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Upcoming Events

Council Bus. Mtg. Aug., 6, 7:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church
Council Bus. Mtg. Sept., 3, 7:30 p.m.
Church of the Ascension, Worner Hall

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Grand Knight’s Message

Brother Knights,

August is the last full month of calendar summer. August may be hot or cooled by the marine layer. Local schools start in mid-month, making for an active time for parents and children. Enjoy some time off, get out and play before serious September arrives. Our August 6th council meeting will be at Sacred Heart Parish in Saratoga. We will use the beautiful meeting room in the Parish Center building. Installation of Officers will be in September. Watch the Mace and emails for details. With enough participation, a catered dinner will be organized to follow the Installation. Please consider attending.

Officer positions are available for members including Warden, Inside Guard and Outside Guard. Come brothers, take a position and support your council.

There will be a report and discussion at the business meeting on corporate investments and a procedure for qualifying charitable grants Members present at the meeting are eligible to win the attendance raffle at the end of the meeting. Our Chaplain’s number was called in July, but he was absent. Are you feeling lucky! Come and find out. Listen for the rattle of the raffle box! Spend some time with your brothers.

Ed Johnson

Chaplain’s Message

Olympic Spirit

The original Olympic motto “Citius, Altius, Fortius” (Faster, Higher, Stronger) was first expressed by Fr. Henri Didon, a Dominican priest in France, at the opening of a school sports event in 1881. Present that day was Pierre de Coubertin, who adopted it as the Olympic motto in 1894 at the Sorbonne congress that launched the modern Olympic Movement. From 2021, the motto reads “Citius, Altius, Fortius - Communiter” (Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together) to highlight the unifying power of sports and the significance of solidarity. Seeing the need for greater fraternity and solidarity in the world, Pope Francis issued the encyclical “Fratelli tutti” (Brothers All) in October 2020. In the document, he speaks of

“the fragility of world systems in the face of the pandemic” and states that the way the pandemic was managed by countries has shown a failure in global cooperation.

On the day the Paris Olympics started, the Holy Father posted on X “The authentic Olympic and Paralympic spirit is an antidote against the tragedy of war and a way to put an end to violence. May sport build bridges, break down barriers, and foster peaceful relations.”



100 *days* OF PRAYER

PERSONS SUFFERING *from* WAR

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give it to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

JOHN 14:27

GRACIOUS GOD, WE PRAY FOR ALL PERSONS SUFFERING FROM WAR.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; May they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

NOVEMBER 3, 2014 – FEBRUARY 11, 2015



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Prayer Requests

The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly prayer held each month before the Council's Business Meeting. If any member wishes to submit a name or remove a name from the list, please telephone or email Ron Schoengold, FS, at 408-309-9830, ron@egoldsolutions.com

Prayers

- Brother Art Salazar
- Brother Ron Miller's wife, Shirley
- Brother Jim Mathews
- Brother John Lehane
- Brother Tony Seidl's† wife Helen Seidl
- Brother Mark Wright's sister Anne
- Brother Rodger O'Brien
- Brother Harry Tibbetts
- Brother Peter Pozniak's wife, Patricia
- Brother Ron Schoengold's wife. Arline
- Brother Lawrence DeSilva's wife, Shieroma
- Brother John Steffens' mother-in-law, Emma Firpo

Deceased

Thirteen Knights from Council 4981, not previously listed, have passed away:

- Brother Ernest Camacho (01/04/2016)*
- Brother William Callen (08/29/2022)*

- Brother Philip Dean (12/26/2007)*
- Brother Joseph Denham Jr. (11/19/2014)*
- Brother Joseph Fitzsimmons (03/28/2017)*
- Brother Francis Hopkins (12/06/2018)*
- Brother Eugene Levitre (05/02/2024)*
- Brother Robert Lewis (08/08/2016)*
- Brother Robert MacKinnon (05/05/2024)*
- Brother John Marvin (05/06/2020)*
- Brother Larry Sandstrom (03/28/2021)*
- Brother Edward Shiras (04/02/2021)*
- Brother Philip Young (03/01/2016)*



