



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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Our 2024 activities are coming to an end. This is just half of what we have planned for the fraternal year. Come and see what else is on our agenda.



Monday, December 16th.

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

7909 SWAG

**Don't forget, you can order council Logo ware on our website.
(Under the "More" tab, there is a link to an order form.)**



**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL: 378 MEMBERS**



As the year draws to a close, let us gather in the spirit of brotherhood and reflect upon the blessings bestowed upon us. Like the timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation, we too are reminded of the virtues that bind us together.

Be thankful for life, for each breath is a gift, a chance to make a difference. Embrace the brotherhood that unites us, for in our unity lies our strength. As knights, we are called to uphold the values of, charity, unity and fraternity. Let us extend our hands in charity, offering kindness and support to those in need.

May we cherish the bonds of fraternity, fostering a community where love and respect for one another reign supreme. In the spirit of A Christmas Carol, let us carry these virtues into the new year, spreading joy and goodwill to all.

With heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes for a prosperous and harmonious year ahead.

Alex Montgomery-Soares
Grand Knight

Recognition

Key Dates

December

- 12/3 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 12/6 – Winterfest
- 12/7 – Street Cleanup
- 12/8 – Sunday Donuts
- 12/15 – Sunday Donuts
- 12/ 26 – Membership Meeting

January

- 1/7 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 1/12 – Sunday Donuts
- 1/19 – Sunday Donuts
- 1/20 – Membership Meeting

February

- 2/4 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 2/9 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/16 – Sunday Donuts
- 2/17 – Membership Meeting

November

Knight of The Month
Dennis Mehan

Family of The Month
Tom Farmer Family



Blessed
Michael McGivney

REGISTER TO JOIN THE GUILD
The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild publishes a quarterly newsletter and offers a weekly Mass for the intentions of members.

www.fathermcgivney.org/join-the-guild/

Activity Updates

Shalom House

On November 26th, this hearty crew put together another delicious dinner for the residents of Shalom House. Thanks again for taking on this mission for the council.



Tom Farmer, Jon Thielen, Oscar Horn and Richard Enerhardt

Exemplification

We held an Exemplification on November 18th to welcome another new Knight to the Order. Our new Knight is **Matthew (Matt) Oesterlei**.



Degree Team: Deacon Leon Supernant, Henry Marsh, Robert (Bob)- Eisele, Brian Timberlake, Alex Montgomery-Soares, Alfredo Diaz.



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Activity Updates

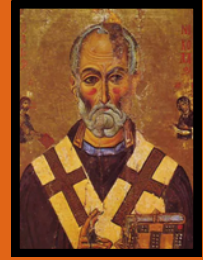
Veteran's Dinner

On November 9th, a great crew of our Knights put on another wonderful dinner for our veteran's. This year we had about 40 attendees. Our speaker was Michael Swearingen.



Catholic Facts

Saint Nicholas



Saint Nicholas of Myra, also known as Nicholas of Bari, Nicholas the Wonderworker, and Saint Nick, was a fourth-century bishop in Myra, Asia Minor, modern-day Demre, Turkey. His life is also the origin of the legend of Santa Claus. By the sixth century, his tomb had become widely venerated because of the numerous reported miracles worked through his intercession. In the eleventh century, his body was transferred to Bari, Italy, where it remains today. To this day, his bodily remains excrete a liquid, at first thought to be an oil but now believed to be water, which is collected, mixed with holy water, and distributed to the faithful in bottles every May 9, the day his remains arrived in Bari. The liquid is commonly referred to as the "Manna of Saint Nicholas" and is believed to contain miraculous healing power.*

Spiritual Quotes

"THE SMALLEST THING WHEN DONE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD IS PRICELESS."

St. TERESA OF AVILA

From *Sermons in a Sentinel*, Volume 4



Upcoming Activities & Events



On December 6th we will be supporting the parish Winterfest by serving Chili, Chili Dogs, Nacho's and bottled water.



December 7th is our next Street Cleanup Date. Come out and give us a hand.



Coffee and donuts on December 8th and 15th. We can always use some extra help.

St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260

The Business meeting will be held on December 9th, 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

The organization's Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) helps cover expenses during formation, while strengthening bonds with parishes, councils and communities

New Haven, Conn. — The Knights of Columbus announced on November 8th 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.....

Has 260 councils and more than 38,000 members across Kansas.



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3  Officers Meeting	4	5	6  WINTER FEST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	7  Street Cleanup
8  Sunday Donuts	9	10	11	12	13	14
15  Sunday Donuts	16  Membership Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
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 the council.....***

Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year!

