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# KNIGHTS

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## OF COLUMBUS

### ARLINGTON COUNCIL 109

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

December 2024

Dear Brothers,

Season's greetings! Wishing you Christmas blessings, including joy, peace and love! We had a great November! We welcomed new Brother Knights to our order, remembered Brothers who are now "away with the lord", and distributed brand-new warm coats to Children and Mother's in need. Truly another great month of putting our Faith in Action.

On December 7<sup>th</sup> we will be holding the annual 10K drawing. This is an important opportunity for us to "refill" our charity coffers. On the 13<sup>th</sup> we will have our member's only party in the lounge, as a reminder only Knights are invited to attend this event. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we will be driving down to St. John's seminary for a mass and lunch with our seminarian Paulo. On the 21<sup>st</sup> we will welcome children and families to the hall for the Children's Christmas party! The children's party will have many activities for the kiddos, pizza, snacks, and a visit from old St. Nick himself! The children's party is open to ALL children.

We have scheduled the annual free throw tournament for kids ages 9-14 on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 1PM-2PM @ AC. The contest is open to all kids, please feel free to share with the community!

We have a lot going on, please consider jumping into some volunteering or finding another way you can assist us in continuing the excellent work we have going. I remain very thankful to have the honor of representing this Council as your Grand Knight, thank you.

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

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**Upcoming Council Events & Activities**


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December 3 <sup>d</sup>	Officer's Planning Meeting
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Annual 10K Benefit Drawing
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Contra for a Cause
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Club Meeting
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Member's Christmas Party (Knights Only)
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Saint John's Seminary Mass & Lunch
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Knights of Columbus Meeting
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Children's Christmas Party
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Free Throw Championship

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To keep informed of Council activities, visit our website: [www.KofC109.com](http://www.KofC109.com)

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[www.saintpetercambridge.org](http://www.saintpetercambridge.org)**COUNCIL SEMINARIANS:**

Paulo Carvalho

**DECEMBER DONATION DRIVE**

Brothers, I am very pleased to announce a **Brother Knight has volunteered to offer a 3x match to all donations up to \$5,000! So, your \$100 donation to the Council becomes \$400! Donations to Council #109 are tax deductible, even if you do not itemize your federal taxes, you can still deduct from your MA taxes!**

While you are planning your donations this month and considering your tax liabilities, please do consider donating to our Council. Funds received by the Council are used for our charitable giving and programs. While unrestricted gifts offer the most flexibility, we can also accept restricted gifts, so for example if you wanted to target our Coats for Kids, Parish Outreach, Youth Sports, or Vocation Support programs you are able- just let us know!

**DECEMBER MOTIONS**

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

- Approval of November 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Business Meeting Minutes

**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.

Brother Steve Kelly Sr – in rehab after a few falls. Also, recently lost his home to a housefire; he, his wife, and his German shepherd thankfully escaped.

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.

Sarah Yoss, sister of GK Gallo – undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer.

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.

Brother Guerino Luongo

Brother James Griffin

Brother James “Ted” Griffin

Mary Keefe – sister of PGK Jackie Keefe

Maureen Cullinane – bride of PGK Bob Cullinane

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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:**

-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 3<sup>rd</sup> degree? All individuals without a degree or with only the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees are encouraged to complete their 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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	Nov +	FYTD +	%
30	5	19	64%

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

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*"We should always strive to treat others with compassion and love, just as God has treated us."*

- Saint Stephen, The First Martyr (5-33/36),  
Feast Day December 26<sup>th</sup>

AD SPACES AVAILABLE  
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## ANNUAL DECEMBER BENEFIT DRAWING

The Annual December Benefit Drawing (aka 10K Drawing) will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Letters notifying folks who have a number on-hold have gone out! Please make sure to respond ASAP so unused numbers can be reallocated. The proceeds from the drawing will be allocated to the Canty/Prior Scholarship Fund, two scholarships to Saint Agnes School given in memory of John Stanton & Ed Downs, refurbishment of Council artifacts, and any remaining funds going to the operating fund.

## CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30AM-1:30PM. Volunteers needed! We will be open to the parishes & community. Food, games, and a visit from old St. Nick! Please consider joining us!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 109**

# FREE THROW

## CHAMPIONSHIP

Awards & Prizes!

**12 JAN 2025**

1 PM - 2 PM



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