

St. Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus

Newsletter

September 2025 | Council 1777



A Message from your Grand Knight:



Current Officers:

Deputy Grand Knight: Bryan Pekarek
District Deputy: Paul Broxterman
Chaplain: Fr. Quentin Schmitz
Chancellor: Eric Wright
Financial secretary: Dave Kongs
Insurance Field Agent: Kirby Schmelzle
Treasurer: Ryan Smith
Lecturer: Mickey Schmitz
Advocate: Alex Rombeck
Recorder: Mike Minihan
1st Year Trustee: Paul Broxterman
2nd Year Trustee: Bob Voet
3rd Year Trustee: Jeff Keating
4th Degree Rep: Paul Broxterman
Inside Guard: Dominic Schwarz
Outside Guard: Kenneth Hula
Warden: Daylan Carson

Reminders:

Sept. 1: Labor Day

Sept. 4: K of C Monthly meeting

Oct. 2: K of C Monthly meeting

Early October: Tootsie Roll drive;
see next month's newsletter for
more details

Dear Brother Knights,

This letter is to inform you of the current status of the Knight's hall and especially to inform those who have not regularly attended the monthly meetings.

Three years ago, a tornado in Marysville destroyed the CES Group office building. In the time since, CES has been renting our Knight's Hall and our Knights have been meeting at Saint Gregory's church Hall.

CES has announced that they will soon be ending their rental agreement when they move into their new office space this Fall.

The Knights of our council have shown tireless strength in building, maintaining, and financially supporting their hall. The Hall provides a sense of home and unity for many of the members. Regrettably, use of the hall by others (wedding receptions, graduations, showers, etc.) has resulted in significant decline over the last 10 years. As a result, the average monthly cost of maintaining and operating the building is now significantly greater than revenue generated by rent.

The membership of Council 1777 must now decide the future of the Hall and the Building Committee is requesting your input. Please see the enclosed ballot for more information. Complete and bring it to the **October** meeting, Thursday October 2nd, 7:30 PM.

Thank you and have a blessed month,

Rob Peschel, Grand Knight

Announcements:

Joe Peschel was last month's cash drawing winner for \$30. Joe was present so next month's drawing will start over at \$5.

Please see the inserts included in this month's newsletter for more specific information regarding the input needed for the Building Committee as mentioned above! We appreciate your vote and attention to this matter.

2025 Religious Education Raffle tickets are now available!



Pictured above: 2025 St. Gregory's Church Bazaar

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

Each month, the Supreme Chaplain of K of C issues a challenge based on one of the Gospel readings of the month. The following comes from this month's challenge:

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Gospel for Sept. 7, Lk 14:27). Suffering is an inescapable part of human life, a consequence of the fall. When we deal with our suffering in a virtuous way, we unite ourselves to the cross of Christ. In fact, Jesus tells us that taking up our cross is an essential condition for being his disciple. The wonderful thing is that God will supply whatever grace and strength we need to carry our cross, if only we ask for it in faith. May we always carry our cross daily with courage as faithful followers of Christ.

The Challenge: as we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Sept. 14, undertake some sacrifice or mortification — such as abstaining from meat one or two days a week — to strengthen your willingness to carry your cross daily.

Reflection: What are the crosses you must carry in your life? Which do you struggle with the most? Do you faithfully and regularly seek strength from Christ in carrying your cross in prayer and the sacraments?

Visit www.kofc.org to read more

Knight of the Month

Bryan Pekarek

Family of the Month

Dave Schwarz Family

Thank you to the Car Show Food Stand and to the Chicken BBQ committees for your hard work and support!

Congrats to our Council for receiving A State Council award for our outstanding support of the Pennies From Heaven program.

Don't Forget:

The annual Tootsie Roll Drive is just around the corner! In the past, we have used the Walmart parking lot but we are open to new suggestions of how we can make this project a success!

Knights of Columbus



K of C Hall, Ownership Vote

The membership of Council 1777 must now decide the future of the Hall and the Building Committee is requesting your input. If you have given consideration to this issue, please check the box below that best reflects your feelings and bring it to the **OCTOBER** Council meeting, **Thursday October 2nd, 7:30 PM.**

☐ *I acknowledge that the cost of continued ownership of the Knight's Hall is no longer financially viable and that our funding efforts should be focused toward our Faith in Action as we serve our communities. I ask the Building Committee to immediately seek an alternative to ownership.*

☐ *I believe that the Hall should continue to be owned and maintained by the Council. I understand that additional fundraising may be required to achieve this goal and I will personally commit myself to making that a success.*

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Knights Hall Profit/Loss Depiction, Historical Example

Year 2021 shows typical costs and income prior to renting the building to CES
Year 2024 shows typical costs and income while renting the building to CES

| | 2021 | 2024 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Income: | | |
| Council Hall Rent | \$ 2,400 | \$ - |
| Other Hall Rent | \$ 2,345 | \$ 200 |
| Dues | \$ 2,920 | \$ 2,864 |
| Fundraiser | \$ 3,112 | \$ 1,995 |
| Interest (checking) | \$ 5 | \$ 468 |
| Trails Life Feed/Gun Raffle | \$ 4,200 | \$ 2,472 |
| Donation | \$ - | \$ - |
| CES (rent, trash, electricity, gas, water) | \$ - | \$ 29,251 |
| Total Income: | \$ 14,982 | \$ 37,250 |

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| Expenses: | | |
| Temps Disposal | \$ 504 | \$ 540 |
| Insurance | \$ 1,908 | \$ 1,835 |
| Repairs/Supplies | \$ 386 | \$ 6,688 |
| Electricity | \$ 1,884 | \$ 2,840 |
| Water | \$ 532 | \$ 534 |
| Gas | \$ 895 | \$ 1,328 |
| Taxes | \$ 1,480 | \$ 1,694 |
| Legal | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sec of State | \$ 40 | \$ 40 |
| House Chairman | \$ 2,100 | \$ 2,100 |
| Donation | \$ 100 | \$ 100 |
| Pest Control | \$ 70 | \$ 85 |
| Trails Life Feed/Gun Raffle | \$ 3,990 | \$ - |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 13,889 | \$ 17,784 |
| Net Profit/Loss: | \$1,093 | \$19,466 |

This represents rent, a monthly contribution the Council must make to support the building.

This is profit earned by renting the build for meetings, weddings showers, etc.

This also represents a contribution made by the Council to support the building

Building Committee raffle

Other fundraising

Note, both years are completed without financial loss but for significantly different reasons.

2024 profit is largely due to the income generated by renting to CES (\$29.3K)

2021 (and prior years) profit is achieved as a result of fundraising and contributions

made (via other fundraising projects) by the Council in order to keep the building solvent.

It is our duty to decide if our annual fundraising efforts are best directed towards supporting the Hall or if our fundraising should be used elsewhere for the good of the community.

For example, here are the contributions towards supporting the building in 2021

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| Council Hall Rent (2021) | \$ 2,400 |
| Dues (2021) | \$ 2,920 |
| Fundraiser (2021) | \$ 3,112 |
| Trails Life Feed/Gun Raffle (2021) | \$ 4,200 |
| example of funds that could be available annually for other projects : | \$ 12,632 |