



The Knight Watch

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 Dr. Rich Jeffries, Grand Knight
IN GOD WE TRUST - UNITED WE STAND GOD BLESS AMERICA

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Calendar of Events - November 2025

November 2025

- November 1 – Council Paint Party! 7 AM – Noon – HFH stairs, rails and top landing
- November 1 – Feast of All Saints Day
- November 1 – CYLA Online Submittal for Students opens – LouisianaKC.org
- November 1 – Men’s Morning of Reflection
- November 2 – Feast of All Souls Day
- November 3 – Northshore Food Bank Delivery – Steve Maloney
- November 3 - All Souls Day Candlelight Blessing Candle dropping- 4 PM, candle lighting - 5:45 PM (Mandeville Cemetery)
- November 3 – 4th Degree Meeting – 6:30 PM (HFH) Chef – SK Dwight Johnston
- November 4 – Candle Pickup - All Souls Day Candlelight Mandeville Cemetery 8 AM
- November 4 – 6 – Daughters of Divine Providence convent fence replacement – Tom Biggio
- November 5 – KofC State Essay Contest Deadline, Students to Council (Community Program)
8th – 12th grades
- November 9 – Patriotic Mass in honor of Veterans Day – 10:30 Mass
- November 10 – Officers Business Meeting – 6:30 PM (HFH)
- November 11 – 4th Degree Veterans Day Ceremony (SELA Cemetery)
- November 11 – Veterans Day
- November 15 – Gumbo Cook-off – Slidell
- November 15 – 4th Degree Exemplification – Lake Charles
- November 16 – Family Fire Meal – KofC 9240 Hosts
- November 16 – Special Blessings Mass (Special Needs) – 3:00 PM Church (St. Anselm)
- November 17 – General Meeting (HFH, Dinner 6:30 PM, Rosary 7:10, Meeting 7:30)
- November 17 – Northshore Food Bank Delivery – Henry Ber
- November 23 Christ the King Eucharistic Procession (After Noon Mass)
- November 27 – Thanksgiving



Birthstone: Topaz

Flower: Chrysanthemum

Happy November Birthday!

Brother Knight	Birth Month	Birth Date
Nick Panzeca	November	4
Alan Rosiere	November	8
Liam Kelley	November	9
Ronald Marks	November	9
Dale Norman	November	14
Paul Lowry	November	16
Tim Klibert	November	18
Robert Dunne	November	19
Clay Boyle	November	20
Michael Calecas	November	20
Casey Blanchette	November	21
Paul Holzenthal	November	23
Robert Rees	November	25
Richard Snee	November	26
Matthew Algero	November	28
Chris Keller	November	28

And to all of our ladies who have a birthday this we wish you a Happy and Holy Birthday!





Grand Knights Report

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My Brother Knights of Council 9240,

Well, this is my fourth Knight Watch message. In September we focused on Evangelization through ACTS and TMIY, and on getting ready for the Annual Golf tournament held on the 13th of October 2025. We also held the annual baby bottle campaign to support the Crissis Pregnancy Center. The distribution of the bottles occurred after masses on 27 and 28 September. Collection of the bottles continues through October. We also had the annual fall Rosary on the Lake Front on 8 October, which was extremely well attended. For our membership drive, we distributed membership recruitment cards in conjunction with the Baby Bottles.

In October Supreme implemented the Go For Two program where each knight is asked to invite two new members to join each year. So, let's all ask two new members to join and give them a card to give them instructions on how to join, which is still free for the new members. One of the goals I remain focused on is to build a group of new members who will lead Council 9240 in the future.

Another thing we as the council are doing is updating the 1997 version of the Council 9240 By-Laws to better align our efforts with the updated Supreme Guidelines. The officer's review of the update is in progress and as soon as the recommended changes are made, we will be sending it out for review and comment by the full council. This will be followed by a vote of the full council on adopting the updated By-Laws. Once approved the Bi-Laws will be sent to Mark Carver, the State Advocate for review. Once his changes are implemented, then it is sent to the Supreme Advocate for approval.

As Grand Knight, moving forward in October, November, December and over the remainder of my term, I want to continue to focus on the core values of 3rd degree members to ensure we are aligned with our core values: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. As I continue to grow into the job as Grand Knight, I will make a strong push for Evangelization and Faith Formation activities to align the Council with Supreme priorities as a focus area in addition to our core values.

Fr. Doug and Fr. Cory are focused on building intentional disciples by building a community of Evangelists in OLL. The Knights of Columbus has many members who are focused on the OLL Evangelization activities. Examples are ACTS, TMIY, OCIA, FIRE and several others. The Knights are active leaders in all these activities. These activities all align with Supreme's vision for Evangelization and Faith Formation. Each of these activities is a place where we can invite new members to join our council and we have membership invitation cards that we should all carry with us to invite new members into the Knights.

