve as your Grand Knight, my heart is heavy with a specific kind of nostalgia. In my youth in Brazil, there was a song called Epitáfio that spoke of the things we regret when we reach the end of a journey. As I prepare to pass the gavel, those lyrics have become my compass. I want to share them with you today, not as a eulogy for my term, but as a reminder for how we should live now.

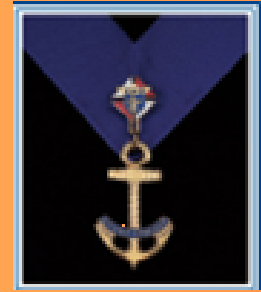
*I should have loved more, cried more, seen the sunrise.
I should have risked more, and even made more mistakes.
I should have done what I wanted to do.
I wish I had accepted people as they are.
Each one knows the joy and pain they carry in their heart.
Chance (Faith in God) will protect me while I walk distracted.
Chance will protect me while I walk.*

The Core Message: Carpe Diem

In our Council, we often get caught up in the "business" of being Knights—the logistics of the fish fry, the minutes of the meeting, the pressure of recruitment. But as I look back, I realize that the "work" isn't the legacy. The brotherhood is the legacy. We must learn to seize the day by prioritizing emotion over productivity. If a Brother is hurting, the meeting can wait. If a family needs our presence, the paperwork can stay on the desk. We must be brave enough to take risks and humble enough to make mistakes in the service of charity.

*I should have complicated things less, worked less, seen the sunset.
I should have worried less about small problems, died of love.
I wish I had accepted life as it is.
To each one belongs joys and the sadness that comes.*

GK Comments



Simplicity and Surrender

My final wish for this Council is that we learn to complicate things less. We spend so much energy worrying about small problems, yet we forget to "die of love" for our neighbor and our faith.

The song reminds us that "Faith in God will protect me while I walk distracted." This is our ultimate surrender. We often operate under the illusion that we are in total control of our Council's success. We aren't. God is. When we walk with Him, even when we feel distracted or overwhelmed, His grace is the "chance" that protects our path.

Let us accept each other exactly as we are—carrying our unique joys and pains—and let us accept life as it is, trusting in the Providence of the Almighty.

Carpe Diem, Brothers. Let us not wait for the "epitaph" to realize what truly mattered.

Vivat Jesus!
Alex Montgomery Soares
Grand Knight

Recognition

March

Knight of The Month
Dominic Reuter

Family of The Month
Retez Santos Family

Key Dates

April

4/7 – Officer Planning Meeting

4/11 – Homeless Uplift

4/12 – Sunday Donuts

4/19 – Sunday Donuts

4/20 – Membership Meeting

May

5/2 – Habitat For Humanity

5/5 – Officer Planning Meeting

5/10 – Sunday Donuts

5/17 – Sunday Donuts

5/18 – Membership Meeting

June

6/2 – Officer Planning Meeting

6/15 – Membership Meeting

6/26 – 7909 Charities Golf

Tournament

Grand Knight, Alex Montgomery-Sores recognized Bill Schoep as Knight of The Month - November 2025.



Activity Updates

Street Cleanup

On March 7th another fine crew of Brother Knights scoured Mur-Len to rid it of any trash.



Trailblazers Basketball Game

March 15th saw these KofC MBA hopefuls teamed up with the Trailblazers for an exciting basketball game.



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Activity Updates

Shalom House Dinner

On March 26th this great crew offered a baked potato bar, chili, hot dogs, broccoli cheese and desserts to the residents of Shalom House.



Steve Cunningham, Aiden Carney, Oscar Horn Tom Farmer (not pictured)

Exemplification

The council held an Exemplification on March 16th and welcomed Greg Maurer and Adam Loecker into the council.



Activity Updates

Lenten Fish Fry

This March saw the council complete another successful Lenten Fish Fry event. We served 3,020 plates and raised \$40,797.52. In addition we collected \$1,129.93 for the Olathe Pregnancy Center through the 50/50 raffle. A super Thank You to all the Knights and youth volunteers for their hard work.



Catholic Facts

Popes



No 6. Alexander I (AD 109 – AD 119)

The introduction of the customs of using blessed water mixed with salt for the purification of Christian homes from evil influences, as well as that of mixing water with the sacramental wine, are attributed to Pope Alexander I. Some sources consider these attributions unlikely. It is certainly possible, however, that Alexander played an important part in the early development of the Church of Rome's emerging liturgical and administrative traditions. *

Spiritual Quotes

The three most important virtues are humility, humility, and humility

 St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Feast: August 20

mycatholicprayers.com

Activity Updates

Lenten Fish Fry



Supreme Tidbits & More

Men of the Word

A K of C Bible study invites Knights to take up the “sword of the Spirit” and rediscover the power of Scripture.



Men of the Word: The Good News is a Catholic Bible study designed for men who want to know what the Gospel has to say to their lives. You don't have to be an expert to start studying Scripture. Whether by yourself or with a group, this study will help you unpack the Gospel and hear its answers to our biggest questions.

God's Word still speaks -- learn how to listen today.

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April Birthdays

Rodney Murrow	1
Joseph Chontos	2
Zachary Kockler	3
Daniel Thompson	4
Jason Tucker	4
Michael Courville	5
John Schmidt	5
George Schlagel	8
Richard Aduri	11
Salvador Ortega	12
Edward Wahl	12
Bart Vance	19
Timothy Karnopp	22
James Useldinger	22
Christopher Pasco	23
Benjamin Hart	24
Robert Ragusin	24
Michael Fleck	26
Eric Flores	26
Robert Gardner	27
J Wolf	27
Edward Smith	28
Michael McGovern	29
Alan Mitchell	29
Phillip Winkelbauer	29
Jeffrey Bartz	30



DID YOU KNOW...

We don't just do a lot of cooking. We also support other types of events for our community such as:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Uplift Organization
- Olathe Pregnancy Center
- Street Cleanup

Come by one of our monthly meetings to see if you may be interested in helping out in one of these events.

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

Upcoming Activities & Events

Homeless Uplift



April 11th

Sunday Donuts



April 12th & 19th

St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260



**The Business meeting
will be held on April
13th, 7:15 PM.**

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

APRIL

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <i>Good Friday</i>	4
5 <i>Happy Easter</i>	6	7  Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11  Homeless sUplift
12  Sunday Donuts	13	14	15	16	17	18
19  Sunday Donuts	20  Membership Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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*From all the officers and directors of
Council 7909.....*



Happy

EASTER