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ARLINGTON COUNCIL 109

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

November 2023

Dear Brothers,

We continue to excel! In the last month we agreed to sponsor Wreaths Across America, Town Boxing Club, and Council #77 Tommy's Place fundraiser supporting kids fighting cancer. We received our "Coats for Kids" order from the state; thanks to our efforts to get our order in early instead of receiving just the four cases we ordered, we received 6! Needless to say, this will go a long way to supporting local children in need. Thank you for your efforts, please continue the great work!

The annual Special Needs Halloween party was easily one of the best events of the year, if not many years! So proud and thankful of the work of our Arlington Catholic volunteers and Brother Ray Carmichael. These are the events that fulfil our purpose and really show how we *live* our faith.

We have several events coming up and we need help! Specifically, on December 17th we are having a Children's Christmas Party. During this window we will have Santa, pizza, and some small goodie bags for the kids. We need volunteers who are willing to support the efforts generally, and some who many run some activities for the children. In January (date TBD) we will be hosting a free throw tournament for kids ages 9-14 and will need folks to assist with running the event.

Please consider jumping into some volunteering or finding another way you can assist us in continuing the excellent work we have going. I am so proud and blessed to be able to represent this Council as your Grand Knight, thank you.

Vivat Iesu & May God Bless Council 109

Grand Knight Nicholas Gallo

Upcoming Council Events & Activities

November 10 th	Post & Essay Contest Submissions Due
November 14 th	6PM KofC109 Memorial Mass @ St. Agnes
November 21 st	Knights of Columbus Meeting & CC Election
December 2 nd	10K Drawing
December 4 th	Officer's Planning Meeting
December 5 th	Celebration of Essay & Poster Contest
December 12 th	Columbus Club Meeting
December 15 th	Members Only Christmas Party
December 17 th	Family Christmas Party
December 19 th	Knights of Columbus Meeting

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

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St. Agnes & St. Camillus

www.cparl.org

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www.sainteulalia.org

St. Peter

www.saintpetercambridge.org**NOVEMBER MOTIONS**

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

- Approval of October 24th Regular Business Meeting Minutes.

ANNUAL BENEFIT DRAWING

The Annual Benefit Drawing (aka 10K Drawing) will be held on Saturday, December 2nd. Letters notifying folks who have a number on-hold have gone out this week! 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, and any remaining funds going to the operating fund.

COUNCIL ROSTER UPDATE

PGK and current Financial Secretary, Peter Kenney, has been working hard to cleanup our Council roster. He has been able to identify over 150 entries for Brothers who we have not been in contact with for many years due to a variety of reasons. The SUPREME Council allows us to shift these members from our books onto theirs using what is called the "Affiliate Program". After many outreach efforts, we have decided to utilize this option. Through this program these individuals do not lose their KofC membership AND we the Council are not billed for having them listed as members. If one of them reconnects with us, we can "pull" them back onto our roster.

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 Tom Henry – recovering from a foot issue.

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

Joan Hurd, wife of Brother Frank Hurd – currently receiving chemotherapy, fighting Pancreatic Cancer.

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.

-none-

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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 fulfill their membership requirements:

Adam Elyonssi	Dara Conneely	Thomas Farren Jr
Joseph Bastardi	Michael Alogna	Arthur Gillis
Jason Vlacich	Kenneth Wallace	Michael Tremblay
Michael Brunelli		

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 2023 - June 2024). Below is our progress towards that goal:

Goal	Nov +	FYTD +	%
30	1	18	60%

If all 10 aspirants completed their training and became brothers, we would be at 93% goal already! Make sure to both recruit new members and assist them through the degree process!

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

A Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 2023, at St. Mary's Church, 57 South Street, Ware, MA.

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

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“The problem is not that we have doubts and fears. The problem is when they condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even — without realizing it — racist. In this way, fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other, the person different from myself; it deprives me of an opportunity to encounter the Lord.”

- His Holiness Pope Francis

*105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees
September 29, 2019*

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COLUMBUS CLUB ELECTIONS & ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Columbus Club board of directors election will be held prior to the November, 21st Knights of Columbus meeting from 5:30-6:30. Four seats are available for this election.

Candidates for election:

Steve Meadows
Pat Barrett
Dave Couture
Paul Buckley
Matt Campbell

In addition to the election, during the KofC meeting will be the annual report from the board of directors.

DAILY DEVOTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This prayer to the Holy Spirit was given to St. John Paul II by his father as a child. St. John Paul II remained faithful to his father's prayer until the last days of his life, praying it each day:

Holy Spirit, I ask of you the gift of **wisdom** for a better understanding of you and of your divine perfection.

I ask of you the gift of **intellect** for a better understanding of the essence of the mysteries of the Holy Faith.

Give me the gift of **knowledge** so that I may know how to orient my life in accordance with the principles of faith.

Give me the gift of **counsel** so that in all things I can seek counsel from you and can always find it in you.

Give me the gift of **strength** so that no fear or earthly motivations can take me away from you.

Give me the gift of **piety** so that I can always serve your majesty with filial love.

Give me the gift of the **fear of God** so that no fear or earthly motivations can take me away from you.

Amen.