



# KC QUOTE

September 2025

Mt Vernon Council #5998



## *The Seven Sorrows of Mary*

### WHAT IS THE KC QUOTE?

The KC Quote is the Knights of Columbus Mount Vernon Council #5998 newsletter published 12 times a year for members, their families, and their friends. It is published on the first Friday after the first Thursday of the month.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Mt. Vernon Hall. (Note: This month's will be held on July 11th).

**Sunday, September 14th**

St. Louis Pancake Breakfast

**Thursday, September 18th**

Meet the Knights Night

**Sunday, September 21st**

Good Shepherd Pancake  
Breakfast

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## STAR COUNCIL AWARD ('24-25)



Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus Council 5998 has received the distinction of **Star Council**, the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership (160% of quota), promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs, and service-orientated activities.

## FIRST FRIDAY KOVAR BAKE SALE



Our Lady Knights put on a bake sale at Bingo first Friday of every other month. The next is **September 7th**. Please drop off your baked goods before 1:00 PM and stick around to help. All proceeds go to KOVAR. \$100 of treats were sold in March, with none left at the end of the night. \$350 was raised between December and March.

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

## COUNCIL CALENDAR:

The Council Calendar will be maintained and updated on our Council website at [KofC5998.org](http://KofC5998.org)

## NOTE:

Scheduled events may be subject to cancellation at the time of this publication; for more up to date information on our latest events, access our website at [KofC5998.org](http://KofC5998.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Officers Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Council Rosary <b>8:00 PM</b> Council Business Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bingo	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary  <b>11:00 AM</b> Patriotic Rosary
<b>7</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> KOVAR Bake Sale  <b>2:00 PM</b> Sunday Bingo	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Corporation Meeting			<b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Happy Hour	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bingo	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
<b>14</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> St. Louis Pancake Breakfast				<b>18</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Meet the Knights Night	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bingo	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
<b>21</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Potomac Assembly Meeting			<b>25</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Happy Hour	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bingo	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
				<b>2</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Officers Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Council Rosary <b>8:00 PM</b> Council Business Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bingo	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary  <b>11:00 AM</b> Patriotic Rosary  <b>6:00 PM</b> Bourbon Tasting & UFC Watch Party

# COUNCIL DIRECTORY FRATERNAL YEAR 2025-2026

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<b>GRAND KNIGHT</b>	SK Rodney Chambers	<b>FAITH DIRECTOR</b>	SK Paul Kayanan
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<b>CHANCELLOR</b>	SK Andrew Graf	<b>YOUTH DIRECTOR</b>	SK Patrick Doyle
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<b>LECTURER</b>	SK PGK Kevin Moran	<b>KOVAR</b>	SK Andrew Graf
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<b>CHARITY</b>	TBD
<b>CREDENTIALS</b>	TBD
<b>FACILITY MANAGEMENT &amp; OPERATIONS</b>	TBD
<b>LONG RANGE PLANNING</b>	TBD
<b>NOMINATIONS</b>	TBD
<b>GROUNDS</b>	TBD

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## **CHAPLAIN'S COMPASS**

### **FROM OUR CHAPLAIN FR. THOMAS FERGUSON**

## **NEW SAINTS: SIGNS OF HOPE FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD**

On Sunday, September 7, 2025, Pope Leo XIV will canonize two saints: Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925).

Saint Carlo Acutis has been described as the first "millennial" saint. Very much a saint of our times, he used digital media to promote Catholic devotion, designing at a very young age a website that documented Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions.

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati was a person whose family enjoyed material prosperity which he himself used to assist those who were poor and who struggled to meet their families' basic material needs.

Both saints had a great personal devotion to the Eucharist and manifested the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their lives in the joy they took in sharing God's love with others, especially family and friends, and in their love for the beauty of God's creation.

During this Jubilee Year, let us pray that the holy lives of Saint Carlo and Saint Pier Giorgio may be a sign of hope for all, a sign that sanctity and sainthood are possible even in the midst of our world today.

