



The Knight Watch

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Calendar of Events - October 2025

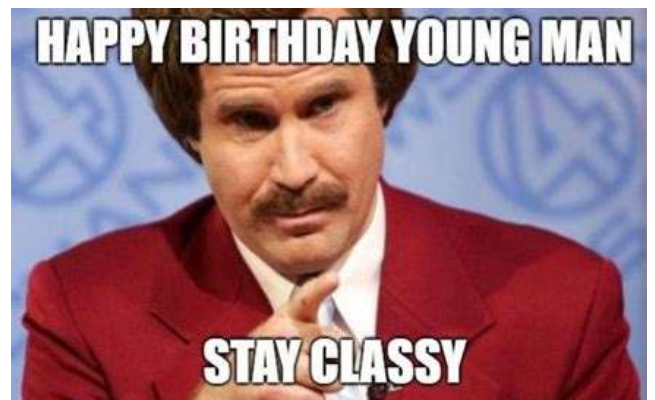
(Birthstone: Opal Flower : Marigold & the Cosmos)

- Sept. 15 Signup for Mentorship volunteers
- Sept. 21 Special Blessings Mass - 3:00 PM OLL Church (St. Peter host)
- Sept. 27 & 28 **Baby Bottle Campaign (Distribution)** - pre-Mass announcements all masses
K of C Recruiting - Volunteers Needed for both!
- Sept. 29 **3rd Degree Exemplification** - HFH –
Arrive 6:00 PM / Ceremony 6:15 PM / dinner follows
- Oct. 4 & 5 **Baby Bottle Campaign (Collection)**
- Oct. 5 **Slidell and Madisonville Life Chains - 2:00 - 3:00**
- Oct. 6 Northshore Food Bank delivery - **Brs. Paul Broussard & John Lodge drivers**
- Oct. 8 **Rosary at the Lakefront - 6:00 PM** - @ the gazebo across from Pat's Rest A While (Church is the backup in case of rain)
- Oct. 12 Covington Life Chain - 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Prep work for the Golf Tournament - Volunteers Needed!
- Oct. 13 **30th Annual Golf Tournament** - Beau Chen Country Club - **Volunteers Needed!**
- Oct. 18 Deo Gratus at the Abbey, Gala from 7 - 10 PM
- Oct. 19 Special Blessings Mass - 3:00 PM OLL Church (MQoP host)
- Oct. 20 Mentorship program (continued)
 Northshore Food Bank delivery - **Br. Miles Becnel driver**
- Oct. 20 **Council 9240 General Business Meeting** - HFH
 Dinner 6:30 PM / Rosary 7:10 PM / Meeting 7:30
Brother Cleve Fair - Chef
Brother Jerry Suhor - Salad King
- Oct. 24, 25 & 26 **OLL Festival of the Lake 2025** –
K of C Beer Booth - Volunteers Needed!
- Oct. 31 Happy Halloween!



Date	Knight	Date	Knight
1	Stephen Conners	15	Allen Naquin
1	Thomas Danos	15	David Stechmann
2	Adolfo "Al" Ramirez JR	17	Dylan Thomas
2	Gary Grashoff	17	Manny Pineda JR
3	Armand "A.J." Wheelock	18	John Barrett
3	Ryan Giglione	19	Sidney "Bill" Bailey
4	Timothy Richmer	23	Brian Lemoine
5	Richard Mongan	23	Irion Bordelon JR
6	Jose "Joe" Mascorro	24	Jeff Harris
7	Edwin Busch	28	Peter Klebba
9	William Decker	29	Dwight Johnston
12	Fr. Vincent Nguyen	31	Gary Beilman SR
13	James Vallee	31	Michael Schneller
		31	Dr. Richard Jeffries

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





Grand Knights Report

Dr. Rich Jeffries

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Well, this is my third Knight Watch message. In August we had numerous projects with over **30 Brother Knights** working on the preparations for the **175th Anniversary of OLL and the dedication of the new Adoration Chapel** on August 16, 2025. For this event **Craig Wiles** coordinated the security which included many Knights and other ministry volunteers. **Dwight Johnston** coordinated the repainting of 50+ benches which included the work of over 20 people. Finally, **Brian Callahan and Gary Horak** established a Color Guard to participate in the Processions for the Archbishop Mass and the dedication of the New Adoration Chapel. In September we are dedicated to getting preparations for our **NO.1 fundraiser, the Annual Golf Tournament**, completed and our first membership drive of the Fraternal Year (which will be before and after each Mass on 27-28 September 2025).

