



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

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## Council Operations

It is Lent and we are into one of our largest events - Fish Fry's. Stay up to speed on how it is going and what we need to do to get to the finish line at the March meeting.

**Monday, March 16th.**

**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 January & February Meeting, on our website, (kofc7909.org). We will be voting to accept the minutes at our next membership meeting. (Don't forget you will need a password to view these. Contact the Grand Knight (KofC7909@popolathe.org) or Rich Pawlowicz (rpawlowicz156@gmail.com) for access.***



**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP  
TOTAL: 378 MEMBERS**



## **From Loaves and Fishes to Fryers and Fellowship**

**Brother Knights,**

**The Fish-fry gatherings during Lent have long been a beloved tradition in Catholic parishes across the United States. They grew out of the Church’s practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays, a discipline that took shape in the early centuries of Christianity and later became a unifying custom among immigrant Catholic communities. As parishes expanded, the simple act of choosing fish over meat naturally evolved into communal meals that brought people together.**

**Today, these fish fries are a hallmark of parish life, drawing families, visitors, and volunteers into a shared space of service and fellowship. Knights of Columbus councils often play a central role, turning a humble Lenten practice into an opportunity to support parish ministries, charitable works, and community outreach. What began as a meal of necessity has become a joyful expression of unity and generosity.**

**The spiritual meaning behind these gatherings echoes the Gospel story of the loaves and fishes, where Jesus multiplies a small offering to feed a crowd. In much the same way, a few volunteers and a few baskets of fish become something far greater—nourishing both the body and the spirit of the community. This living parable reflects the mission of charity, unity, and fraternity that guides the work of every Grand Knight, including me.**

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

# Recognition

## Key Dates

### March

- 3/3 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 3/6 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 3/7 – Street Cleanup
- 3/8 – Sunday Donuts
- 3/13 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 3/15 – Sunday Donuts, Trailblazers Basketball Game
- 3/16 – Membership Meeting
- 3/20 – Lenten Fish Fry
- 3/27 – Lenten Fish Fry

### April

- 4/7 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 4/11 – Homeless Uplift
- 4/12 – Sunday Donuts
- 4/19 – Sunday Donuts
- 4/20 – Membership Meeting

### May

- 5/5 – Officer Planning Meeting
- 5/10 – Sunday Donuts
- 5/17 – Sunday Donuts
- 5/18 – Membership Meeting

## February

**Knight of The Month**  
*Alfredo Diaz*

**Family of The Month**  
*Paul Oberrieder Family*

**Grand Knight, Alex Montgomery-Sores recognized Troy & Phyllis Mills as Family of The Month - December 2025.**



**J. Voda & G. Hattley were also recognized as new Honorary Knights.**



# Activity Updates

## Fire Retreat Burrito Prep

On February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> a crew of dedicated Knights and their wives made delicious burritos for the Fire Retreat participants.



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# Activity Updates

## Lenten Fish Fry

We completed our first two Lenten Fish Frys. Once again a small army of our Knights and youth volunteers came together to make a delicious meal for our parishioners. We served 416 meals in week one and 551 meals in week two.



## Catholic Facts

Popes



No 4. Pope Evaristus (AD 100 – AD 108)

He was a Greek by birth, fathered by a Greek Jew named Judah from the city of Bethlehem. He divided titles among the priests in the city of Rome, and ordained seven deacons to assist with the bishop's preaching. Evaristus decreed that "in accordance with Apostolic tradition marriage should be celebrated publicly and with the blessing of the priest". \*

## Spiritual Quotes



• Wikipedia

# Supreme Tidbits & More

**Do you want to *waive* your *per capita* this year?**

**Recruit your top men to become Knights of Columbus Financial Professionals! Just *one* successful candidate equals 100% reduction in assessment.**



- 1** **Promote the Career to Your Members**  
Learn more about the career at [www.kofc.org/agentcareers](http://www.kofc.org/agentcareers) and visit [Supplies.kofc.org](http://Supplies.kofc.org) to find all promotional materials.
- 2** **Have Your Candidate Apply**  
Scan the QR code below, and be sure the candidate uses the referral code: **2026Incentive**
- 3** **Your Candidate Becomes an Agent**  
After becoming an Agent, he will complete a training program.
- 4** **Your Agent Completes Six Months**  
Your candidate must complete six months under contract as an Agent for your council to qualify.
- 5** **All Per Capita Fees Waived**  
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Referral Incentive only applies to FPI's with at least 6 months of tenure. Per Capita includes all Supreme Council Assessments for the 2026 Fiscal year.

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## March Birthdays

Robert Davis	2
Adam Soelter	3
Dennis Lickteig	4
Gregory Bolts	5
Thomas Ngundo	5
Arthur Jamison	7
Gary Schumaker	7
Michael Zegunis	7
Chris Duffy	8
John Larrick	8
Oscar Horn	10
Theo Daniels	11
Robert Paulbeck	12
Scott Applen	13
James Elliott	14
Alfredo Diaz	16
Terry Droge	17
Daniel Ondracek	17
Michael Bartholomew	19
Troy Mills	20
David Schneider	20
James Super	20
Trevor Whitney	20
Scott Bauer	22
Dennis Goodeyon	22
Daniel Kanakares	22
Travis Steele	22
Peter Hausauer	23
Justin Morasch	24
Pat Coyle	25
David Mulhall	25
Raphael Nguyen	26



### DID YOU KNOW...

Are you a Knight with many, many years in the council? Perhaps you have been unable to be too active in events. That's not a problem. Your experience and judgement are very valuable to the council. Just come to an occasional meeting to share your wisdom and thoughts. We can use your insight.



SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COUNCIL  
[WWW.KOFC7909.ORG](http://WWW.KOFC7909.ORG)

# Upcoming Activities & Events

## Fish Fry



March 6th, 13th, 20th  
& 27th

## Street Cleanup



March 7th

## March Birthdays

Kyle McNellis	27
Anthony Martini	28
Christopher Slater	28

## Sunday Donuts



March 8th & 15th

## Trailblazers Basketball Game



March 15th

## St. Philippine Duchesne Assembly 2260



The Business meeting  
will be held on March  
9th, 7:15 PM.

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

# March

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3  Officers Meeting	4	5	6 <b>FISH FRY</b>  FRIDAY	7  Street Cleanup
8  Sunday Donuts	9	10	11	12	13 <b>FISH FRY</b>  FRIDAY	14
15 Trailblazers Basketball Game, Sunday Donuts	16  Membership Meeting	17	18	19	20 <b>FISH FRY</b>  FRIDAY	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>FISH FRY</b>  FRIDAY	28
29	30	31				

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