



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

## Officers & Directors

- Chaplain: Dcn. Leon Suprenant
- Grand Knight: Alex Montgomery-Soares
- Deputy Grand Knight: Henry Marsh
- Chancellor: Andy Boehm
- Financial Secretary: Jeff Bartz
- Recorder: Eric Buck
- Treasurer: Rob Ragusin
- Advocate: Tim Walker
- Warden: Bill Schoep
- Inside Guard: John Kimmi
- Outside Guard: Chad Bowles
- Lector: Tom Keegan
- First Year Trustee: David Tout
- Second Year Trustee: Bob Davis
- Third Year Trustee: John Williams
- Program Director: Henry Marsh
- Membership Director: Alfredo Diaz
- Faith Director: Tom Keegan, Oscar Horn
- Community Directors: Mark Brinkman, Bill Schoep, Oscar Horn
- Life Director: Troy Mills
- Council & Youth Director: Vacant
- Family Director: Vacant
- Tech & Social Media Director: Tim Walker
- Newsletter & Website: Rich Pawlowicz

## Council Operations

Well, it is our last meeting of this fraternal year. Thanks to your efforts we chocked up another very successful year for our Council, and for supporting our parish and community. Come to the meeting and help wrap up the year.



**Monday, June 15th.**

**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 the May Meeting on our website, ([kofc7909.org](http://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](mailto:KofC7909@popolathe.org)) or Rich Pawlowicz ([rpawlowicz156@gmail.com](mailto:rpawlowicz156@gmail.com)) for access.***

***Don't forget to bring back your Baby Bottle on Father's Day.***



**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP  
TOTAL: 369 MEMBERS**



**Worthy Brothers,**

**When I joined the Knights of Columbus five years ago, my goal was simply to be part of something bigger than myself. Looking back at what we have accomplished together since then, I am filled with immense pride for the resilient, high-performing culture we have built. Along this journey, I have been deeply blessed to make lifelong friends, and I want to thank each of you for the absolute privilege of working alongside you.**

**The last two years serving as your Grand Knight have flown by, and they have taught me three profound lessons about leadership, faith, and brotherhood. First, I learned the power of personal invitation; true volunteer leadership isn't about issuing general commands, but about reaching out to a brother Knight individually and asking him to share his unique talents. Second, I realized how vital it is to guard the balance of our core pillars, ensuring we pair our intense charitable work with spiritual fraternity so our members never burn out. Finally, I learned the beauty of navigating our generational dynamics, finding ways to bridge the gap between our younger and older members while honoring our rich traditions and embracing modernization.**

# ***GK Comments***



We have put these lessons into practice. Over the last two years, we've made great progress balancing our budget, spending our resources wisely, and leaving the council on a very clear path forward. Because of this stability, the officers and I believe it is the perfect time to complete my transition and hand the reins to Henry Marsh. As our Deputy Grand Knight, Henry has proven himself over the last year to have a brilliant mastery of the Knights' culture and a true gift for improving member participation. I know he will continue to make great decisions and drive our membership growth by fostering the same engagement-focused culture we all cherished. Please support him as you supported me in the spirit of brotherhood, with love and always assuming positive intent.

To ensure a seamless transition, Henry will be stepping in immediately to lead Council 7909 as your new Grand Knight. You are in incredibly capable hands. While my time at the helm is ending, my commitment to this brotherhood is not; I look forward to watching and contributing to Henry's success in my new role as First Trustee.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your Grand Knight. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support. I look forward to watching our Council 7909 continue to thrive for years to come.