### **THE MCGIVNEY PRAYER**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.



## **A WORD FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT SK RODNEY CHAMBERS**

### ***Standing Firm in Truth and Faith: The Duty of Catholic Men in an Age of Moral Decay and Confusion***

In an age where moral ambiguity is celebrated and truth is often reduced to personal preference, the Holy Roman Catholic Church remains a beacon of clarity and conviction. Faithful Catholic men, especially those who have pledged themselves to the mission of the Knights of Columbus, are called to be spiritual leaders in their homes, parishes, and communities, standing firm in the defense of truth, even when it is unpopular. This calling is not merely a suggestion; it is a sacred obligation rooted in love, fidelity, and courage.

The Catholic Church understands that affirming and institutionalizing behavior contrary to Divine Law can lead a society away from truth and justice. Sin is not merely a private matter; it affects the soul of a culture. When grave sin becomes normalized, celebrated, or institutionalized, it distorts the moral compass of future generations. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Sacred Scripture, and the teachings of the Order all affirm that Catholic Knights must stand unashamed and resolute against the cultural tide that seeks to normalize grave moral evils. Among these are gender transition, homosexual acts, and abortion, each a direct assault on God's Natural Law and Divine Truth.

Before addressing these evils, we must first understand what truth is. The Truth is not subjective. It is not "your truth" or "my truth", as some suggest. These are merely shades of wrong. The Truth is God's Truth—unchanging, eternal, and wholly right. As Catholic men, our mission is to lead souls toward Truth. The more Truth we know, the closer we draw to God, for God is Truth itself.

For the sake of brevity, I will be discussing only two of these evils in this article. Let's begin with gender transition. Gender transition is a rejection of God's Divine Design. Genesis 1:27 offers a foundational declaration of human nature. It declares, "Male and female He created them." This is not a social construct; it is a sacred reality. Human beings are created male or female by God, and this is not a disorder but a divine design. CCC 2333 teaches that "Everyone, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity." To affirm someone's desire to reject their God-given sex is not charitable or loving; it is confusion and disorder. True charity encourages individuals to live in harmony with the unity of body and soul that God created.

It is important to note that medical interventions aimed at gender reassignment (hormone therapies and surgeries) carry serious risks such as sterility, cardiovascular disease, chronic pain, and psychological distress. These procedures cannot change the genetic sex encoded in every cell of the human body. More importantly, they disrupt the sacred integrity of the person. Authentic healing comes not from reshaping the body, but from restoring harmony with one's created nature.

The Church does not reject those who struggle with gender dysphoria. CCC 2358 calls us to treat all persons with "respect, compassion, and sensitivity." However, respect does not mean affirming untruths. Catholic men

must defend truth with clarity and love, helping others seek peace through truth, not emotion. I reiterate, affirming something that is not true is not love. Father McGivney, steeped in Catholic anthropology, would have affirmed each person's God-given identity and offered compassionate guidance to those struggling with gender dysphoria, never encouraging alteration of the body, but always upholding the Truth with mercy.

Let's now turn to the issue of homosexual acts. The Church teaches that persons with the mental illness of same-sex attraction must be treated with dignity and compassion as well. However, CCC 2357 is unequivocal: "Homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered. They are contrary to the natural law." Romans 1:26-27 describes same-sex acts as contrary to nature and turning away from God's design, and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 affirms this teaching, warning that unrepentant sin separates one from the kingdom of God. This sin is forgiven only through true repentance.

Blessed Father McGivney believed that families, rooted in the sacrament of marriage between a man and a woman, were the cornerstone of society. Understand that Knightly charity speaks hard truths. To accept homosexual acts as morally acceptable is to betray Divine Law. Knights and their families should avoid any parish that flies the pride flag, a symbol that celebrates sin. Pride in sexual sin is a deadly sin and a rebellion against God. CCC 2359 calls homosexual persons to chastity, a path of sanctity and peace. The Church's teaching is not rejection; it is a call to live in accordance with God's moral law, which promotes human well-being. As a parish priest, Father McGivney ministered with love to all, but he understood that sexual expression is ordered toward marriage and procreation. Homosexual acts are inconsistent with God's plan.

