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Council Business Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

From The Grand Knight….

Dear Brother Knights and Family Members,

As October approaches, and we are starting to feel those warm summer days turn into cool autumn evenings, it is time to start looking ahead to the fall activities and events that are ramping up at our Council. The *KofC Golf Stag* will be held this year on Oct. 5th. Our monthly breakfast will resume on Oct. 12th and continue on the 1st Sunday of the month the following months thereafter. Of course, with the fall we have our delicious chicken dinners held on Friday evenings in McGivney Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a great meal at a reasonable price with friends and family!

Looking ahead in November, we will have our *Coats for Kids* distribution for children in need of a winter coat. If you would like to support this charitable event, please contact me. I would also like to remind you of our *KofC Memorial Mass* held this year at St. Francis Solanus Church on Nov. 3rd at 6:00 P.M. There will be a light meal following the memorial and mass in the church hall.

With charity being the first pillar and foundation of the Knights of Columbus, it is important for us to remember our departed brothers and pray for the repose of their souls, as they too now pray for us. This form of charity, or brotherly love, is one of the highest forms of love, second only to sacrificial love, which Christ showed.

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- GREAT GOLF OPPORTUNITY

The *KofC Golf Stag* will be held Sunday, Oct. 5th at the Arrowhead Heights Golf Course in Camp Point.

Tee times will be at noon. The format will be 18 hole of best ball!

Each four-man team must consist of two of the players being members of the K of C's.

The cost is $75 a person, which includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner—at the KC grounds afterwards.)

Signup sheets will be in the main clubhouse and the Sports Bar.

Contact Matt Schreacke 217-653-7423 for more information.

- KC BREAKFAST BUFFET

The first *KofC breakfast* buffets will be held on Sunday, October 12th. New hours will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Adults $14, Kids 6-12 $6, with 5 and under Free.

Starting in November it will be held on the first Sunday of the month through March.

- 4th DEGREE NEWS...

Our next Fourth Degree meeting will be this month October 21, 2025. Hope to see all of you there.

Please in your prayers all of our members and families of our Fourth Degree Assembly #200 and Council #583 who are homebound, in nursing homes or hospitals. Please also remember in your prayers our servicemen and women. May God keep them safe!

- Your Faithful Navigator Terry Obert (217-592-6400)

- DELICIOUS CHICKEN DINNER!

Chicken Dinners are now being served in Father McGivney Hall from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The price is $14 for adults, $7 for Children 12 and under, and those under 5 eat free. Serving all you can eat chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans & corn. Drive-thru also available. Please tell your Family and Friends. We welcome everyone!

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

For our annual *KC Memorial Mass* to be held on Monday evening November 3rd, 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis Church.

All Council members, their families and friends are invited to this solemn Mass of thanksgiving followed by a light meal in the Parish Hall.

Those remembered this year are:

Wilfred T. Altgilbers
Howard Dean Cray
Edward Paul Dietrich
Richard Wilbur Dietrich
Jerry Alan Eberhardt
David James Ehrhart
Patrick J. Haugh
David F. Huseman
Benard A. Kessler
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Lloyd W. Peters
James R. Ponsot
Richard Louis Rakers
Michael D. Rotunda
Thomas Schneider
Edward George Schuering
Thomas Schutte
Francis Alden Shipp
Roger Dwight Voorhis

- CALENDAR RAFFLE

We will be kicking off our 2026 raffle soon and will be mailing each member two calendars for $25 each. We once again need the help and support from all of our members to both purchase and sell the 2026 calendars. The proceeds help to support our Council 583 charities.

After you receive the first two calendars in the mail, more will be available at the main building during regular bar hours or by calling John Veith at 217-653-0258 or Mike Schlipmann at 217-653-9318.

Anyone who sells 20 calendars will be entitled to a free calendar entry and anyone who sells 50 will be entitled to 4 free calendar entries.

We can always use the help of our members to sell raffle calendars after weekend Masses during the next few months. You will get credit for the sale.

Please call Mike Schlipmann for more details.

- CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION

May I share a time-tested and excellent practice for working on your salvation - and that is the praying of the Rosary each day. There are few devotions more effective in saving men's souls than the holy Rosary.

St. Louis de Monfort put it so clearly when he said:

If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, 'you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory.' (1 Peter 5:4) Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in Hell, even if you have sold your soul to the Devil as the sorcerers of black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a Devil, sooner or later you will be converted, will amend your life and save your soul, if – and mark well what I say – if you say the Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins.

The late Holy Father, John Paul II, wrote an apostolic letter entitled, "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary," encouraging the praying of the Rosary. In this letter he observed that, "Simple yet profound, it [the Rosary] still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness."

As Sister Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries observed, "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

Not only can the Rosary help to save our own soul, but it also brings blessings to countless others. As the late Pope Pius IX proclaimed, "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

As Pope Leo XIII observed: "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."

May I invite you to say the Rosary daily?

- Fr. Don Blickhan

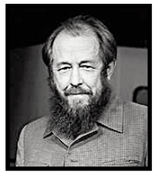
- MASS INTENTIONS

Recording Date	Broadcast Date	
Tues, Sept 30,	Sun, Oct 5,	Roger D. Voorhis
Tues, Oct 7,	Sun, Oct 12,	Michael Rotunda
Tues, Oct 14,	Sun, Oct 19,	Theresa Stahl
Tues, Oct 21,	Sun, Oct 26,	James R. Ponsot
Tues, Oct 28,	Sun, Nov 2,	Lloyd W. Peters

We are grateful all of our volunteers who take time and setup our TV Mass for Shut-ins. And special thanks to Gary Winking who coordinates the Mass and its monthly scheduling. This program is sponsored by the Fourth Degree.

- ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN

Nobel Prize Laureate, Russian Dissident



As a survivor of the Communist Holocaust I am horrified to witness how my beloved America, my adopted country, is gradually being transformed into a secularist and atheistic utopia, where communist ideals are glorified and promoted, while Judeo-Christian values and morality are ridiculed and increasingly eradicated from the public and social consciousness of our nation. Under the decades-long assault and militant radicalism of many so-called "liberal" and "progressive" elites, God has been progressively erased from our public and educational institutions, to be replaced with all manner of delusion, perversion, corruption, violence, decadence, and insanity.

It is no coincidence that as Marxist ideologies and secularist principles engulf the culture and pervert mainstream thinking, individual freedoms and liberties are rapidly disappearing. As a consequence, Americans feel increasingly more powerless and subjugated by some of the most radical and hypocritical, least democratic, and characterless individuals our society has ever produced.

Marxism has long been condemned by the Catholic Church. It is an ungodly "religion" which has infected American political thought. —Editor