*Vivat Jesus!*  
*Alex Montgomery Soares*  
**Grand Knight**

# Recognition

May

**Knight of The Month**  
*John Thielen*

**Family of The Month**  
*Jon & Michelle Thielen*

## Key Dates

### June

6/2 – Officer Planning Meeting

6/6 – Street Cleanup, Parish Picnic

6/7 – Sunday Donuts

6/15 – Membership Meeting

6/26 – 7909 Charities Golf Tournament

### July

7/7 – Officer Planning Meeting

7/11 – Homeless Uplift

7/20 – Membership Meeting

### August

8/4 – Officer Planning Meeting

8/17 – Membership Meeting



**Grand Knight, Alex Montgomery-Sores recognizes:**

**The Santos Family (Retze & Jensen), March Family Of The Month.**



**Tom McGranahan as April Knight Of The Month.**



**Alfredo Diaz as February Knight Of The Month.**

# Activity Updates

## Habitat For Humanity

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> a crew of our Knights lent their time and talents to a Habitat For Humanity build. Thanks everyone.



Rob Ragusin, Tom Farmer, Donna Anderson, David Anderson, Ken Brown, Don Lawyer, Gavin Thomason & Jared Thomason



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# Activity Updates

## Trailer Fence

**In May, another industrious crew of brother knights completed the installation of a new fence around our trailer.**

The construction crew: Davess Verdugo, Roberto Gutierrez and his son Robert, Alex Montgomery-Sores, Bob Davis, John Kimmi, and Chad Bowles.



## Catholic Facts

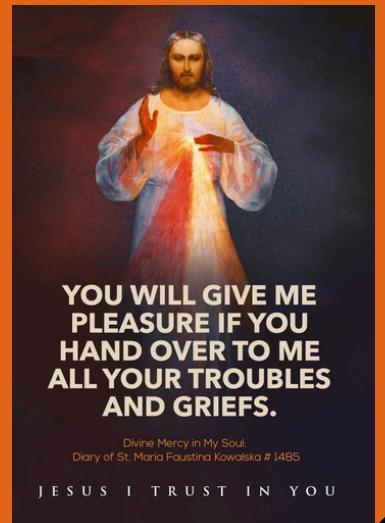
Popes



No 8. Telesphorus I (AD 126 – AD 137 - AD)

The tradition of Christmas Midnight Masses, the celebration of Easter on Sundays, the keeping of a seven-week Lent before Easter and the singing of the Gloria are usually attributed to his pontificate. During this period, the main heretical doctrine was Gnosticism, which Telesphorus vigorously fought because he believed it could steer religion towards a mysticism far removed from reality.\*

## Spiritual Quotes



• Wikipedia

# ***Activity Updates***

## **2026-2027 Officers**

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**Advocate: Rich Pawlowicz**

**Chancellor: Oscor Horn**

**Lector: Tom Keegan**

**Warden: George Martin**

**Inside Guard: Grant Neuer**

**Outside Guard: Greg Maurer**

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# Supreme Tidbits & More

## St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

Form yourself as a Knight and a Catholic man by making **St. Joseph your model of faith and virtue.**

St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father provides viewers with a glimpse into one of the most incredible lives in all of human history – a figure whose spiritual fatherhood remains open to all of us.



St Joseph Our Spiritual Father - Full Documentary

- **You can find it on the Supreme website:**

[www.kofc.org/resources/faith-formation/faith-resources/st-joseph/stjoseph-media/](http://www.kofc.org/resources/faith-formation/faith-resources/st-joseph/stjoseph-media/)

## June Birthdays

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



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### DID YOU KNOW...

Being a Knight isn't just about spending time working various events for the parish or the community. It is also about fellowship. Being with other catholic minded people is a big part of your life as a Knight. Come by the next meeting and get to know some of these great people better.



SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COUNCIL  
[WWW.KOFC7909.ORG](http://WWW.KOFC7909.ORG)

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# Upcoming Activities & Events

## Street Cleanup



**June 6th**

## Parish Picnic



**June 6th**

## Sunday Donuts



**June 7th**

## 7909 Charities Golf Tournament



**June 26th**

**St. Philippine  
Duchesne  
Assembly 2260**



**The Business meeting  
June 8th, 6:30 PM.**

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

# June

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6 Parish Picnic, Street Cleanup
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Sunday Donuts	15  Membership Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26  7909 Charities Golf Tournament	27
28	29	30				

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