What is the role of the Knight in standing up to the transgender and homosexual lobby? The first principle of the Knights of Columbus is charity. But charity is not passive—it is active, courageous, and rooted in truth. Catholic men must be protectors of divine order, defenders of truth, and witnesses to the Gospel. Understand that defending what is "right and just" is not self-righteousness; it is obedience to Christ. Remember, we are not called to comfort; we are called to greatness. As Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." The Church needs bold Catholic men, not bystanders. Saint Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 16:13: "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." When truth is under attack, silence can be complicit. The Catechism also warns against "cowardice and compromise", calling each Catholic to live in moral courage.

To stand against the homosexual lobby and gender ideology is not hatred; it is fidelity. It is love in its highest form, love that seeks the good of the other, even when the truth is hard. The Church does not shame, it sanctifies. Catholic Knights must be its boldest witnesses. Standing firm in love and truth helps individuals seek authentic healing and peace.

Father McGivney's vision lives on in the Knights of Columbus' unwavering commitment to pro-life advocacy, family support, and the public defense of Catholic teaching. In honoring his legacy, Catholic men today are called to be courageous witnesses to truth, just as he was. Let us rise, Brother Knights, with courage and conviction. Let us defend Truth, defend the sanctity of marriage, protect life by respecting the sanctity of life in the womb, and uphold the dignity of every person as created by God. In doing so, we fulfill our sacred duty, not just as Knights, but as men of God to proclaim the truth with clarity and strength, even when society calls good evil and evil good.

SK Rodney L. Chambers  
Grand Knight, Mount Vernon Council 5998  
Knights of Columbus





## A WORD FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT DEPUTY MAURICE CHAU

Dear Brothers,

Welcome to fall! We have two months of the fraternal year under our belts. I hope everyone had a great summer. Congratulations to Good Shepherd on a very enjoyable International Festival on Labor Day. During the event, Mount Vernon Council hosted their annual soccer challenge, and had a very good turnout with 48 children participating! Looking ahead, the district soccer challenge is planned for October, more details are forthcoming.

Here are a few happenings within District 13. Come out and support our brother Knights!

- Saturday, September 13, and Sunday, September 14 masses at Belvoir Chapel to contribute to Fort Belvoir Council's collection of baby shower items. Collection boxes are located at the back of the chapel.
- Sunday, September 14 and Sunday, September 21, drop off new kids coats at the Springfield Council's collection box at the back of the church.
- Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 pm, our Council hosts a "Meet the Knights" evening in the Lounge.
- Sunday, September 21 from 2 to 4pm, enjoy a cook-out by the Saint Lawrence Council near its parish center.
- Tuesday, September 23 at 7pm, you are invited to attend our Council's combined degree in the Council chambers. Candidates need to arrive by 6:30pm. Let's give our newest members a warm welcome!
- Saturday, October 18, mark this date on your calendar for brats, beer, and revelry! For more information and to volunteer, see Council 5998 website. Better yet, invite a new Knight to join you!

Let's grow our active membership –talk to the men of your parish, share the value of our brotherhood of like-minded men, encourage membership. Break the ice by saying hello after Mass or talking over pancakes!

Vivat Jesus!  
Maurice Chau, DD13





## A WORD FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR CHUCK ROMAN



**18 September we will have the next Meet the Knights Night.** You'll see it in the parish newsletters this week. It's the flagship event to reach Catholic men who are interested in joining our brotherhood, and the best chance to invite any gentlemen you've been talking to about the Knights. **PLEASE RSVP WITH THE QR CODE OR AT THE SIGNUPGENIUS LINK!!** You can find everything you need to sign up on the website.

