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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARLINGTON COUNCIL 109

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

March 2025

Dear Brothers,

We have much to do this month (in addition to starting Lent)! Our Council Champions will head to the District Level Free Throw Competition on the 8th. You are all welcome to attend the district, regional, and state competitions. We have our always popular Council (including families) St. Patrick's Day Party on the 15th, we will have food at 4pm and music from 6-8pm.

After some good feedback last year, we have made some changes to the Annual Communion Breakfast. This year it will be on Sunday March 30th at St. Agnes. We will attend the 9AM Mass, which will be followed by breakfast and a speaker at the hall. This event is truly one of the highlights of our year, the ability to celebrate Mass and enjoy a meal nurturing both our body and spirit together. The event does require tickets. Tickets are \$3, but no more than \$5 per family regardless of size (tickets are for a headcount, not revenue). Our 2025 speaker is Brother Knight, Dr. J. David Franks. He is Co-Director of the Trinity Institute for Leadership and Social Justice and a member of the faculty at Boston Trinity Academy, a diverse Christian prep school in Hyde Park. He is also senior research fellow at the Abigail Adams Institute in Cambridge, convening its flagship program, The Great Conversation. He received his Ph.D. in systematic theology from Boston College and was professor of sacred theology for almost a decade at St. John's Seminary.

Lastly, I would like to highlight on Monday the 24th, we are holding an Exemplification. Please reach out and invite new family, friends, and fellow parishioners to put their faith into action!

Vivat Iesu & May God Bless Council 109 Grand Knight Nicholas Gallo

Upcoming Council Events & Activities				
March 4 th	Officer's Planning Meeting			
March 5 th	Ash Wednesday			
March 8 th	District Level Free Throw Competition			
March 9 th	Contra for a Cause			
March 11 th	Columbus Club Meeting			
March 15 th	St. Patrick's Day Party (food 4PM, music 6-8PM)			
March 18 th	Knights of Columbus Meeting			
March 23 rd	St. Agnes Coffee Hour (following 9am Mass)			
March 24 th	Knights of Columbus Exemplification			
March 30 th	Annual Communion Breakfast			
To keep informed of Council activities, visit our website: www.KofC109.com				

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Paulo Carvalho

MARCH MOTIONS

The following motions have been submitted for our regular business meeting:

• Approval of February 18th Regular Business Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL #109 WINS SUPREME CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS

At our February monthly meeting, we had the honor of hosting the worthy Massachusetts State Deputy Bob Schwarz. Bob presented to us the Contest of Champions award from the Supreme Council for our efforts in the 2023-2024 fraternal year. The Contest of Champions Award is presented to two Councils in each state jurisdiction: the Council with the highest percentage growth in membership, and the Council with the highest numerical gain in membership. Thank you to all the Brothers of the Council who helped bring this award to #109. Let's keep impressing Supreme with our efforts!

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The following Brothers or family members have been reported ill. Your prayers are requested for their well-being and for the continued good health of all our Brothers and their families. A card or a visit would be appreciated.

PGK Bob Cullinane – unwell and could use prayers.

PGK Tom Henry – unwell and could use prayers.

Brother Steve Kelly Sr – in rehab after a few falls.

Brother David Gallo Sr, father of GK Gallo – undergoing treatment for mantle cell lymphoma.

Diana Couture, wife of FDD/PGK David Couture – unwell and could use prayers. Mary Brady, mother of Brother Michael Brady – unwell and could use prayers. Arthur Ronayne, father of DGK Ronayne – unwell and could use prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of all our deceased Brothers and their family members, may their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Natalie York - niece of Brother Chuck Bennett.

Claire Bryant – mother-in-law of Brother Chris Duffy's brother.



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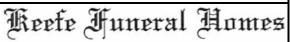
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In addition to our Council organized scholarship opportunities, many scholarships also exist at the SUPREME Council level. More info: https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The below are individuals who have completed an application for membership to our Council. Action will be taken on their application at our next Business Meeting:

Robert Rufo Jr.

ASPIRANTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The below are individuals who have been accepted by a vote of the Council but have not yet completed a degree. **Please encourage these Aspirants to complete their degree training** so they may fulfil their membership requirements:

Bill Darnell Matthew Lojacono Matthew Garcia
David Abramson Liam Mannion Stephen Rae

IN-PERSON EXEMPLIFICATION - MARCH 24th

We will be holding an in-person exemplification on 3/24. Please take a moment to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor to our order. We also encourage all 1st and 2nd degree members to complete their third degree at this ceremony. The "modern" ceremony only takes about 45 minutes and is a great opportunity to meet new members. Please inform an Officer if you plan to attend OR plan to bring a guest, we will be ordering food and need to make sure we have enough food for all.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have set a goal of 30 new members this fraternal year (July 2024 - June 2025). Below is our progress towards that goal:

Goal	Feb +	FYTD +	%
30	0	21	70%

Make sure to both recruit new members and assist them through the degree process!



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"Prayer is the key to heaven, but faith unlocks the door."

"God does not require us to succeed; He only requires that you try."

> - Saint John of God (1495 -1550), Feast Day March 8th

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COLUMBUS CLUB

New access cards are active for the building. Have you paid your dues? If not, please get them in and reach out in person or via email to FinancialSecretary@KofC109.com with any questions!

2025 SPY PONDER GOLF CLASSIC – JUNE 17th

We are also busy plotting the course for this year's Spy Ponder Golf Classic. This year it will be on June 17th at Butter Brook Golf Club in Westford. This year we are going to have food at the Course from D'Agostino's rather than back at the Council Hall. We are starting the process of securing both sponsors and golfers, more info to come, please see the website: https://kofc109.com/golf

