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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

August 2024

Dear Brothers,

The "Christmas in July" food drive raised around 3,000lbs of food, this was our second year partnering with St. Eulalia parish and WOW what a great result! Thank you to all the donors and the many Brothers who jumped in to help where needed. At our July exemplification we welcomed 11 new 3rd degree Brother Knights! This has been an excellent start to the new year – lets keep up the good work!

This month we will be participating in the National Night Out at Thompson School Park, holding our monthly Contra for a Cause dance, enjoying Steamers and Dogs at our members meeting, and on August 11th hosting the Silver Rose at St. Agnes. Please try to attend some of these great events, they all promise to be special in their own ways!

We are headed into a very busy season for our Council. Volunteers of all types are needed to assist with the various events. Helping on the grill at a picnic, shaking hands and talking with people at a tabling event, or helping set up and breakdown tables and chairs are all very valued forms of assistance! We have some new programs on tap this year and could use your help! Please consider donating a few hours of your time to an activity that speaks to you.

Finally, God Bless and enjoy as much of the summer you can get! I look forward to seeing many of you soon at the "Steamers and Dogs" meeting!

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

Upcoming Council Events & Activities

August 5 th	Officer's Planning Meeting
August 6 th	National Night Out (@ North Union Park)
August 11 th	Silver Rose (@ St. Agnes)
August 11 th	Contra for a Cause
August 13 th	<i>Feast of the Blessed Father Michael McGivney</i>
August 15 th	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
August 20 th	Knights of Columbus Meeting (Steamers & Dogs)
September 3 rd	Officer's Planning Meeting
September 8 th	CPARL Annual Picnic (@ St. Camillus)
September 8 th	Contra for a Cause
September 14 th	Prayer Service at Memorial to the Unborn (outside)
September 17 th	Knights of Columbus Meeting
September 21 st	Arlington Town Day
September 22 nd	St. Eulalia Parish Picnic

To keep informed of Council activities, visit our website: www.KofC109.com

AUGUST MOTIONS

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OUR LOCAL PARISHES:

St. Agnes & St. Camillus

www.cparl.org

St. Eulalia

www.sainteulalia.org

St. Peter

www.saintpetercambridge.org

COUNCIL SEMINARIANS:

Paulo Carvalho

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

- Approval of June 11th Regular Business Meeting Minutes
- Ratification of KofC109 Rules of Governance (must be done every year)
- Motion from PGK Buckley: "I move Council 109 donate \$250 in support of APD Officer Mike Hogan and the Arlington Team Angel as they ride on the Pan Mass Challenge this month."
- Motion from PGK Buckley: "I move Council 109 donate \$250 to be used by St. John Vianney Council 16,243 for Coats for Kids."

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.

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

Brother David Gallo Sr, father of GK Gallo – undergoing treatment for Mantle Cell Lymphoma.

Scott Chisholm, brother of Brother John Chisholm – undergoing treatment for cancer.

Joan Hurd, wife of Brother Frank Hurd – undergoing treatment for Pancreatic cancer.

Mary Brady, mother of Brother Michael Brady – unwell and could use prayers.

Jamie Gallo, wife of GK Gallo – recovering from foot surgery.

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.

Brother John Hanley (HL)

Kathy Keefe - wife of PGK Jackie Keefe

2024-2025 BULLETIN UPDATE

Please consider placing an Ad in our bulletin. An Ad only costs \$150 for the entire fraternal year! This is a business expense and goes directly towards our charitable endeavors! A special thank you to the brothers who have already signed up for their Ads!

CANTY-PRIOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for this year's Canty-Prior Memorial Scholarship are due August 19th.

Please submit your application(s) in the box provided in the Lounge. Please find an application at the end of the bulletin.

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KOFC SCHOLARSHIPS

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 Cuff Jr.	Thomas Harvey	Charles Bennett Jr
Matthew Miller	Bennett Ronayne	Mathieu Ronayne
Luke Ronayne	William Marsden	

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
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ON-DEMAND EXEMPLIFICATION

Have you reached the 3rd degree? All individuals without a degree or with only the 1st & 2nd degrees are encouraged to complete their 3rd degree. Our first three degrees are an introduction to our order's focuses on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. **This on-demand training only takes about 30 minutes to complete.** A link to the ceremony may be found here: www.kofc109.com/exemplification

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	July +	FYTD +	%
30	4	4	14%

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

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

If you have interest in this exemplification, please reach out to GrandKnight@KofC109.com and I can share more information.

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"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

"Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints - they are your public."

- Saint John Vianney (1786-1859),
Feast Day August 4th

AD SPACES AVAILABLE
CONTACT ANY KofC109 OFFICER

SILVER ROSE – 2PM AUGUST 11th @ ST. AGNES

Don't miss this event! We are proudly hosting the pilgrimage this year! Each year, eight Silver Roses make a nine-month pilgrimage along routes through Canada and the United States, concluding at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico on December 12th – the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Stewarded by the Knights of Columbus, every stop the Silver Rose makes is commemorated with a Rosary-centered occasion.

We also made it into The Pilot in hopes of increasing our reach for this event: <https://www.thebostonpilot.com/article.php?ID=197879>

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus biggest fundraiser is the "Tootsie Roll Drive" which will be conducted throughout Arlington on Columbus Day Weekend October 11th - 13th, in an effort to help individuals with disabilities. Please volunteer for an hour or two to help a worthy cause. **This is a great opportunity to include your children & grandchildren in charitable activities!**

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

We are now accepting submissions for the 2024-2025 essay contest. **Submissions are due Friday October 11th.** This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be 500-750 words, entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

2024-2025 Essay Topic:

In an essay of 500-750 words, what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

*** Proud Reminder *** In the 2023-2024 contest we had 3 essays go all the way to international runner's up! The only Council to do so in our entire order.