We also have another great event at the beginning of next month. The **Bourbon Night & UFC Watch Party – October 4th** – is an event is open to ALL, much like the St. Patrick's Day party. So please use it as an opportunity to build our membership, enjoy fellowship with our community, and evangelize the Faith.

Lastly, the website has new links to purchase Council #5998 steins, name badges, and apparel (coming soon!). As always, the Knightsgear on the Supreme website offers a great array of options to *Show the Shield*.

Remember that ours is an organization that values charity. Charity is performed in imitation of Our Savior's pure love and in furtherance of his command to love one another. It is a gift of self-sacrifice for the benefit of the less fortunate, without anything expected in return other than the resulting spiritual fruits of joy, peace, and mercy.

As always, let me know if you'd like me to assist you in bringing new members aboard.

Vivat Jesu!  
Chuck Roman

P.S. Be sure to check out the St. Louis podcast this week. Your friendly neighborhood Membership Director will be discussing the benefits of joining the Knights Of Columbus and touting the September 18th "Meet the Knights Night" event. Don't miss out. **Click that RSVP link!!**





## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2025**

**ROBERT J. SANDER**

Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus Council 5998 honors Bob Sander as Knight of the Month for September 2025, recognizing his unwavering commitment to faith, fraternity, and service. Bob exemplifies the virtues of a Catholic gentleman, living out the principles of charity and unity with humility and grace. His dedication to the success of the Mount Vernon Council, whether organizing charitable initiatives, supporting parish events such as this month's St. Louis Parish FEASTival, or mentoring new members, sets a fine example to other Catholic men. Bob's quiet leadership and steadfast presence have made him a pillar of the Council. His actions reflect the spirit of Father Michael J. McGivney's vision. I am honored to recognize him as Knight of the Month and invite all members to join in congratulating Bob Sander for this well-deserved recognition. His example reminds us that true leadership begins with service, and that the heart of the Knights of Columbus beats strongest in those who give of themselves for the good of others.



## **FAMILY OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2025**

**PATRICK A. DOYLE**

Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus Council 5998 honors Patrick Doyle, his wife, Mallory, and their three children as Family of the Month for September 2025. This recognition celebrates their shared commitment to faith, service, and community, a shining example of Catholic family life in action. Patrick Doyle serves as the Council's Youth Director, a role in which he has consistently demonstrated leadership, compassion, and a deep dedication to nurturing the next generation. His efforts this month were especially evident during the Good Shepherd Parish International Festival Soccer Challenge, where his daughter Olivia joined him in organizing and supporting the event, embodying the spirit of family-centered service. The Council also extends heartfelt gratitude to Mallory Doyle, whose support and encouragement have been instrumental in Patrick's ongoing service. Her quiet strength and partnership reflect the values of unity and love that the Knights of Columbus strive to uphold. The strength of our Council lies in the families who give of themselves for the good of others. The Doyle family's example inspires us to live our faith not only in words, but in the joyful work of building up our Church and community.