- Brother Eli Thomas (03/02/2022)
- Brother Freddie Schwalbach (03/30/2022)
- Brother Robert Rolufs, PGK (06/26/2022)
- Brother Mark Wright's mother-in-law Yingio Leung (06/29/2022)
- Brother Jim Campbell's father Bob Anselmo (12/2/2022)
- Brother Ted Wyess' wife Ann (01/11/2023)
- Brother Dominic Guido's wife Roca (03/11/2023)
- Brother Ted Wyess (03/19/2023)
- Brother John Steffens sister-in-law Mary Steffens (11/30/2023)
- Brother James Campbell (12/13/2023)
- Brother Joseph Kenney's wife Sheila (02/18/2024)

Monthly Attendance Raffle

Fr. Hao won the July raffle of \$20 but was not present to claim the prize. The raffle is worth \$30 this month. The winner must be present at the meeting to win!

Happy Birthday to everyone!



Treasurer's Report



Balances as of 7/31/24

Charity Checking	259.20
Checking	8,111.05
Council Savings	<u>20,809.75</u>
	29,180.00

Income for July 2024

Dues	540.00
Interest on Capital One Savings	<u>1.76</u>
	541.76

Expenses for July 2024

MACE Printing	130.83
Membership Expense	32.32
Postage	<u>135.50</u>
	298.65

Shelter and Hope

New modular homes open outside Lviv for displaced Ukrainian families

By Jarosław Herman 7/17/2024



Displaced families and other guests gather around Father Lubomyr Yavorsky, director of Mudra Sprava, as he blesses a new modular home in Briukhovychi, Ukraine, July 12. Mudra Sprava, a patriarchal foundation of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, built the homes for war refugees with support from the Knights of Columbus. (Photo by Ihor Ivanovych)

Ten families displaced by the war in eastern and northern Ukraine have new homes in Briukhovychi, a suburb of Lviv, thanks to a modular housing initiative sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and implemented by Mudra Sprava, a patriarchal foundation of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Many of them come from occupied or recently liberated territories and initially found shelter in a nearby rehabilitation center also supported by the Knights. Now they have the dignity, privacy and stability of a tiny house of their own. “Thanks to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund, we were able to provide not only a roof over the heads of dozens of Ukrainian families, but also a chance to start a new life in better conditions,” said Ukraine State Deputy Mykola Mostovyak.

The modular homes officially opened July 12 with a ceremony attended by Knights of Columbus and Ukrainian Greek Catholic leaders, including State Deputy Mostovyak, Past State Deputy Yuriy Maletskiy and Father Volodymyr Malchyn, head of the development office at the UCGG’s Patriarchal Curia. Father Lubomyr Yavorsky, director of Mudra Sprava (Wise Cause) and one of the first Ukrainian Knights,

blessed the homes and the Knights presented residents with symbolic gifts. According to data from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, approximately 6.5 million Ukrainians now live outside the country, while about 3.6 million Ukrainians are currently displaced internally. Roughly one-third of all Ukrainians have been forced to evacuate their homes, many of them to the western part of the country, which has not been as severely impacted by the war.

A GLIMPSE OF HOPE

When the war started, millions of lives changed in an instant. Many people lost homes they spent their lives building, and with them all their belongings. “When you thought it would all be over in two to three days or two to three weeks, but it continued — that had a huge effect on our psychological, physical and emotional state, and on our hope for the future,” she explained. Many people have stopped hiding during rocket fire because they are so mentally tired of war. “Children are confused; we live in uncertainty. It feels like you’ve been abandoned,” Alla continued. “Now, after our loss, we have a chance to have our own home. Such moments of stability really save people. It inspired some hope for the future.” Having the right living conditions, Alla will be able to contribute to the assistance herself. “Now, we have the resources and the strength to help our country,” she said. “We are very grateful that abroad, the Knights understand that here are people, living people.”