During the Quarterly Knight Mass in October, we will provide Ronnie Geauthreaus family with certificates of condolence and Mass Cards from Blessed Michael McGivney's home church. I hope we have a good turnout for this Mass to honor Ronnies impact on our council.

I am honored to be your new GK, and I look forward to the challenges of guiding our Council 9240 during my term. I would like to thank all of you for the fantastic turnout for the Baby Bottle Campaign and the Golf Tournament at Beau Chene. As always, everyone stepped up, and we made it happen.

Coming up for us:

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November 1 – Feast of All Saints Day

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November 5 – KofC State Essay Contest Deadline, Students to Council (Community Program) 8th – 12th grades
November 10 – Officers Business Meeting – 6:30 PM (HFH)
November 11 – 4th Degree Veterans Day Ceremony (SELA Cemetery)
November 11 – Patriotic Mass in honor of Veterans Day – 5:15 PM In the Church
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November 15 – Gumbo Cook-off – Slidell
November 16 – Special Blessings Mass (Special Needs) – 3:00 PM Church (St. Anselm)
November 16 – First KC FIRE Meal
November 17 – General Meeting (HFH, Dinner 6:30 PM, Rosary 7:10, Meeting 7:30)
November 23 Christ the King Eucharistic Procession (After Noon Mass)
November 27 – Thanksgiving

All these things we do are a credit to the collective effort of all Council members who volunteer their time as we go about performing acts of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. I look forward to the following year, and it is an honor to be your incoming Grand Knight.

I am so truly blessed to be around such outstanding and Godly men!

Remember always that our mission as Knights is the same as OLL's; *We are a faith community that forms and equips intentional disciples who know, love and serve Jesus Christ and one another.*

Vivat Jesus!

Dr. Rich Jeffries

Grand Knight Council 9240

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

Steve Maloney

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Two opportunities for charitable service!

Saturday, 11/01 (7 AM – Noon) & 11/08 (7AM – 9:30AM)

PGK Dwight Johnston is holding a **Paint Party!** We will be putting a 2nd coat on the stairs, rails, and top landing deck of HFH. We will also paint the stairs and lattice work at the rectory. Bring your paint brush, paint roller and extension pole. Come join the fun!

Tuesday, 11/04 and Thursday, 11/06

PGK Tom Biggio is holding a **Fence Party!** We will be tearing down and replacing the wooden fence at the convent for the Daughters of Diving Providence. We will also add a new gate to the fencing.

Officers' Meeting - Our monthly Officers' Meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 10 beginning at **6 PM** in HFH. ***If a Brother Knight(s) has a recommendation for charitable work or donation to be made by Council 9240, the first step is to present your suggestion at the Officers' meeting.***

Exemplification Team – On September 29 we welcomed three new Brother Knights –

Jay Martin

John Neil

Mason Schoolmeyer

Additionally, we **Brother Joe Chautin** to the 3rd Degree!

In October we were blessed again by having 3 new Brother Knights to join the Council!

Courtney Busch, Jr.

Aaron Noelke

Anthony DiMaria

Our Exemplification team will lead these new Brother Knights in the 3rd Degree Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We will determine the details of the Exemplification in the next week, taking into account the Thanksgiving holiday. Details to follow.

Family Fire Meal

Council 9240 will be hosting the Family Fire Meal on Sunday, 11/06/2025. Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving and cleanup. F/N Brian Callahan will be leading the event. Details to follow.

VJ,
Steve

Faith in Action

Life Program

Brother Knights,

Nov. 16 Special Blessings Mass (Special Needs) – 3:00 PM Church (St. Anselm host)
Dec. 21 Special Blessings Mass (Special Needs) – 3:00 PM Church (St. Benedicts host)
Jan. 18 **Special Blessings Mass (Special Needs) – 3:00 PM Church (OLL Council 9240 host)**

Vivat Jesus!

Julio Aviles, Life Director

Family Program

Nov. 1 CYLA online submittal for Students opens - LouisianaKC.org
Dec. 5 Deadline – Submit Essay Contest Winners to Diocesan Administrator
Dec. 10 Deadline – Councils Judge Keep Christ in Christmas Posters
Dec. 21 Christmas Poster Contest (Deadline to submit winning poster to Diocesan Admin)
Dec. 31 Deadline – Councils submit Winning Keep Christ in Christmas Posters to DA

Vivat Jesus!

