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IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

'Part of a Bigger Mission'

Homily excerpt from the 144th Supreme Convention

Opening Mass, August. 4: *Archbishop James Golka of Denver*

My father was a young married man, incredibly talented, a natural leader, but he did not know it. He was a shy man. You women do faith naturally. We men need help. The Knights of Columbus exists to help our men grow in their faith, and they sure did for my dad. ...

In 1990, I was off to seminary to study for the Diocese of Grand Island. I never owned a car, so I bought a 1980 Toyota Tercel with 500,000 miles on it, stick shift, no air conditioning. It worked well for a couple of months, but eventually my brakes went out; at the auto shop, they said, "We can repair that, but it's going to cost \$252." In those days, that was a lot of money. I had no money. ...

I remember parking the car. I walked right to the mail room of the seminary, and in there was an envelope from the Knights of Columbus council in Ogallala, Nebraska. I had never been to that council, had never visited them, never received anything from them before. I opened the envelope, and inside they said, "Here is a check for \$253."

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community and country. I think that's absolutely true. But I think if I step back and look at the Knights of Columbus, along with many other apostolates doing such good work, I think we're all part of a bigger mission.

I'm convicted. The Knights of Columbus exists because God wants his world back. ...

So let us open our ears and our hearts and our eyes, that we can know better his plan for you, for our life, for the Knights of Columbus, for the entire world — so that God can get his world back through our humble service. Amen.

Minutes of the September Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM on September 8, by Grand Knight Bob Strazzo. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer and Advocate were excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from August were approved as written.

Membership Report

Interviews were conducted with two candidates and there is a planned exemplification scheduled for Tuesday September 15 at 6:45 PM.

Grand Knight Report

The cook was thanked for the dinner. GK Strazzo thanked all who helped at the parish picnic and those who were able to attend the exemplification. Deputy Grand Knight Gonzales is resigning his position and a replacement for that position as well as Membership Director are needed. Anyone interested speak to Brothers Strazzo or Waverly.

Chaplain's Report –

No report - RIP Deacon Jaime

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$12,143.90

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September Meeting Minutes

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Financial Secretary Report

Income – no report

Bills –

Brother Simpson - \$139.25 Hospitality Sunday donuts. Brother Strazzo - \$264.07 parish picnic and installation supplies. Brother Koenig - \$257.40 materials for coffins for the unborn.

Communications

A thank you note was received from Benedictine College for the donation received that helped send a group of students on a mission trip.

A thank you note was received from OLOP Society for the donation of - \$150 raffle prize for the food faire.

Programs Director Report

Donut Sunday is hosted by the council on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:00 AM Mass. The officer installation and potluck at St. Pats. was attended by approximately 20. The annual Tootsie Roll drive will be on the third weekend in October and is in the planning stage. Brother Garrett will be the coordinator. Clergy appreciation is scheduled for Sunday September 20 from 4 -7:00 PM at Brother Waverly's home. The address shall be sent via email. Octoberfest is scheduled for October 3. Tickets are available and the dinner plans are in process. Raffle items are needed to help make the fun evening a greater success. Ministry Fair staffing is needed for the Kof C table after all masses on the weekend of September 19. Thank you to the brothers who offered to man the table. Recitation of the Rosary to resume on Tuesday October 6 at 5:15 PM. The Council shall be the host and Brother JD shall lead.

Unfinished Business

Custom order K of C shirts can be purchased for approximately \$34.50, contact Brother Strazzo if interested. Cooks are needed for several business meetings, see the GK.

New Business

There was a M/S/A to pay the bills. More information is needed from Brother Koenig prior to a check being cut. There will be a ceremony on 9/11 at American Legion at 8AM. All are invited. There was a M/S/A to donate \$499 to the Columbian Retirement Home.

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report on Vocations

No report

Fourth Degree Assembly

Meetings are in Placerville on the fourth Thursday of each month, and attendance is growing at meetings. A fund raiser, selling poinsettias for Christmas was approved by the priests at all parishes. Sales shall help with raising funds for uniforms and chalices. Presales shall begin on the weekend prior to Thanksgiving.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris provided a brief report and mentioned the importance of certifying new members for safe haven environment. Award applications are due soon, make sure to turn them in.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Deacon Jaime, Joe and Andy, and Jackie Gonzalez. Pray also for Cheryl Hoover, Bona Gerding, Sharon Strazzo, Jane Ragusano, Fran Slaughter, Jessica Knolls, Mariella Marr, Gerard Wen, Phil Gonzales, Dick and Jeannie and Fr. Arlon.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

The GK closed the meeting at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

Knights of Columbus Council 1849

Events Calendar 2026-2027

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2026 until June 2027

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2026 until June 2027. Dinner at 6:00

Installation Mass (at SKD) and Picnic (installation and picnic at St Patrick's Hall), SKD 10 AM August 16, 2026, St Patrick's Hall at 12 PM

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sept 20, 2026, 4-7 PM Location TBD

Fall Dinner, Oktoberfest at SKD noon to 9 PM (dinner 6 PM) Oct 3rd, 2026

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 16, 17, & 18, 2026

Mass for Departed Knights and YLI, SKD 10 AM November 8, 2026 (2nd Sunday)

Advent Party SKD, 5 PM – 9 PM (dinner 6 PM), December 4th, 2026

Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD Noon to 9 PM, (Dinner 6 PM) February 6, 2027

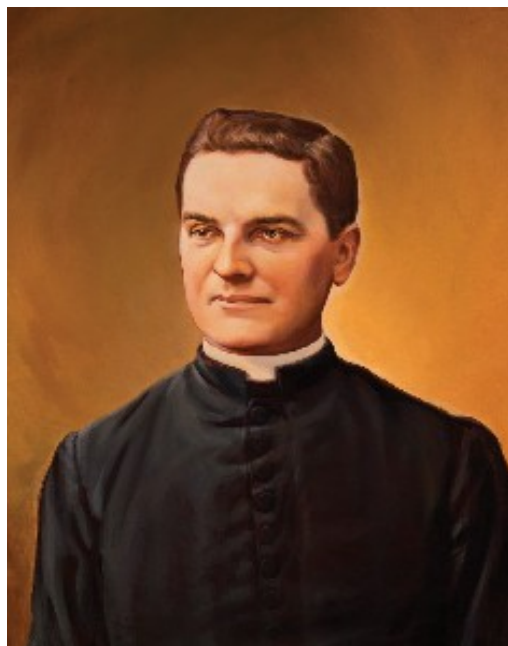
Spring Dinner, (Ribs), SKD Noon to 9 PM (6 PM dinner) April 17th, 2027

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 8 PM May 16, 2026 (3rd Sunday)

Hospitality Donuts every 1st Sunday at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of month with 4 Sundays (August, November, January, May)

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



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.

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October Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 3: Oktoberfest at Saint Katharine Drexel after the Vigil Mass.

Tuesday, October 6: Prayers of the Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel, St. Maximillian Kolbe Room at 5:15 PM.

Wednesday, October 7: Planning Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6:00PM.

Tuesday, October 13: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct 16-18: Tootsie Roll Drive at various locations in Amador County

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