



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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## Council Operations

Well, we are half way through this fraternal year. It has been a very active and rewarding 6 months. Be sure to come to the next business meeting to see what we have on tap for 2026.

**Monday, December 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 our November meeting, on our website, ([kofc7909.org](http://kofc7909.org)). We will be voting to accept the minutes at our next membership meeting.*

## Go For Two

**As a reminder, the Go For Two initiative and its incentive prize drawing ends on Dec. 31. You have just this month to qualify!**

**Knights who recruit two men between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025, will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500. Ten second-place winners will receive a customized, K of C-branded football.**

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP  
TOTAL: 379 MEMBERS**



*Brother Knights,*

*As we approach the end of 2025, let us reflect on what truly fulfills us as men of faith and service, I want to share how our calling as Knights addresses the 6 human needs.*

### *Certainty, Variety, and Significance*

*Christ teaches us that when we build our lives upon His word, we stand firm against any storm that comes our way. Brothers, our faith gives us certainty in an uncertain world—a rock-solid foundation we can always depend on. Yet God also brings variety through the seasons of life and the diverse ways He calls us to serve, keeping our mission fresh and dynamic.*

*And through our brotherhood, each of you has true significance—your presence, your talents, and your witness matter deeply to this council and to the Kingdom of God.*

### *Love, Growth, and Spiritual Connection*

*God has entrusted each of us with unique gifts, and He watches to see how we will multiply them through faithful service. This requires the courage to love—to risk, to give, to serve without reservation. It demands continuous growth—developing our faith and abilities to serve better each day. And it deepens our spiritual life—for when we use our gifts for God's glory, we draw closer to Him and experience the profound joy of knowing we are living as He intended, hearing in our hearts, "Well done, good and faithful servant."*

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

# Recognition

## Key Dates

### December

12/2 – Officer Planning Meeting

12/6 – Street Cleanup

12/14 – Sunday Donuts

12/15 – Membership Meeting

12/21 – Sunday Donuts

### January

1/6 – Officer Planning Meeting

1/10 – Homeless Uplift

1/11 – Sunday Donuts

1/17 – Christmas Party

1/18 – Sunday Donuts

1/19 – Membership Meeting

### February

2/2 – Officer Planning Meeting

2/8 – Sunday Donuts

2/15 – Sunday Donuts

2/16 – Membership Meeting

November

**Knight of The Month**  
*Bill Schoep*

**Family of The Month**  
*Sew & Sews Quilter of Prince of Peace*



**Grand Knight Alex Montgomery-Soares recognized Henry Marsh as the November Knight of The Month.**



# ***Special Recognition***

Church Fathers



**The council is very pleased to announce  
our Knight and Family of The Year for  
2025.**





# Activity Updates

## Veteran's Dinner

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the council held our annual Veteran's Dinner, honoring those who served. We had 48 people in attendance. A Special Thanks to Troy Williams, Tom Keegan, John Williams, & Dennis Meeham.



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# Activity Updates

## Scouts Breakfast

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the council helped support our scouts with one of their fund raising breakfasts.



L-R: Jonathan, Yamin and Isaac



L-R: Jim, D.J., Adam, Brody and Gab

## Catholic Facts

Popes



No 2. Pope Linus (68 – 80)

Described as "the first after Peter to be in charge of the Roman Church" and Eusebius described him as "the first to receive the episcopate of the church at Rome, after the martyrdom of Paul and Peter". Linus was an Italian born in Volterra in Tuscany. Linus decreed that women should cover their heads in church, created the first 15 bishops, and died a martyr.\*

## Spiritual Quotes

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



St. Bernard of Clairvaux  
Feast: August 20

[mycatholicprayers.com](http://mycatholicprayers.com)

# ***Activity Updates***

## ***Shalom House Dinner***

**On November 20<sup>th</sup>, another crew from the council served a delicious dinner to the inhabitants of Shalom House. They served a creamy Italian sausage pasta dish with salad, garlic bread, and brownies.**



The crew (L to R): Tom Farmer, Oscar Horm, Richard Eberhardt, & Bob Herbic.

## ***Uplift Blue Jean Bash***



**Blue Jean Bash (November 7th) was a night for our community to support Kansas City's homeless neighbors through food, music, and stories of compassion in action. Every ticket, table, sponsorship, and donation keeps the vans on the streets and the mission moving forward.**

**This year the council was represented by Bill Schoep & his daughter, Alfredo Diaz, and Alex Montgomery-sores.**



# Supreme Tidbits

## Building Mission-Driven Momentum

Midyear Membership Meeting calls jurisdiction leaders to continue fraternal growth and charitable outreach across the Order

Fraternal leaders representing nearly 70 jurisdictions gathered in Denver Nov. 14-16 for the annual Midyear Membership Meeting of State Deputies.



In his address during the opening business session Nov. 15, the supreme knight announced that the Order is on pace to welcome more than 100,000 new members by the end of the calendar year — even as the fraternal year continues.

## State Tidbits



## From State Deputy Gary Wondra

Now that Thanksgiving has passed and December is upon us, we turn our hearts toward Advent and the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As Knights, we are called to keep Christ at the center of our homes, our councils, and our celebrations. I encourage all Knights of Columbus members and their families to place a renewed emphasis on the real reason for the season, keeping Christ in Christmas.

## December Birthdays

Charles Hirth	1
Kieran Duffy	2
David Greving	4
Damian Kiesling	6
Timothy Brown	7
Mark Brinkman	11
D Lockwood	11
Dean McAtee	11
Steve Smith	11
Kevin Heiman	12
Christopher Ojeda	12
Craig Reed	13
Donald Setter	13
Dennis O Grady	14
Travis Goff	16
Nelson Kurian	19
Donald E. Hayes	21
Benjamin Hampton	23
Jose Rodriguez	23
Walter Stivers	24
David Tout	24
Scott Dunwiddie	25
Michael Reynolds	25
Alan Marstall	26
Eric Pickert	27
Steven Cunningham	30
Stephen Hiltibidal	31
Kenneth King	31

# Upcoming Activities & Events

## Street Cleanup



**December 6th**

## Sunday Donuts



**December 14th & 21st**

**St. Philippine  
Duchesne  
Assembly 2260**



**The Business meeting  
will be held on  
December 8th, 7:15  
PM.**

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

## Special Food Drive



**To assist Catholic Charities we are going to  
hold a special Food Drive this December.  
Please bring any non-perishable food items  
you wish to donate to our December business  
meeting.**

*(We are attempting this due to the high demand  
for food items as a result of the government shutdown.)*

# December

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6  Street Cleanup
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Sunday Donuts	15  Membership Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21  Sunday Donuts	22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> 			

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

***MERRY  
CHRISTMAS***



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