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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

September 2024

Dear Brothers,

We welcomed eight new Brothers to our Council in August, wow! Please continue your efforts to both spread word of our good works and to recruit new members to join in the efforts! We are now at 40% of our recruitment goal (fraternal year ending 6/2025). We also participated in another lovely National Night Out at Thompson School Park. The highlight of the month, however, was our Silver Rose Prayer Service!

Those of us that were in attendance are still reflecting on the wonderful Silver Rose Prayer Service. This was our first time ever hosting the Silver Rose Pilgrimage and I am told there were over 100 folks in attendance! Those 100+ were truly felt in the shared prayers, songs, and rosary service. Father Marc provided an engrossing and moving homily which included: A short reflection is to first remember we are all God's children, regardless of our backgrounds or where our ancestors came from. There is no one person (or type of person) that outranks another, we are equally loved as children of God (God does not have grandchildren). Next, we easily get busy doing what we think needs to be done but we should pause to remind and question ourselves- are we doing what we have been called to do? This is akin to Juan Diego being busy doing the "right" thing for his uncle, but Our Lady chiding him "Am I not here, I who am your mother?"

We have much ahead of us this month! Volunteers of all types are needed to assist with the various events. Finally, God Bless, I look forward to seeing many of you soon at our various events below!

Vivat Iesu & May God Bless Council 109

Grand Knight Nicholas Gallo

Upcoming Council Events & Activities

September 3 rd	Officer's Planning Meeting
September 8 th	CPARL Annual Picnic (@ St. Camillus)
September 8 th	Contra for a Cause
September 10 th	Columbus Club Meeting
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
September 28 th	Soccer Challenge
September 30 th	Fraternal Benefits Event

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

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Paulo Carvalho

SEPTEMBER MOTIONS

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

- Approval of August 20th Regular Business Meeting Minutes
- Motion from 6/11 meeting: "Council 109 shall donate \$300 to be used for the AHS Community Walkway custom brick project. Said brick to represent Council 109 into posterity."

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.

Mary Brady, mother of Brother Michael Brady – 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.

Brother Donald F. Lee Jr. (HL)

Joan Hurd - wife of Brother Frank Hurd (HL)

SEPTEMBER REFLECTION

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own- by which I mean, I love them - and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

... No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going."

From a homily on the Gospels by **Saint Gregory the Great**, pope (Hom. 14. 3-6: PL 76, 1129- 1130) **Feast Day September 3rd**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 CANTY-PRIOR WINNERS: Madeleine Rogers & Cameron Desmond

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:**

-none-

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

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	August +	FYTD +	%
30	8	12	40%

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

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“No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak with anger.”

“Men have the power of thinking that they may avoid sin.”

“Be ashamed when you sin, not when you repent.”

- Saint John Chrysostom (c347-407),
Feast Day September 13th

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FRATERNAL BENEFIT EVENT – 7PM SEPTEMBER 30th

Chandler Kuehne, the Council's own Insurance Agent, will be holding a Fraternal Benefit Event in the Council Hall on Monday, September 30th at 7:00 PM

All Brothers are invited and encouraged to join and learn more about the benefits of Knights of Columbus membership.

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THANK YOU, STEAMERS & DOGS CREW

Last meeting, we enjoyed Steamers & Dogs from an excellent crew! Thank you to all the Brothers involved: Tim Feeney (PGK), John Chisholm III, Kevin Brown (PGK), John Bowen, Jim Robillard, Geroge Kenney (PGK), Peter Kenney (PGK), and Paul Buckley (PGK)

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

We are now accepting submissions for the 2024-2025 essay contest. Submissions are due Friday October 11th. More info:

www.kofc109.com/cccec

*** 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.