



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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## COUNCIL OPERATIONS

**It is the start of our new fraternal year. A great time to attend a meeting, get acquainted with all the new officers, and stay informed on our latest activities.**



**Monday, July 15th.**

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

**Yep, it's that time of the year again....your dues is due. Don't forget you can pay it online on our website [www.7909kofc.org](http://www.7909kofc.org).**



**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP  
TOTAL: 337 MEMBERS**



**Dear Brother Knights,**

**As I step into the honored role of Grand Knight, I am filled with gratitude and determination. Let us forge unbreakable bonds, as we are not merely a collection of individuals; we are a family. Our unity will be our strength, binding us in purpose and resolve. Our brotherhood transcends titles. I encourage you to engage with one another at all levels. Attend meetings, share stories, and break bread together. Our shared experiences will deepen our bonds. Our commitment to charity defines us. This year, let us give 10% more than last year. Whether it's supporting local causes, aiding the less fortunate, or extending kindness, our actions will echo our drive.**

**2024-2025 Focus Areas:**

**Engagement: Reach out to every Knight. Listen to their ideas, concerns, and dreams. Our collective wisdom will guide us toward greatness. We will focus on a new member engagement program.**

**Growth Through Collaboration: Alone, we are strong; together, we are unstoppable. Collaborate on projects, mentor new members, and learn from one another. Our growth lies in synergy.**

**Our faith sustains us. Not only religious faith, but faith in our purpose, our mission, and each other. Let it be the beacon that lights our path. We want the presence of our fathers and deacons in our meeting and events to bless all we do.**

**May this year be one of valor, compassion, and unwavering commitment. As the new Grand Knight, I stand with you, my brothers, ready to uphold our legacy and elevate it into the next year.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Yours in service,**

*Alex Montgomery-Soares*  
**Grand Knight**

# Recognition

June

**Knight of The Month**  
*Travis Goff*

**Family of The Month**  
*Roberto Gutierrez Family*

## Key Dates

July

7/2 – Officer Planning Meeting

7/13 – Homeless Uplift,

Christmas In July

7/15 – Membership Meeting

7/20 - Installation of Officer

August

8/3 - 1st-3rd Degree

Exemplification

8/6 – Officer Planning Meeting

8/19 – Membership Meeting

September

9/3 – Officer Planning Meeting

9/4 – Breakfast Burrito Prep

9/5-7 – Old Settlers

9/8 – Sunday Donuts

9/14 – Street Cleanup

9/15 – Sunday Donuts

9/16 – Membership Meeting

**Deputy Grand Knight Alex Montgomery-Soares recognizes Tom Westerman for his service as our Grand Knight for the 2023-2024 fraternal year.**



# Activity Updates

## Corpus Christi

On June 2nd, the council master chefs went to work to feed our parishioners at the Coprus Christi celebration.



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# Activity Updates

## Street Cleanup



Once again, a band of hearty souls took to Mur-Len street to help the community by picking up trash.

THE CREW INCLUDED: CHAD BOWLES, TOM FARMER, OSCAR HORN, ANDY BOEHM & SON LOGAN.

## Shalom House Dinner

On June 25th, the council served our last dinner for this year, for the inhabitants of Shalom House.



THE COOKS WERE: TROY MILLS, OSCAR HORN, HENRY MARSH, STEVE CUNNINGHAM, BOB HERBIC. AND TOM FARMER.

## Sausage Sale



Once again Troy Mills held a successful sausage sale for our Pro-Life efforts. He sold over 80 pounds and raised over \$550.00.  
Thanks Troy.

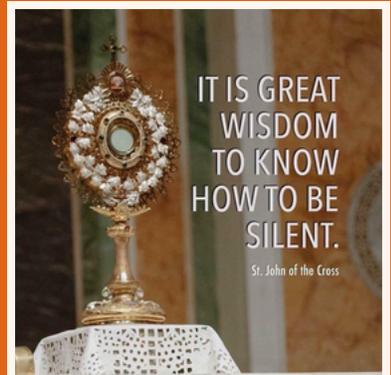
## Catholic Facts

Why do cardinals wear Red?



Cardinals wear red as a sign of the blood of the martyrs: Pope Blessed John Paul II stated at an investiture of cardinals in 1998: "Red is a sign of the dignity of the office of a cardinal, signifying that you are ready to act with fortitude, even to the point of spilling your blood for the increase of the Christian faith."

## Spiritual Quotes



\*Catholicstraightanswers.com

# Upcoming Activities & Events



July 13th we will be hosting *Christman In July* for the Friends of St. Anthony group.



Taking Care and Compassion to the Homeless

July 13th is our next Uplift date. Come and give them a hand.



July 20th will be the date for our Officer Installation in the parish hall.  
(After the 5:00PM Mass.)



We will hold another 1st-3rd Degree Exemplification on August 3rd.

## St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260

The Next business meeting will be at St. John Paul II. Monday July 8th, at 7:05 PM.



# Supreme & State Tidbits

## A Real American Hero

A new statue of Blessed Michael McGivney was unveiled and dedicated Dec. 8 in the Hall of American Saints at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., with Cardinal Christophe Pierre and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori presiding. The statue will share the K of C founder's mission of unity and charity with the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who visit the shrine annually.



“Father McGivney had a timeless vision, which is captured so well on the statue itself,” the supreme knight said in remarks following the dedication. “Generations of pilgrims started visiting the basilica in the 1920s, long before any of us were born. And long after we’re gone, pilgrims will still come to the basilica, and now they will see a statue of Blessed Michael McGivney and will pray for his intercession.”

## Kansas Knights

### *Did you know.....*

The Pennies from Heaven Program (EDAP) gives immediate financial assistance for clothing, food or shelter to families, regardless of race, creed, or national origin, whose home has been destroyed by fire or other natural disasters. Since inception the program has provided \$1,120,000 for 5,290 claims.



## July Birthdays

Name	Day
Robbie Bledsoe	4
Jon Stanfield	4
Cole Bonham	6
James Huber	6
Bobby Pleasant	7
Richard Agnitsch	8
Jason Ritchie	13
Noble Zarate	16
Orrin Lovewell	17
Edmund Szubka	20
Matthew Hawthorne	21
Karl Osman	22
Joseph Pascuzzi	22
Frank Vardijan	24
Philip Straub	25
Ted Clemons	26
Michael Votyпка	28
Roberto Gutierrez	29
Thomas Miller	29
Sebastian Negrete	30
Francis Hund	31
George Tinius	31

# Scholar Ship Winners

On June 19th, Grand Knight Tom Westerman presented the winners of our scholarship contest with their checks of \$1,000 each.



Vanessa Kaumau



Eve Loehrer



Clara Straub



# UPCOMING EVENTS

# JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  Officers Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Uplift Christmas In July
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Membership Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Officer Installation 
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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