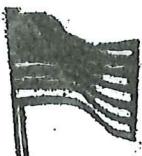


**JANUARY 2026**



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“We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.” – Mother Teresa



### Events and Opportunities

#### Thursday, January 8 meeting Agenda:

Note: Our Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the lower level of the St. John's Gathering Place because of a school Epiphany party.

Call to Order

Opening Prayer (Our Father)

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes review

Chaplain's message

Grand Knight report

Financial Secretary report on membership, dues

Treasurer's report

KC Insurance report – New Insurance Agent

Service Program Director's reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adoration Hour – 5-6pm each Sunday, Men Who Pray – Saturdays – 7am

Good of the Order

Adjourn

Refreshments



#### New Business

Our council has changed its St. John's Perpetual Adoration time slot from 10pm-11pm on Tuesday nights to Sunday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm. We need to more Knights to help cover our new adoration time slot. Contact George Hidding at 952-443-3858 if you have any questions about this issue.

Our council is working on getting a web site set up. We plan to have a series of information tabs that users can reference. You can check out website [www.koc14754.org](http://www.koc14754.org) as an example of the format our website may take. It will cost our council about \$500 per year to have it professionally maintained.

*How do you get a new member?*  
**ASK HIM!**





# Happy New Year!

The 2026 dues statements were sent out recently with a due date of December 31, 2025. Thanks to everyone who has already sent them back. If you have any questions, please contact our Financial Secretary, Mike Schlangen at [mikeschlangen@gmail.com](mailto:mikeschlangen@gmail.com) or 612-270-0912.

Our council received a THANK YOU from the Special Olympics organization for our support over the years. Our council supports Special Olympics each year with our Tootsie Roll Drive.

Congratulations to our "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest winners as follows: Kindergarten: John Olivias, Grades 1-2: Alice Olivias, Grades 3-4: No entries, Grades 5-6: Gianna Burns, Grades 7-8: Addison Davis. Thanks to Kyle Hedrick for coordinating this event.

## Bills/Communications December 2025

### Recent Check issues:

Newsletter - \$25.41

Meeting Supplies - \$570.40

### Financial Fund Balances

US Bank Checking = \$7,185.11

KC Supreme 501c3 Scholarship Fund = \$138,541.08

Modest Spark account = \$28,576.00



### Good of the Order

Please remember deceased 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight - Nick Strandberg in your prayers. He passed away on November 28. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Please continue to pray for Judy Ashenbach, Mary Schumacher, Edna Schoenecker, John Coverdale and David Streeter who are dealing with medical issues.

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### Email, Phone Number or Home Address

When your e-mail, phone number or home address changes, please notify Nick Karls - our council Recorder, at 952-474-3108 or at [nickkarls@centurylink.net](mailto:nickkarls@centurylink.net) and/or Mike Schlangen - our Financial Secretary at 612-270-0912 or [mikeschlangen@gmail.com](mailto:mikeschlangen@gmail.com) so we can update the master membership list for the council. We do not want any communication gaps within our council.

Order KC merchandise at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org). Click on KnightGear.

Catholic Credit Union - Phone: 753-354-2826 FAX: 763-780-0758'

Phone: 651-484-0265

### Calling all Cribbage Players

Every Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus host an opportunity for retired men to play cribbage. The location varies from homes to the church in the lower Gathering Place. All skill levels are welcome and refreshments are provided.

For more details, please contact Deacon Gary Hoffman at [garyhoffman44@gmail.com](mailto:garyhoffman44@gmail.com)

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### **St John the Baptist Knight of Columbus (#5268)**

### **Balance Sheet**

**As of December 30, 2025**

12/30/25  
Accrual Basis

	<u>Dec 30, 25</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Modest Sparks Account	28,576.00
Scholarship Investment	138,541.08
US Bank	7,185.11
Total Checking/Savings	<u>174,302.19</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>174,302.19</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>174,302.19</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	45,024.05
Unrestricted Net Assets	112,319.11
Net Income	16,959.03
Total Equity	<u>174,302.19</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>174,302.19</u></b>



# The Meaning of “Yes”

The Redeemer,  
Mary, and You  
CAROL MONACO

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

THE WORDS OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 15:13

**W**hen we attend Mass, Christ lays down his life for us by way of the holy Eucharist. Christ mystically renews his death and sheds his Blood for the sake of our healing and the healing of the world.

