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# KNIGHTS

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## OF COLUMBUS

### ARLINGTON COUNCIL 109

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

January 2024

Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year! December seems to have flown past, but even in the busyness of the season we accomplished a lot. I hope you and yours were able to take time to appreciate and enjoy the blessings of the season.

At our "Children's Christmas Party" Santa did a wonderful job! Giant smiles, red faces, and happy parents. I would like to repeat my thanks for Brothers Ronayne, Kerins, Buckley (Paul and Dan(s)), McGinty, Tierney, Feeney, Brady, and Padalka for supporting a wonderful event. This event was another opportunity for us to support families, helping them grow and appreciate the season, as well as building our community!

In the spirit of the season, we also surprised Father Valan with a beautiful pine Christmas tree! This could not have been accomplished without the support of Brothers Paul Clifford (pastor of St. Eulalia's & St. Mary's parishes), Jim Lyons, Dan Buckley, Mike Daniell, and Phil Lohnes.

This month we have a few "big" events I would like to call your attention to. First, on the 20<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a [Memorial Benefit for Officer Paul Tracey](#). Tickets are \$20 and going fast! Second, on the 21<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting the St. Agnes Coffee Hour after the 9AM Mass in Hope Hall. Finally, also on the 21<sup>st</sup>, we are holding the [KofC Free Throw Championship](#). The contest will be held in the AC Gym starting at 3pm and is open to ALL aged 9-14. Please spread the word on these fantastic events!

We have had many great successes over the last year, and I am excited for the year to come with all of you!

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

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### Upcoming Council Events & Activities

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January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Club Meeting
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Knights of Columbus Meeting
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Officer Paul Tracey Memorial Benefit
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee Hour @ St. Agnes Hope Hall
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Free Throw Championship
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Officer's Planning Meeting
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Club Meeting
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Knights of Columbus Meeting

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

Paulo Carvalho

**JANUARY MOTIONS**

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

- Approval of December 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Business Meeting Minutes.
- Motion to approve moving the June 18<sup>th</sup> business meeting to June 11<sup>th</sup> to prevent conflict with Spy Ponder.

**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 (PGK) – 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.

Julien Martin

Dennis Corbett

Bernard “Bernie” Green

Patricia Kenna (mother of John Kenna (PGK))

**2024 COUNCIL DUES**

You should have received your dues bill in the mail. Please reach out to Financial Secretary Peter Kenney (PGK) if you have any issues or questions via the FS email [FinancialSecretary@kofc109.com](mailto:FinancialSecretary@kofc109.com) for assistance.

Please note that the new Council key card will be activated on February 1st. Also, due to an increase in per capita assessments, dues for Honorary members will increase slightly to \$13.50.

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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:**

Paul Montgomery

## 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:

Michael Tremblay

Kenneth Wallace

Jason Vlacich

Michael Alogna

Thomas Farren Jr

Michael Brunelli

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

Goal	Jan +	FYTD +	%
30	3	24	80%

If all 6 aspirants completed their training and became brothers, we would be at 100% goal already! Make sure to both recruit new members and assist them through the degree process!

## FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

If you have interest in this exemplification, please reach out to [GrandKnight@KofC109.com](mailto:GrandKnight@KofC109.com) and I can share more information.

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*- Saint Marianne Cope (1838-1918),  
Feast Day January 23rd*

*“Whatever you eat, then, or drink, and whatever else you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*

*- 1 Corinthians 10:31*

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## MEMORIAL BENEFIT

Supporting the Family of  
Waltham Officer Paul Tracey



On December 6, 2023, Waltham Police Officer, Paul Tracey tragically lost his life while doing what he loved most, protecting and serving. Paul served the City of Waltham for 28 years. Beyond his duties, Paul was a loving husband, a devoted father, and a pillar of our community. His kindness and gentle spirit touched everyone he met, and his absence will be deeply felt by all.

**20**  
JANUARY

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**20\$**

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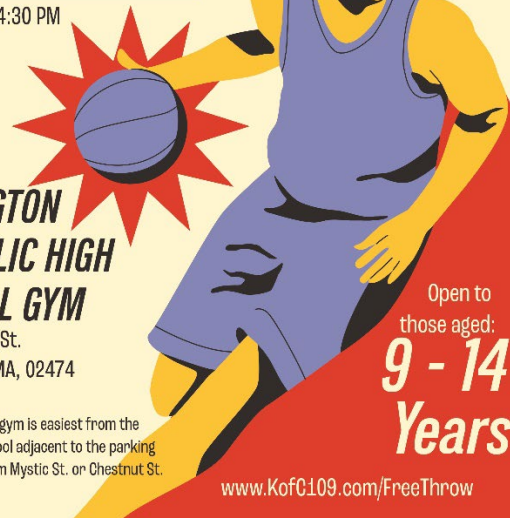
# FREE THROW

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Awards &  
Prizes!

**21 JAN 2024**

3 PM - 4:30 PM



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**CATHOLIC HIGH**  
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those aged:  
**9 - 14**  
**Years**

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www.KofC109.com/FreeThrow