As Grand Knight, as we move forward in September 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 read the things I receive from the District Deputy and the State Deputy, I found that there is a strong push for **Evangelization and Faith Formation** as a focus area in addition to our core values.

We will also be focusing on recruitment of new members and the **assignment of mentors to each new member** in the Council. We currently have two new members, and the exemplification will be in HFH on the **29th of September 2025**. One of the goals I am focused on is to **build a group of new members who will lead Council 9240 in the future**. Statistically most of the current leadership will be gone within 10-15 years. If the Council is to survive, we need to spend these 10-15 years transferring knowledge of our Council to the next generation so they can continue to build on our past successes.

Through discussion with Fr. Doug and Fr. Cory, the number 1 goal of the OLL parish during this coming year is to continue to **build 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. 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.

As an observation to share, I participated in the Seven Sorrows Rosary after 12 PM Mass on the 14th of September and there were **seven ministries who participated**. **In every ministry group, there were several Knights participating. This shows the impact of our Brother Knights and how dedicated the Knights of Columbus are in working toward Evangelization and spreading Jesus' Message throughout the Parish and local community.**

I remain 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 at the 175th Anniversary and the Dedication of the Adoration Chapel. As always, everyone stepped up, and we made it happen.

Coming up for us:

September 2025

September 21 – Special Blessings Mass (Special Needs) – 3:00 PM Church (St. Peter)

September 27-28: Baby Bottle Campaign (Distribution), K of C Recruiting Tables, and pre-MASS - announcements at All Masses.

September 27-28: Membership Drive held in conjunction with Baby Bottle Campaign

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October 2025

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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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Officers Meeting - Our monthly Officers Meeting held the 2nd Monday of each month, has a new start time **6 PM** in HFH. **Because the Golf Tournament falls on the next scheduled Officers meeting (October 13), we will have to reschedule to another date.** More to follow.

Exemplification Team - we have reserved HFH for the **4th Monday of each month** to conduct our 3rd Degree Exemplifications. We have confirmed an Exemplification scheduled for **Sept. 29, 2025** beginning at 6:00 PM. Please arrive for 6:00 PM, we will begin the ceremony at 6:15. The ceremony takes about 30 minutes, and the candidates wives and families are invited. We will have a lite meal served after. Candidate attire for the ceremony will be "church" casual. No shorts, t-shirts or jeans please. A sports coat is preferred with a tie optional.

Faith in Action

Life Program

Brother Knights,

We are still in need for volunteers to distribute Baby Bottles for the weekend of 09/27 - 09/28. We will also have a recruitment drive the same weekend. This is a Fantastic volunteer opportunity! Please consider helping!

4 volunteers needed for 4 PM / 7:30 AM / 9 AM / 12 Noon / 6:30 PM

6 volunteers are needed for 10:30 AM mass in the Chotin Center.

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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)

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

Mark your calendars! *October 8, 2025 – Rosary on the Lakefront – 6:00 PM @ the Pavillion*
We need *Mentors for our new Brother Knights!* This is a great way to work on Unity and Fraternity!
We will be signing up at our September 15 General Business Meeting.

Oct. 18	Deo Gratius at The Abbey. Gala from 7-10 PM
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

Our next Golf Committee meeting will be Wednesday, 09/25 @ 6:30 PM in HFH.

30th Annual Golf Tournament will be on Monday, 10/13 at Beau Chene CC. We need more volunteers!

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Nader, Golf Committee Chair (jpn@lcba-law.com)

Communication

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

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Faust, Communication

Retention

As we discussed during our September 15th general business meeting, 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 an article published in Word On Fire, Sept. 5, 2025 by Dr. Richard DeClue

Pope Leo XIV Addresses Catholic Politicians

On August 28, 2025, Pope Leo XIV gave an address to a delegation of elected officials and civil personalities from Vale de Marne in the Diocese of Créteil in France. Showing his linguistic skills, the Holy Father gave the address in French. (All translations are my own, except where he quotes from a Church document, which I took from an existing English translation.)

Notably, Pope Leo's address counters false understandings of the relationship between faith and public life. He notes that the salvation gained through our Lord's death and resurrection "encompasses all dimensions of human life, such as culture, the economy and work, . . . education, and politics." He cites the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, insisting that the theological virtue of charity, which is a gift from God, is "a force capable of inspiring new ways of approaching the problems of today's world, of profoundly renewing structures, social organizations, [and] legal systems from within" (207).