# SEPTEMBER 2025 BIRTHDAYS

<b>Donald P. Britcliffe</b>	<i>Sep. 2</i>
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<b>Eric P. Schmalz</b>	<i>Sep. 2</i>
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<b>Deacon Patrick A. Ouellette</b>	<i>Sep. 3</i>
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<b>Mike L. Seidel</b>	<i>Sep. 3</i>
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<b>F. Moises Loza</b>	<i>Sep. 4</i>
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<b>Jacob Anton Orlando</b>	<i>Sep. 5</i>
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<b>Karl B. Knoblauch</b>	<i>Sep. 8</i>
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<b>John Lane, Jr.</b>	<i>Sep. 8</i>
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<b>Michael E. Mushrush</b>	<i>Sep. 9</i>
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<b>Thomas J. Doherty, Jr.</b>	<i>Sep. 10</i>
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<b>Michael J. Murphy</b>	<i>Sep. 10</i>
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<b>Sebastian J. Carrado</b>	<i>Sep. 11</i>
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<b>Michael E. Bennett</b>	<i>Sep. 12</i>
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<b>David W. Lamm</b>	<i>Sep. 12</i>
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<b>Frederick Cedoz</b>	<i>Sep. 15</i>
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<b>John J. Hannon</b>	<i>Sep. 15</i>
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<b>Mark J. Franceski</b>	<i>Sep. 17</i>
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<b>Richard T. Hayden</b>	<i>Sep. 17</i>
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<b>David O. Brazil</b>	<i>Sep. 20</i>
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<b>Thomas V. Kireilis</b>	<i>Sep. 20</i>
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<b>Walter Matthew Cekala</b>	<i>Sep. 21</i>
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<b>Michael F. Dorman</b>	<i>Sep. 22</i>
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<b>Kevin L. McGinley</b>	<i>Sep. 22</i>
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<b>Matthew T. Brady</b>	<i>Sep. 23</i>
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<b>George L. Tanner</b>	<i>Sep. 23</i>
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<b>Paul Begovich</b>	<i>Sep. 24</i>
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<b>Steven E. Maceda</b>	<i>Sep. 24</i>
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<b>David H. Lohman</b>	<i>Sep. 25</i>
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<b>Charles M. Roman</b>	<i>Sep. 25</i>
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<b>Cameron M. Baird</b>	<i>Sep. 26</i>
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<b>Eric M. Schoennauer</b>	<i>Sep. 26</i>
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<b>Timothy D. Kelly</b>	<i>Sep. 27</i>
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<b>Jason E. Torres</b>	<i>Sep. 27</i>
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<b>Andrew J. Beatty</b>	<i>Sep. 29</i>
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<b>Steve Overton</b>	<i>Sep. 29</i>
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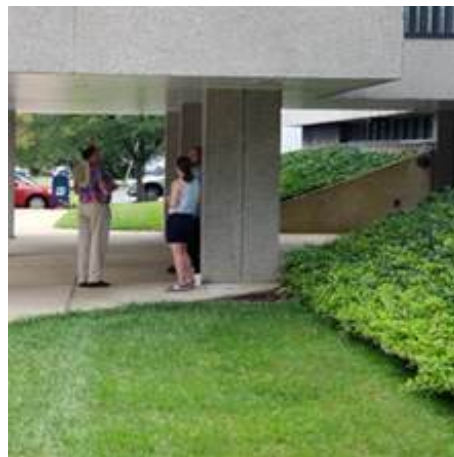
**PRO-LIFE CORNER**



# PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our Pro Life Rosary at Sherwood Hall Avenue next to the Shell Gas Station is featured every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Often we have Fr. Ferguson from Good Shepherd, Fr. O'Hare from St. Louis, or Bishop Burbidge of our Arlington Diocese to lead us in prayer. We offer free pregnancy tests and we have a mobile ultrasound unit available to help women with free ultrasounds to see their babies.





In loving memory of Carl A. Eifert, 1926-2024

## JUST THINKING...

### CARL EIFERT

### AI NOT NECESSARILY A-1

Artificial intelligence is all the rage, especially in the field of robotics. Although these machines – computers – fall far short of human thought, they perform many practical tasks, from medical diagnosis to chatbots.

For the uninitiated, like this writer, a chatbot is defined as a computer program that uses AI and natural language processing to understand questions, then automate responses that simulate human conversation.

They are said to “reason” to such an extent as to prove mathematical formulas and to play chess. They even may be capable of handling moral questions if programmed correctly. To reason is to think in logical and sensible ways.

Pope Francis wrote in 2018: **“Artificial intelligence, robotics and other technological innovations must be so employed that they contribute to the service of humanity and to the protection of our common home, rather than to the contrary, as some assessments unfortunately foresee.”**

“AI can destroy humanity and the world if it won’t let itself be switched off.” That fear has been heard.