Tommy Vervaecke, Family Director

Community

Nov. 5 K of C State Essay Contest Deadline, Students to Council (Community Program) 8th – 12th grades
Dec. 11 & 12 Pickup & Deliver Christmas Poinsettias to spouses of deceased Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Jackson, Community Director

Faith

Nov. 3 All Souls Day Candlelight Blessing @ Mandeville Cemetery - 4 PM set up / 5:45 PM Blessing
Nov. 4 All Souls Day Cleanup - 8 AM @ Mandeville Cemetery
Nov. 23 Christ the King Eucharistic Procession (after Noon Mass)

Vivat Jesus!

Dwight Johnston, Faith Director

Golf Tournament

Thank You! to all the Brother and Lady Knights that helped put on another Excellent Golf Tournament! Our 30th Annual Golf Tournament was a great success with everyone having a great time and enjoying the beautiful weather! We are still finalizing our financial report, but initial review indicates another success. As GK Dr. Rich stated in his comments, we are truly blessed to have such a faith filled and charitable Council 9240!

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Nader, Golf Committee Chair (jpn@lcbalaw.com)

Communication

Do you have pictures from our events? Send them to **Brother Mark Faust** (mhfaust@bellsouth.net)

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Faust, Communication

Retention

We are in need of Brother Knights as Mentors for our new Brother Knights. We need your help!

Vivat Jesus!

Ronnie Marks, Retention

Christmas Shopping Spree and The Wives of Deceased Knights Banquet

The Christmas Shopping Spree will be at Walmart SC in Covington, Saturday, Dec. 13 @ 8AM

The Wives of Deceased Knights Banquet will be held on **Sunday, January 18, 2026**.

Vivat Jesus!

Craig Wiles, Christmas Shopping Spree and The Wives of Deceased Knights Banquet

Growing In Faith

The following is a synopsis of the Season of Advent based on the writings of Bishop Robert Barron

Understanding the Season of Advent

Advent, observed in the Catholic Church, signifies a period of preparation that leads to the celebration of Christmas. Traditionally spanning four weeks, Advent begins on the Sunday closest to November 30 and concludes on Christmas Eve. This season is a time of reflection, anticipation, and hope, as the faithful prepare for the coming of Christ.

Theological Significance

Bishop Robert Barron emphasizes the dual nature of Advent: it looks back to the historical coming of Jesus at Bethlehem and looks forward to his future return in glory. This dual focus encourages believers to ponder their personal relationship with Christ and to be mindful of the realities of their faith. During Advent, Catholics meditate on the themes of expectation and longing, recognizing that God's coming is not merely an event in the past but an ongoing invitation to deepen their spirituality.

Observances and Practices

Advent is marked by specific liturgical practices. The use of the Advent wreath, with its four candles—three purple and one rose—serves as a visual symbol of the season. Each candle represents a week of Advent, and the lighting of the candles signifies hope, peace, joy, and love. The first two Sundays focus on the prophetic

messages of the Old Testament, which speak of a Messiah to come, while the third Sunday, known as Gaudete Sunday, shifts the tone to joy, anticipating the birth of Christ.

Personal Transformation

Bishop Barron calls for a personal response during Advent, urging the faithful to engage in acts of penance, prayer, and almsgiving. This period is not just about marking time but about transforming one's heart in preparation for the Lord's coming. By embracing the season's themes through prayerful reflection and by fostering a spirit of generosity, Catholics are invited to prepare themselves to welcome Jesus into their lives more fully.

In summary, Advent is a rich season that encourages spiritual readiness and anticipation of the joy that Christ's coming brings. It is both a historical reflection and a forward-looking preparation that invites believers to live out their faith actively.

No Insurance Message

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Prayer List for 10/20/2025

Repose of the Souls of

Ronnie Geauthreaux Robert Johnston Nancy Brauner Gloria Neal Patricia Brady
For our deceased Brother Knights and their families.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the merch of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayers for individual health and special intentions

Pope Leo XIV	Fr. Doug Bush	Fr. Cory Ford
Becky Maloney	Colin Maloney	Blanca Diaz
Melissa Wallace	Enrique Rivera	Carmen Perez
Kathy Scott	Erwin R. Olexa	Clara Becnel
Cindy & Craig Toomey	Padmini Meempat	Rob Holland
Michael Holland	Sandra Umholtz	Serita Senac
Kathy Lorio	Christian Jeffries	Sarah Soilean
Gilda & Cleve Fair		

Prayers for special intentions

For the Holy Father, Bishops, Priest, Deacons and Religious

For vocations, that our young people will have the generosity necessary to follow God's call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best

serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will.

For the end of Abortion, the souls of the lost children, and the softening of the hearts and the souls of the mothers, that they will understand the gift of life.

For our military and first responders, please help us to remember the sacrifices of our military and first responders.

For our nation, that we will turn back to God and our founding principle that all men are created equal.

For the Our Lady of the Lake Parish family.

For Knights of Columbus worldwide.