



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

Council Operations

Although it is cold outside, things are heating up for the Council. We are getting ready for Lent and our famous Fish Fry's. They start early next month. Come and see where we can use your help.

Monday, February 17th.

The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

(Rosary at 6:30 PM in the Cry room).



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Membership Delta Church Drive February 22nd & 23rd

Growing our council membership is important to continue our work for the parish and the community. If you are available to help answer questions after each Mass, please come by to help with this Delta Drive.



ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL: 377 MEMBERS



Brother Knights,

In life, we are blessed with two kinds of friends: those we choose and those who choose us. Sometimes, it feels like God places certain people in our lives for a reason, guiding us through the ups and downs.

Then, there is our family—the friends we did not choose, but whom God chose for us. Our families shape us in profound ways, influencing how we see the world and who we become. The environment we grow up in plays a significant role in molding our character and values.

As we navigate through life, let's cherish both our chosen friends and our family. They are the pillars that support us, the mirrors that reflect our true selves, and the anchors that keep us grounded.

Embrace the love and lessons from those around you, and remember that together, we can overcome any challenge and celebrate every joy.

Alex Montgomery-Soares

Grand Knight

Recognition

Key Dates

February

- 2/4 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 2/8 & 9 – Fire Retreat
- 2/9 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/16 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/17 – Membership Meeting
- 2/22 & 23 – Delta Drive
- 2/23 – Boy Scout Breakfast

March

- 3/1 – 1st - 3rd Exemplification
- 3/4 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 3/7 – Fish Fry
- 3/8 – Street Cleanup
- 3/9 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/14 – Fish Fry
- 3/16 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/17 – Membership Meeting
- 3/21 – Fish Fry
- 3/28 – Fish Fry

April

- 4/1 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 4/4 – Fish Fry
- 4/11 – Fish Fry
- 4/13 – Sunday Donuts
- 4/20 – Sunday Donuts
- 4/21 – Membership Meeting
- 4/27 – Homeless Uplift

January

Knight of The Month
Jon Thielen

Family of The Month
Travis Goff Family

IT'S COMING

ALERT!

**It will be here before you know it.
Yep, I am talking about FISH
FRY's. They start on March 7th.
This is one of those "all-hands-on-
deck" events. Please consider
lending your talents to this big
activity.**

Activity Updates

Council Christmas Party

January 11th, we held our council Christmas Party. We had over 40 folks attend. Looks like they all had a very nice time.



Pro-Life Crib



January was Pro-Life Month and our Pro-Life Director, Troy Mills, set up a crib for donations.



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Activity Updates

Shalom House Dinner

On January 23rd, some hearty souls from the council served another tasty dinner at Shalom House. Some seminarians came along to help serve the meal and wash dishes.



L to R

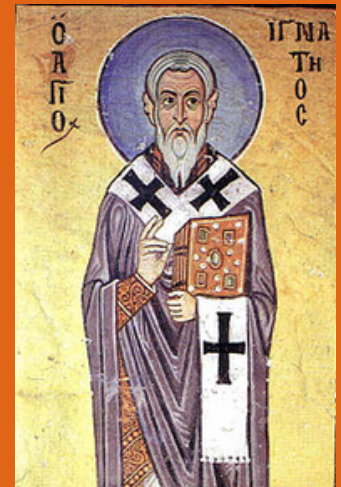
Tom Farmer, Rich Eberhardt, Oscar Horn, and Tom Keegan



