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Grand Knight's message

On this anniversary of September 11, the Brother Knights of Council 9776 pause to remember and honor all who lost their lives on that tragic day. In accordance with our core principles of Charity and Fraternity, we pray for the eternal rest of the victims, the continued healing of their families, and the safety of our first responders. Let us ask Mary, Patroness of the Americas, to guide our nation in peace and unity.

Twenty-five years later, we still remember. As Knights of Columbus, we continue to remember the victims, support our communities, and stand in solidarity with the families of the heroes who gave everything.

My Brother Knights, I wish you and your loved ones good health, peace, and happiness. May God continue to bless our families, strengthen our bonds, and guide us with faith, hope, and love.

A message from our Past Grand Knight Mike Calcagno (and our prayer for his continued recovery):

"Let us continue to support one another and keep each other in our prayers. May peace be with you and your families always. As far as my status, it was a major and serious surgery over four days. They basically rebuilt my lower spine, opened up the canals for my crushed nerves, removed large arthritis deposits and installed a whole toolbox full of hardware. I have been unable to do much at all with this first month. Not much mobility and using the miracles of modern chemistry to try to manage my pain. Even with all of that, some days are very difficult and hard to manage. I still have another two months of being very careful with any movements especially bending, lifting and twisting. Sure limits my usefulness around the house.

"I am going to see my surgeon for the first follow up since the surgery this month week. I hope to get some better ideas as to what I will need able to do and when I can expect some level of relief."

God Bless,
Tony Canonigo
Grand Knight

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TEN BIBLICAL PROMISES

1. God is always with you
2. He gives wisdom generously
3. His mercy is new every morning
4. He strengthens the weary
5. He forgives those who repent
6. He gives peace beyond understanding
7. He works all things for good
8. He never leaves His children
9. He hears every prayer
10. Eternal life is found in Christ

Contact info & Website

For OMC Council 9776 news and events, background articles, photos and videos. Prospective knights can reach out to us at **https://kofc-omc.org/contacts**, or email us **info@kofc-**

All knights please come to our council meeting on September 3rd, starting at 6:40 PM with the praying of the Rosary. Please join us!

Highlighted Days

September 3: Council Meeting
September 6: Buffet Breakfast **September 8**: St. Peter Claver, Priest
September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 15 Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
September 24: Potluck Social
September 30: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor

Calendar & Events

September 2026 is dedicated to *Our Lady of Sorrows* and invites the faithful to meditate on the profound grief and suffering that the Blessed Virgin Mary endured throughout her life, especially during the passion and death of Jesus Christ.



Monthly Saint

Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary born in Verdú, Spain who, due to his life and work, became the patron saint of slaves, Colombia, and ministry to African Americans.

Saint Peter Claver is known as the "slave of the slaves" for his 40 years of devoted ministry in Cartagena, Colombia, where he boarded incoming slave ships to provide food, medicine, and baptism to an estimated 300,000 enslaved Africans.

St. Peter Claver is primarily renowned for his heroic, lifelong charity rather than flashy or heavily documented public spectacles. Tradition and hagiography attribute several miraculous phenomena to his ministry and intercession. His incorruptible body is interred in the altar of his church in Cartagena.

O God, who made Saint Peter Claver a slave of slaves and strengthened him with wonderful charity and patience as he came to their help Grant through his intercession that, seeking the things of Jesus Christ, we may love our neighbor in deeds and truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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- Grand Knight: Antolin “Tony” Canonigo
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- Pro-life Director: John Ohle
- Faith Director: George McCauley
- Communications Director: Rick Harper



Stu Hedley, Brig.Gen. Cardenas and Dan DeMarco

Birthdays for the month

September

1st: John S. Salcido
5th: George H. Madany
9th: Edward J. Brancheau
9th: Fr. Peter H. Vu Lam
10th: Frank A. Rugnetta
11th: Antolin B. Canonigo
11th: Marshall B. Varano
12th: John B. Brandes
19th: Ian A. Mascarenhas
23rd: Leonard M. Barbieri
27th: John J. Ohle
27th: Mark Reinhardt



Potluck Social, July 20, St. Paul Room

Potluck Social Nights

Every fourth Thursday of the month, we gather in the St. Paul room to share food and fellowship. In July the food and drinks were plentiful, with special mention of the pork roast that Rob and Monica Curry brought to share. The Walters brought fish and chips from the Brew and Pub, Mike O'Hara contributed a Mediterranean pizza and Ed and Donna Brancheau chicken and a lovely bean salad. The Harpers brought a birthday cake, and we sang "Happy Birthday" to all the July birthday Knights.

We shared stories and memories, conducted a little Knights business and spent the time getting to know each other better. In ways simple and small, we grew as a community. If you close your eyes and imagine, it's just like you were there with us, as I hope that you will be the next time we break bread.

FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV Vatican News, August 2026

Pope Leo has encouraged the Knights of Columbus to become “prophets of harmony” by building bridges and promoting reconciliation in a world increasingly marked by division. The Pope made the appeal in a video message addressed to participants in the Order’s 144th Supreme Convention, which took place in Denver, Colorado, on 4 August. Greeting those attending in person and virtually, Pope Leo reflected on the gathering’s theme “In The One, We Are One,” and on the virtues of unity and charity, two foundational principles of the Knights of Columbus.

Unity must be cultivated

Recalling Jesus’ prayer at the Last Supper that his disciples “might all be one,” the Pope stressed that unity is a gift entrusted to every generation of believers.
“The preservation of unity is often not easy, and it cannot be taken for granted,” he said. “It must be actively cultivated through honest and humble dialogue. ”Pope Leo therefore encouraged the Knights to bear witness to the concord desired by Christ, beginning within their families and parishes and extending to the wider communities in which they live and serve.“In an age all too often marked by division and pointed rhetoric, there is a great need for prophets of harmony who seek to build bridges and strive to reconcile opposing positions wherever possible,” he said.



Leo PP. XIV

Charity strengthens communion

Turning to charity, the Holy Father noted that works carried out on behalf of those in need can themselves become a path towards unity. “When we reach out to help those in need, there frequently develops a certain concord between those who give and those who receive, as well as among those who work together to assist their brothers and sisters,” he said. “Thus, charity becomes not only a response to human suffering but also a powerful means of fostering fraternity and strengthening the communion that is at the heart of the Christian life.”

Serving those on the margins

Pope Leo praised the Knights of Columbus for continuing the mission begun by their founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. For well over a century, he noted, the Order has worked to show Christ’s love “to the unborn, expectant mothers, persecuted Christians, victims of war and human trafficking, the poor and vulnerable, and those who live on the margins of society.” Through initiatives undertaken by local councils and at national and international levels, he added, “countless people have benefitted” from the Order’s generosity. “For my part, I express deep gratitude for your Order’s continued generosity to the less fortunate, and trust that your endeavors will continue to bear fruit for many years to come,” the Pope said. Concluding his message, Pope Leo entrusted the work of the Supreme Convention to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and Blessed Michael McGivney before imparting his Apostolic Blessing upon all members of the Knights of Columbus and their families.