MORE THAN A SHELTER

The families who are moving into the modular houses previously lived in the rehabilitation center in Briukhovychi funded by the Knights of Columbus. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki of Lviv and Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Galicia, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, officially opened the center in December 2022. It became a safe home for many refugees, at one point housing around 100 people. The opening of the modular homes has created more space in the center, improving living conditions for the residents still there and allowing parts of the building to be used for its original purpose — providing services for refugees. What’s more, there will be rooms available in case of a new influx of internally displaced persons, which may happen, especially in winter. Meanwhile, 10 modular houses have been built so far, and there is potential to build up to 25 more. Most of the houses consist of a bedroom, living room, bathroom and fully

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Directors & Chairmen

Program Director

Ron Schoengold

Church Director

John Pozniak

Vocations	John Steffens
McGivney Shrine	Ron Schoengold
Bingo	open
Parish Round Tables	
Queen of Apostles	open
Sacred Heart in Saratoga	open
St. Joseph of Cupertino	Joe Kenney
Church of the Ascension	Ron Schoengold

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Michael Abdallah

Culture of Life	Joe Kenney
Charities	Patrick Kwok
Divine Mercy	
& Rosary Visitation	John Steffens
Food for Families	Dick Sherman
People with	
Intellectual Disabilities	open
Mass of Reparation	open
Community Projects	Round Table Members
Breakfast Supreme	Ron Schoengold

Council Director

Open

Fraternal Affairs	Ron Schoengold
First Degree Team	John Pozniak
Public Relations	Ron Schoengold
Website	Ron Schoengold
Communications	Ron Schoengold
Past Grand Knights Dinner	open
Special Appreciation Night	Patrick Kwok
McGivney Pilgrimage	John Pozniak

Family Director

Ed Johnson

Leisure Nights	open
Memorial Mass	open
Ladies Night	John Steffens
Ice Cream Social	Grand Knight Elect
Christmas Dinner	Ron Schoengold
Annual Picnic	open

Youth Director

Open

Scholarship Program	Patrick Kwok
Altar Servers Appreciation	Patrick Kwok
Free Throw Contest	Ed Johnson
Essay Contest	Ed Johnson

Membership & Retention

Mark Wright*

John Pozniak

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equipped kitchen. Though they are designed to be assembled quickly, the process of building and furnishing them has sometimes been delayed by wartime conditions. “We often experienced blackouts. Without electricity, you cannot do much, because you do not have the equipment,” explained Father Malchyn. “It’s quite different to work in this wartime in Ukraine. There is a shortage of professional workers.” However, Father Malchyn says that with adequate financial support, the experience they’ve gained in the process could bear fruit and expand the project very quickly. The modular houses will serve not only as shelter — a decent place to live and resolve very practical issues — but as a place of complex and long-term help for the families, at least to the end of the war. “We want to give those people not just housing, we want to accompany them during this challenge,” Father Malchyn said.

The residents will have the opportunity to receive psychological help, as many of them have severe wartime experiences. They will also be offered spiritual support, as there will be a priest specifically dedicated to this issue.

“The modular housing project gives refugees the opportunity to live together, creating a sense of

community and support,” said State Deputy Mostovyak. “In this way, the Knights of Columbus unite people affected by war, providing them with a safe place to live and socialize.” “I’d like to express gratitude on behalf of Ukrainian people who are suffering from this unjust and unprecedented military aggression. When you hear all those stories, when you see specific people whom you are helping, when you look into their eyes ... this is a real ray of hope for them,” said Father Malchyn. Father Yavorsky noted that the aid flowing into Ukraine has decreased exponentially as the world grows tired of the war. “And we in Ukraine cannot get tired,” he said. “I think it is better for everyone to be in a position of support than in a position of deprivation, because it means that God has given you peace, he has given you the ability to help. We are standing with arms outstretched in order to survive, and we ask our friends not to get tired.”

“This is a clear, visible sign of God’s love that works through Christian solidarity,” Major Archbishop Shevchuk said. “Today I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for carrying out works of sacrificial Christian love in Ukraine, especially towards those who are most vulnerable.”

To learn more about our work in Ukraine and to support those efforts, visit kofc.org/Ukraine.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is discord, unity.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is error, truth.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born
to Eternal Life.

August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3
4	5	6 7:30pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at Sacred Heart Church)	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 1	2	3 7:30pm Council Business Meeting (Meeting at Church of the Ascension, Warner Hall)	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5

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