



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

## Officers & Directors

- Chaplin: Den. Dan Ondracek
- Grand Knight: Alex Montgomery-Soares
- Deputy Grand Knight: (Interim) Alfredo Diaz
- Chancellor: Tim Walker
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- Recorder: Roberto Gutierrez
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- Council & Youth Director: Andrew Boehm
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- Newsletter & Website: Rich Pawlowicz

## Council Operations

**It's a new year, but for us it is the 2nd half of our fraternal year. Which means we still have a lot to do. Come to the next meeting and see where we can use you talents in 2025.**

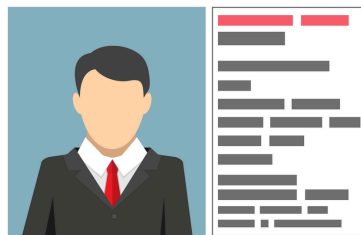
**Monday, January 20th.**

**The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.**

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



### MISSING



### REWARD

**Yep. One of our key officers is missing. The Deputy Grand Knight. We are in search of a person to fill this important role. If you may be interested or perhaps can suggest someone for this role, please contact any officer.**

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP  
TOTAL: 379 MEMBERS**



*Everything that you get comes at a cost.*

*There's nothing for FREE, and the only question is the cost worth.*

*Even people who've done extremely well. The question is at what cost they do extremely well? What I am talking about is the desire to have without paying for it, which is, I want this, but I'm not willing to pay the cost? So for example, working really hard to get something, do I want to achieve this? The cost is, I will have a couple of sleepless nights, I'm going to work a little harder, I'm going to miss out on some social events, I might be a little bit exhausted now and then, but for me, that's worth the cost, is this the cost for what I am trying to accomplish? And so I think what we're seeing is the misunderstanding of the cost equation, because nothing comes for free in this world.*

*In 2025, lets work for what it is worth, let's be grateful for the chance to work for something we believe in. Nothing worth having or accomplished is FREE.*

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

# Recognition

## Key Dates

### January

- 1/7 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 1/11 – Homeless Uplift
- 1/11 – Christmas Party
- 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

### March

- 3/4 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 3/9 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/16 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/17 – Membership Meeting

December

**Knight of The Month**  
*Tim Walker*

**Family of The Month**  
*John Williams Family*



# Activity Updates

## Winterfest

On December 6th, the council provided some tasty food at the parish Winterfest. We served some great chili and chili dogs. Thanks to this great cooking and serving crew.



## Street Cleanup



Once again a super crew hit Mur-Len (between 143rd and 151st street) on December 7th to do another Street Cleanup.



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# Activity Updates

## St. Mary's Food Kitchen

Throughout the year we have had a number of Knights volunteer each month to assist the St. Mary's Food Kitchen to provide food to the needy. Here are some pictures from the December crew.



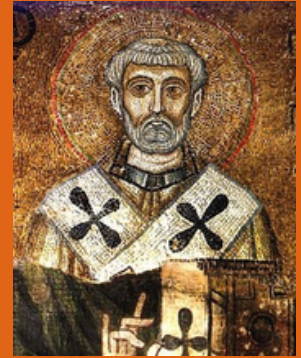
L to R

Bob Eisele, Matt Harding, Rob Ragusin, Fred Kroos, Rich Eberhardt, Frank Vardijan, Jacob Steger, Ken Wallace, Tony Martini, Tom Keegan



## Catholic Facts

Church Fathers



The Fathers of the Church are so called because of their leadership in the early Church, especially in defending, expounding, and developing Catholic doctrines.

Clement of Rome, also known as Pope Clement I, was a bishop of Rome in the late first century AD. He is considered to be the first of the Apostolic Fathers of the Church, and a leading member of the Church in Rome in the late 1st century. Little is known about Clement's life. Tertullian claimed that Clement was ordained by Saint Peter. [Wikipedia\\*](#)

## Spiritual Quotes

**caTholic.**  
When the world sees you,  
they don't have to see a saint,  
but at least let them see  
a sinner set on sainthood.  
We shouldn't need to  
tell people we're Catholic.  
They should smell it in our sweat.

Matthew Warner

# Activity Updates

Church Fathers

## Spreading Christmas Cheer

**In December Our Grand Knight (Alex Montgomery-Soares) got to play Santa Claus. He distributed the gifts the council authorized to our community of Priests, Deacons and Sisters. (Here are a few photos.)**



# Upcoming Activities & Events

Our Christmas Party is on January 11th. It starts at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.



The next homeless Uplift is on January 11th.

**uplift.org**

Taking Care and Compassion to the Homeless

Coffee and donuts on January 12th and 19th. Helping hands are always welcome.



St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260

The Business meeting will be held on January 13th, 7:00 PM. (Meeting location will be at St. Paul's.)



# Supreme & State Tidbits

## Knights of Columbus Celebrates One Million Coats Donated Through Its Coats for Kids™ Program Knights accompanies milestone with donation of \$50,000 to five Denver Catholic schools

Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly celebrated the donation of one million coats through the Knights' Coats for Kids™ program, with the distribution of nearly 1,000 new coats to underprivileged children in five Denver Catholic schools. The schools include Annunciation Catholic School, St. James Catholic School, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy, St. Therese Catholic Classical School and Guardian Angels Catholic School. In recognition of the historic milestone, Supreme Knight Kelly also announced the donation of \$10,000 on behalf of the Knights of Columbus to each school, for a total of \$50,000.

Since Coats for Kids™ launched in 2009, Knights have distributed coats in 49 U.S. states and all 10 Canadian provinces – including on U.S. military bases and Native American and First Nation reservations in the U.S. and Canada. Knights of Columbus councils have distributed over 100,000 coats to children in need each year since 2017.

## Kansas Knights

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



In 1950 erected the Padilla monument near Lyons, KS in honor of Fr. Juan de Padilla, the proto-martyr of the United States and in 2000 established a \$400,000 Centennial Memorial Fund, earnings from which will be used in perpetuity for religious education in Kansas. To date, \$345,000 has been given to the four Kansas dioceses.

## January Birthdays

Arvin Berding	1
Michael Hernandez	3
Henry Marsh	4
James Bellerive	5
Larry Peterson	5
Rick Brown	6
William Hoge	7
Alex Montgomery-Soares	7
James Wessling	9
Paul Boone	10
Richard Jacober	11
William Meyers	11
Dennis Shaffer	11
Douglas Wahl	12
John Duncan	13
Michael Woolworth	14
Jose Alonso	18
Larry Kasberger	18
William Totten	18
Jackson Schoep	24
Stephen Kacvinsky	26
Joseph Stumpff	27
Richard Hale	28
John Williams	28
Frank Burger	29
Kevin Petracek	31



# January



# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 * Happy New Year *	2	3	4
5	6	7 Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11 Homeless Uplift Christmas Party
12 Sunday Donuts	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday Donuts	20 Membership Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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