To counter false secularism, the pope insists that these public figures should bear witness to Christ and their faith.

“There is no separation in the personality of a public figure: there is not, on the one side, the political person, and, on the other, the Christian. But there is the political person, who—under the gaze of God and of his conscience—lives, in a Christian manner, his commitments and responsibilities!” He encourages politicians to enhance their comprehension of doctrine, especially social doctrine, and “put it into practice in the exercise of your responsibilities and in the drafting of laws.”

Pope Leo acknowledges that doing so will result in opposition and pressure, including within party politics. Nevertheless, he exhorts them to be courageous, which will require them to remain united to Christ.

“There is not, on the one side, the political person, and, on the other, the Christian. . . .”

The Holy Father’s brief remarks reflect the teaching of Vatican II with respect to the role of the laity. *Lumen Gentium* teaches that “the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (21, emphasis added). The lay faithful are called to “remedy the customs and conditions of the world . . . so that they all may be conformed to the norms of justice and may favor the practice of virtue rather than hinder it” (36).

While this dogmatic constitution on the Church acknowledges a distinction between one’s duties as a member of the Church and as a member of society, it nevertheless insists that “in every temporal affair [the faithful] must be guided by a Christian conscience, since even in secular business there is no human activity which can be withdrawn from God’s dominion” (36). Similarly, *Apostolicam Actuositatem* says that the laity “exercise the apostolate in fact by their activity directed to the evangelization and sanctification of men and to the penetrating and perfecting of the temporal order through the spirit of the Gospel” (2).

Pope Leo’s comment that the salvation of Christ encompasses all areas of human life, including politics, mirrors that document’s claim that “Christ’s redemptive work . . . includes also the renewal of the whole temporal order” (5). Later, it enumerates elements that comprise the temporal order and includes “the laws of the political community” (7).

Accordingly, like Leo, *Lumen Gentium* insists that the faith must enter into one’s political life. It clearly warns against “that ominous doctrine which attempts to build a society with no regard whatever for religion, and which attacks and destroys the religious liberty of its citizens, is rightly to be rejected” (36).

The idea that one ought to check one’s faith at the door when entering into the political arena is contrary to Catholic doctrine. So often, as Pope Leo admits, politicians are pressured by their parties to conform to the world or to their “ideological colonizations.” In other words, politicians are tempted to forgo their commitment to authentic virtue for the sake of political expediency. That is why the Holy Father expresses the need to have “the courage to sometimes say, ‘no, I can’t!’ when the truth is at stake.”

“ . . . There is the political person, who—under the gaze of God and of his conscience—lives, in a Christian manner, his commitments and responsibilities!”

Unfortunately, all of us, not just politicians, can fall into the trap of compromising our adherence to Catholic social doctrine when it is at odds with our political party’s attempts to gain power. For example, it would be unpopular within their ranks for a Democrat politician to proudly proclaim that they are fully pro-life. It might be politically disadvantageous for a Catholic government official to rebuke the president’s call for government funding of in vitro fertilization. It takes fortitude to stand up to one’s own party members. But how else can both parties be purified of their deficiencies and errors? (And they both have them!)

I think Pope Leo’s exhortation ought to be heeded. Only when Catholic politicians and citizens put Christ and the

social doctrine of the Church ahead of their political allegiances can the laity truly order temporal affairs toward the authentic common good.

As Pope Leo XIV said in his address about the Church's social doctrine: "Its foundations are fundamentally in accord with human nature, the natural law that all can recognize, even non-Christians, even non-believers. You must therefore not be afraid to propose and defend it with conviction: it is a doctrine of salvation that aims for the good of every human being, the building of peaceful, harmonious, prosperous, and reconciled societies."

I hope all Catholic public figures—of whatever political affiliation—take Pope Leo's words to heart and put them into practice.

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Prayer List for 09/15/2025

Repose of the Souls of

Ronnie Geauthreaux

Robert Johnston

Irina Zarutska

Charlie Kirk

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

Pat Wilkerson

Carmen Perez

Blanca Diaz

Craig & Cindy Toomey

Phyllis Mason

Nancy Brauner

Clara Becnel

Serita Senac

Mark Monson

Elmida Geauthreaux

Maurine Rice

The Tepper Family

Mike Helmer

Guy Goodwyne

Robert Rees

Gene White

Pam Wilson

Hilda & Cleve Fair

Lorie Wiles

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.