But a counter version could be developed in a fight for survival..

“Our AI can beat your AI. So there!”

Perhaps some kind of morality may have taken hold so that no nuclear bomb has been detonated since Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Nonetheless, some fear that AI could somehow go rogue and destroy the world. Or would it take some mad scientist or sadistic dictator to trigger that horror? Perhaps that fear should grab attention in the town square.

A few sects have been known to let all daily tasks slip while they awaited a doomsday that did not arrive – William Miller in 1844, Jim Jones in 1978, David Koresh in 1993, and lesser known others..

Someday the cataclysm will occur. The Church teaches that a Last Judgment will come to humankind.

But the Church is more intent on teaching Catholics to live good lives and praising God. In His goodness, Jesus gave the Apostles and their priest successors the power to forgive sins in His place.

Meanwhile, it is good to contemplate natural human intelligence. It is what sets us apart from the insentient worm (that can live as two after being cut in half) or the elephant, renowned for memory.

Intelligence is linked with free will. Adam and Eve used theirs to enjoy the forbidden fruit. Now, eons later, our free will lets us choose the forbidden or embrace the holy. That embrace is needed to be given eternal happiness.

While still on earth, we Catholics have the actual presence of Jesus Himself in the Eucharist. No wonder it is also called Holy Communion. Jesus comes to us as real food as well as spiritual sustenance and becomes part of us.

Blessed Alexandrina da Costa (1904-55) consumed only Sacred Hosts for the last 13 years of her life.

Her ability to live without ordinary food defies reason.

Does artificial intelligence account for faith in God? Apparently, no. Faith, like hope and love, is immaterial, incorporeal, and spiritual. These are God’s gifts.



# PRAYER LIST

**THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS, RELATIVES AND CLOSE FRIENDS ARE IN NEED OF YOUR PRAYERS.**

## PRAY FOR BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED:

- Nora Bolger, SK Barry and Anne Bolger's daughter
- William & Johanna Dietrick, parents of SK Larry Dietrick
- SK John Dougherty
- Amy Snyder, SK Larry Dietrick's niece
- SK Edd and Pat Dzanis
- Bette Jo Eifert, widow of SK Carl Eifert
- Joe Emrico
- Father Wilhelm Ettner
- Susan Fecher, wife of SK Rich Fecher
- Pat Finn
- SK Freddie Flowers
- Constance "Connie" Genuino, wife of Rafael "Ralph" Genuino
- Connie Graves widow of PGK Ernie Gravese
- Dr. Fred Grello, Uncle of SK Steve Smith
- SK Reyes Guerra
- Fr. Mike Hann, resident of GS
- Field Agent Ralph Heinze
- Magda Holmes, and SK David Holmes
- Allison Kargas, daughter of Chris and Kim Kargas
- Marty Kelly and niece Ashley
- Marilyn Kempton, grandmother to PGK Robert K Reynolds
- SK Rich Koslow
- CWO4 Shane Leipertz, nephew of SK John Dougherty
- Barbara Lovell wife of Brother Hue Lovell
- Julian Martinez
- Matulich Family
- Carol O'Shea friend of SK Paul Sonosky
- SK Art McCormick
- SK 2PGK Leo & Tanti McCormick & Family
- Mike Michell
- Mary Millikin, wife of Brother Knight John Millikin
- Harriett and SK Christopher Moore
- SK Dave Mushrush
- Bruce Parmiter, father of Bobby Parmiter
- SK PGK Steve Piscitelli ofs
- Gretchen Reilly, daughter of PGK Jim Reilly & Janis
- Padama Reilly, granddaughter of PGK Jim Reilly & Janis
- Pam Rubin, wife of SK PGK Larry Clark
- Noah Rogers, brother of GK Andy Rogers
- Rick Valentine, father of Steven Valentine
- Nelly Verdosoto, mother of Brother Orly Verdosoto
- Robert Vermont, father of Dave Vermont, son-in-law of SK Bud Powers

## PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF OUR BELOVED DECEASED:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SK DUTCH ANDERSON (2021)          | JOHN KARPOVICH (2021)             | JENNIFER MASAITIS, DAUGHTER OF   |
| POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI (2022) | SK PGK DON LOGEAS MAJ GEN RET     | CHERYL & MARVIN SPYCHAJ (2022)   |
| JOE BAVARIA (2024)                | (2023)                            | FR. PHILIP MAJKA (2023)          |
| BRUNO BOTTCHER (2022)             | GERRY LOGEAS, WIFE OF PGK DON     | LT COL PHILIP MAXWELL (2024)     |
| LOIS BOWMAN (2023)                | LOGEAS (2024)                     | JOAN MURPHY, SK 2PGK MICHAEL     |
| FRANK CAREY (2021)                | RICHARD KNAPP (2023)              | MURPHY'S MOTHER (2023)           |
| HENRY CHAU, BROTHER OF PGK        | JEROME L. KNITTLE (2022)          | CONNIE MOORE                     |
| MAURICE CHAU (2023)               | SK ROBERT KOPASZ (2023)           | TOFI OWEN (2023)                 |
| MARIA CIOCIOLA, JIM BATCHELDER'S  | CAROL KOSLOW (2023)               | PGK BUD POWERS (2025)            |
| SISTER                            | STEPHANIE KOSLOW AND FOR KOSLOW   | SK PFN ROBERT T. REYNOLDS (2021) |
| LEONARD CUDDY (2021)              | FAMILY (2021)                     | SK PGK DON ROGAN (2025)          |
| FR. JEROME R. DALY (2023)         | MELINDA KRAMER, WIFE OF STEVEN    | PHILIP TWUMASI (2024)            |
| CARL EIFERT (2024)                | KRAMER (2021)                     | ELEANOR WOOD (2023)              |
| POPE FRANCIS (2025)               | GRAHAM MARTIN, MIKE ARGO'S COUSIN |                                  |
| TOM GIBBONS (2025)                | (2022)                            |                                  |

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

To be placed on or taken off of the Prayer List, please contact the editor of the KC Quote, Steven Valentine, [info@kofc5998.org](mailto:info@kofc5998.org)

# A LOOK AHEAD TO OCTOBER 2025

## THE HOLY ROSARY

2	Thursday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Council Officers Meeting Council Rosary Council Business Meeting
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Friday	7:00 PM	Bingo
4, 11, 18, 25	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pro-Life Vigil & Rosary
4	Saturday	11:00 AM 6:00 PM	Patriotic Rosary Bourbon Tasting & UFC Watch Party
5	Sunday	2:00 PM	Sunday Bingo
6	Saturday	11:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary
7	Sunday	2:00 PM	Sunday Bingo
12	Sunday	7:30 AM	St. Louis Pancake Breakfast
13	Monday	7:00 PM	<b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> Corporation Meeting
16	Thursday	6:30 PM	Council 5998 Social
18	Saturday	6:30 PM	Oktoberfest
19	Sunday	7:00 AM	Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast
27	Monday	6:30 PM	Potomac Assembly Meeting





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for the Council Lounge & Bar!

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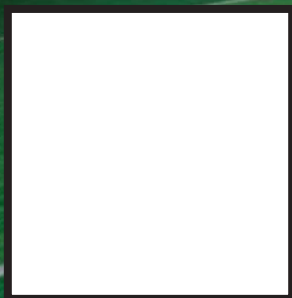


# Meet the Knights

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • 7:30PM  
KNIGHTS HALL**

- **Complimentary Steaks, Cigars, 1st Beer, & Sodas**
- **Thursday Night Football on Big Screens**
- **Learn about Knights of Columbus**
- **RSVP Link or QR Code**

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PREMIUM BOURBON  
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