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IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

## Restored to Glory

### *Knights of Columbus supports restoration of baldacchino in St. Peter's Basilica*

By Cecilia Engbert

The Knights of Columbus will fund a yearlong restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini's iconic baldacchino above the high altar of St. Peter's Basilica, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced Jan. 11 at a Vatican press conference with Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, president of the Fabbrica di San Pietro.

The 10-story bronze, marble and gilded wood structure was commissioned by Pope Urban VIII and finished in 1633. Experts with the Fabbrica de San Pietro, the institution responsible for maintaining the basilica, plan to complete the comprehensive restoration — the first since 1758 — in time for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

Announcing the Order's financial support, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly emphasized the spiritual significance of the baldacchino, which stands over the tomb of St. Peter the Apostle.



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### *Minutes of the January Business*

#### *Meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on January 9, 2024 by Grand Knight Machovec. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Trustee One Year was excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from November were approved as written.

#### **Membership Report**

One transfer is in progress and two members installed last month are present tonight. They were given a round of welcome.

#### **Grand Knight Report**

GK Machovec offered several moments of silence for the repose of Fr. Relehan's soul.

A check in the amount of \$2,635.32 will be presented to the ARC on Thursday at 11:00 AM. All Members welcome.

#### **Chaplain's Report**

**No report**

#### **Treasurer Report**

Checking account balance - \$7,409.42

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**January Meeting Minutes****Continued from page 1:****Financial Secretary Report**

Income – \$93 dinner, \$250 Fish fry tickets, \$720 Dues  
 Bills—Brother Strazzo - \$522.23 Hospitality Sunday donuts, Christmas dinner and Winter Formal dinner food.

**Communications**

A thank you note was received from the Director of the Amador Pregnancy Center for the generous donation by the Council.

**Programs Director Report**

Wine and cheese first Saturday after the 5PM Mass; except for February, it is the fish fry dinner. First Tuesday night of the month 5:30 Rosary. February 6 host is the St. Pat's Society. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. February 3 Fish Fry dinner- tickets are distributed for sale after all masses. Set up at 12:30, cooks needed at 4:00 and a clean up crew will also be needed. Winter formal Tri Tip dinner – Kitchen help needed at 4:40. Pro Life Committee – a \$500 donation for the bus was paid. March family potluck is in the planning phase.

**Unfinished Business**

Winter formal donation – there was discussion and no vote to contribute funds was required because youth ministry is in the budget.

**New Business**

It was M/S/A to pay the bills. Foodbank help is needed – 8AM – 12PM on the third Monday of the month to fill in for Deacon Jaime. Contact Bob Strazzo .

**Advocate Report**

No report

**Chancellor Report**

No report

**Insurance Agent Report**

No Report

**Vocations Report**

No report

**Fourth Degree Assembly**

The next meeting is January 25, contact Brother JD to carpool from Plymouth to Jackson. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree participated in the Jackson Veterans day parade.

**District Deputy Report**

DD Morris gave a brief report. There is a Chapter Meeting this week, and form 1728 needs to be turned in to Supreme.

**Good of the Order**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Deacon Ed Pogue and Fr. Thomas J. Relihan.

Pray also for Deacon Jaime, Deacon Dan Haverty, Gene Savage, Connie Jane Heria, Sharon Strazzo, Manual Salazar, Thatcher Smart, Jack Dunne, Jane Ragu-sano, Gary Simms, Fr. Arlon Vergara and Steve Oneto.

**Lecturer Report**

The lecturer showed a video about the K of C wheelchair campaign.

**Chaplain's Summation**

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Machovec closed the meeting at 7:57.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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“On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and our more than 2 million members in 13 countries around the world, we are honored to lend our support to this project, which is more than caring for a magnificent piece of art,” the supreme knight said. “It points to the reality of God’s love for us and his coming down to earth to dwell with us and to build the Church upon St. Peter and his profession of faith.”

Dr. Pietro Zander, head of the Necropolis and Artistic Heritage Section of the Fabbrica di San Pietro, will lead the project, which will involve state-of-the-art technology, including 3D modeling and drone videography.

“A prerequisite for planning the work is in fact the knowledge that we are dealing with a giant,” Zander said at the press conference. “A giant of art of all time, but even before that, a giant in form and size.”

The baldacchino’s 66-foot-tall spiral columns hold up a massive bronze canopy topped by four larger-than-life-size angels. At its apex, a cross stands on a globe, symbolizing the world’s redemption by Christ.

The Order has a long history of supporting the work of the pope and the Vatican, beginning with Pope Benedict XV’s request that the Knights open sports fields to serve the poor youth of Rome following World War I. Since 1980, the Knights has sponsored 17 Vatican restoration projects, including the cleaning of the façade of St. Peter’s Basilica in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2000, work in the Vatican Grottoes, and the restoration of a 7-foot-tall 14th-century wooden crucifix that was present in the

original St. Peter’s Basilica.

“I’d like to thank our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as well as Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, for allowing us to partner in this project,” the supreme knight said. “In addition to all the service we carry out for the poor, for our parishes and families, we Knights are very grateful for the privilege of serving the Church in this way.”

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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Dinner Hosts**  
**Dan Placido Feb 13**  
**Kevin Darr March 12**  
**Mark Koenig April 9**

**The Officers of Council**

**1849**

Grand Knight Justin Machovec

Spiritual Advisor Deacon Jaime Garcia

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## ARC Presentation





# Knights of Columbus Council 1849

## Events Calendar 2023—2024

Planning meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2023 until June 2024.

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St. Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2023 until June 2024. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Family Fishing Day, Silver Lake, July 1st, 2023

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 20, 2023 (3rd Sunday)

Summer Dinner (Tri-tip), at SKD after 5PM Mass September 30, 2023 (5th Saturday)

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Mark and Nancy Koenig Residence 5:00 PM September 17, 2023

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 13, 14, 15, 2023

Mass for Departed Knights, SKD 10 AM November 12, 2023 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party, SKD 6 PM, December 15, 2023 (3rd Friday)

**Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD 6:30 PM February 3, 2024 (1st Saturday)**

**Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM March 26, 2024 (4th Tuesday)**

Spring Dinner (Ribs), SKD 6:30 PM April 20, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM May 18, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1st weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sunday

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 at SKD – St. Maximillian Kolbe Room

## February Calendar of Events

*Saturday, February 3: Winter Fish Fry at Saint Katharine Drexel after 5 PM Vigil Mass.*

*Tuesday, February 6: Knights KVGC Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 6:00 PM Mass*

*Wednesday, February December 7: Planning Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:00 PM.*

*Sunday, February 11: Knights Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10:00 AM Mass.*

*Tuesday, February 13: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at 7 PM.*

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