How does this healing occur? Accepting our Lord’s Body, Blood, soul, and divinity into our being strengthens our union with Christ, separates us from sin, and commits us to the poor. United with Christ, healing is at work as we become more Christlike in our daily lives and learn to see Christ in others we encounter.

Together we partake in our Lord’s work of loving mercy. Jesus said: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me” (Matthew 25:35–36). Therefore, the more open we are to the holy Eucharist and the love our Lord has to give, the greater the healing grace we possess to live as God wants us to live.

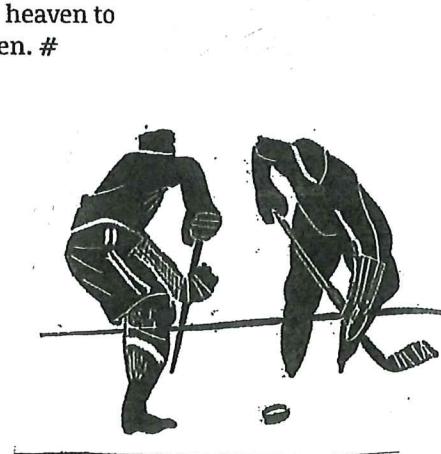
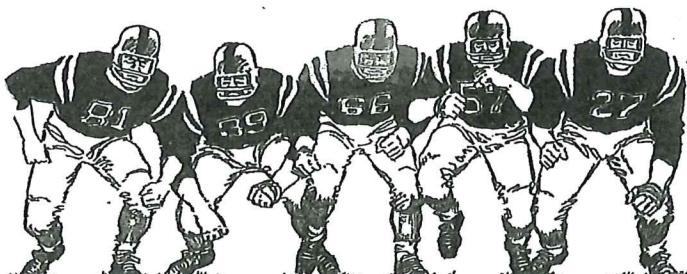
Are we reluctant to take on this responsibility, which is associated with love? We have plenty of our own challenges. Perhaps we feel as if we don’t have the time or energy to deal with other people’s problems. However, imagine if Mary, the Blessed Virgin, felt and responded that way at the annunciation.

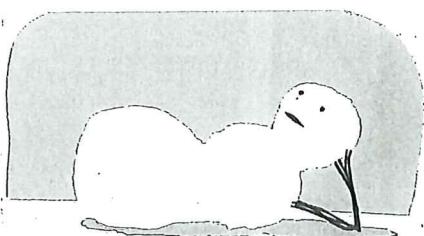
Instead of reluctance, our Blessed Mother’s unselfish acknowledgment helps us to see what it means to say yes to God’s will. Experiencing the greatness of his love, Mary’s heart sang for all generations to hear! With that love, Mary is the “Church’s model of faith and charity” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 967). Even as our Lady witnessed her Son’s sacrifice, Mary’s heart remained open wide to become Mother to us all. For Mary—and us—action is key.

We accept our Blessed Mother’s call to have faith—to trust and obey her Son—when we accept his Body, Blood, soul, and divinity in reception of the Eucharist. Through Jesus comes unity with God the Father. Christ is in the Father and the Father is in him doing his works. In this work, the loving gift of the Holy Spirit, increased by the loving gift of the holy Eucharist, is within us always. We have the strength from heaven to participate in our Lord’s healing mission for ourselves and our world. Amen. #



**Mary’s heart remained open wide to become Mother to us all.**



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*"I could get A's, but I've decided having a happy childhood is more important."*

*"You must be avoiding something awfully big to be this productive."*



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*"Working out is easier than cancelling my membership."*



*"Can you remember the general shape of our car?"*



**"You may now update your Facebook status."**



*"And how is it the next night, eaten cold, in the dark, directly out of the tinfoil, while standing over the kitchen sink?"*



*"I wouldn't say 'flightless.' I prefer 'unflappable.'"*

**MY WIFE SAYS** I'm the cheapest person she knows. I'm not buying it.

**WHAT'S THE BEST WAY** to watch professional fishing? Live stream.