L to R: Seminarians from St. John Vianney:
LeMar, Isaac, Gerad and James

Catholic Facts

Church Fathers



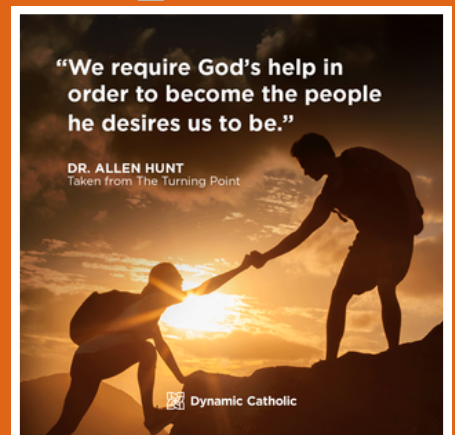
Ignatius of Antioch (died c. 108/140) also known as Ignatius Theophorus, was an early Christian writer and Patriarch of Antioch. Nothing is known of Ignatius' life apart from the words of his letters and later traditions. It is said Ignatius converted to Christianity at a young age. Tradition identifies him and his friend Polycarp as disciples of John the Apostle. Later, Ignatius was chosen to serve as Bishop of Antioch; the fourth-century Church historian Eusebius writes that Ignatius succeeded Evodius. Theodoret of Cyrrhus claimed that St. Peter himself left directions that Ignatius be appointed to this episcopal see.

*Wikipedia

Spiritual Quotes

"We require God's help in order to become the people he desires us to be."

DR. ALLEN HUNT
Taken from *The Turning Point*



Dynamic Catholic

Activity Updates

Church Fathers

Homeless Uplift

Once again in January (the 11th) a number of our Knights gave up their evening to help serve the homeless here in Kansas City by manning the Uplift vans.



The crew included: (L to R)
Richard Eberhardt
Tom McGranaghan
Mark Brinkman
Henry March
Jon Thielen

Scout Pinewood Derby

On January 26th, a group of our Knights helped support the Scouts by assisting them provide breakfast for their Pinewood Derby.



L to R: Tom Keegan, Jon Thielen, John Guerdan and Oscar Horn



L to R: Scouts Adam, Brody, Thomas and Nathan

Upcoming Activities & Events

Fire Retreat. February
8th & 9th



Church Delta Drive
February 22nd & 23rd.

Knights of Columbus

I would like to become a member of the Knights of Columbus.
 I would like more information regarding membership in the Knights of Columbus.
 I am a former member interested in rejoining the Knights of Columbus.

Name: _____ State or Province: _____ Zip: _____
Street Address: _____ Parish: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

Please contact me by: Phone Text Email
 Mailing Afternoon Evening

Best time to contact: _____

Scout Breakfast February
23rd.



St. Philippine Duchesne
Assembly 2260

The Business meeting
will be held on February
10th, 7:00 PM.
(Meeting location will be
at St. Paul's.)



Supreme & State Tidbits

Knights of Columbus Surpasses \$100 Million Milestone of Support for Seminarians, Postulants and Novices

New Haven, Conn. — The Knights of Columbus announced that its local councils have helped to donate more than \$100 million directly to seminarians, postulants and novices through its Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Launched in 1981 in response to a growing vocations crisis in North America, RSVP encourages Knights to stand in solidarity with men and women pursuing religious vocations by providing financial, moral and spiritual support. Last year, more than 2,700 local councils donated \$4.1 million, an all-time high since the program began.

“For more than 40 years, RSVP has supported tens of thousands of men and women as they answer the Lord’s call to serve the Church and the people of God,” said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. He continued, “Our support for vocations speaks to the love Knights of Columbus have for the Eucharist, our parishes, and the Church.”

Kansas Knights

Did you know.....



Scrapbooks

What is a Project / Program / Activity Scrapbook?

It is a showcase to present your council’s project or activity for consideration of a State service award.

A scrapbook is for “one” specific project or activity for that year from the council. The scrapbook “does not” cover a group of multiple activities combined.

The State winner in each program area is then submitted to the Supreme Council as a representative of the Kansas Knights of Columbus and entered in the International level competition.

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
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
Marcel Montreuil	16
Zachary Person	19
Jared Thomason	19
John Goodack	20
Paul Matlack	20
Kevin Rottinghaus	21
Bryan Caudillo	23
Clarence Cheshire	23
Andrew Heim	24
Al Berding	25
Ronald Orscheln	25
Philip Kaminski	27
Matthew Oesterlei	27
Aaron Lupo	29

February



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Officers Meeting	5	6	7	8 Fire Retreat
9 Sunday Donuts Fire Retreat	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday Donuts	17 Membership Meeting	18	19	20	21	22 Church Delta Drive
23 Scout Breakfast Church Delta Drive	24	25	26	27	28	

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