

**Rev. John McLaughlin
Council 9475
Fraternal Year 2026-2027**

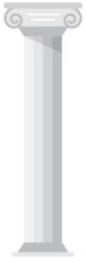
Goals for the Fraternal Year





Theme for the Year will be,
“Growing Our Good Works”

There will be **“Four Pillars”**
that will be the **Foundation**
for our Council this year



Lead and grow our Council with good men of faith who believe in the Knight Of Columbus virtues and to mentor our new Brothers, so they become fully engaged with Council activities.

- **Officer Positions:** brothers understand what is expected of their role and are leading those efforts
- **Appointed Positions:** appointed positions are filled with brothers willing to step-up and carry on the assigned tasks (see slide)
- **Membership:** Increase means to produce new members
 - Exemplifications - schedule five times during the year, every other month
 - Membership drives - multiple times per year
 - Use media sources to drive membership. Weekly parish bulletins, Flock Notes, Website
 - Members drive new membership. Ask men to become a Knight
- **Retention of New Members:** Develop Mentoring Program
 - Mentoring program. Set-up a new program to mentor new Council members
 - Group of Brothers assigned new Knights to Mentor
 - Mentors reach out to new Knights after exemplification
 - Give new Knights encouragement and get them involved right away
- Create new system to record meeting attendance. Review new Knights coming to meetings

2026-27 Council 9475 Officers

Position	Name
Chaplain	Rev. Libin Augustine
Grand Knight	Kurt Denner
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Veraldi
Chancellor	Scott Migli
Financial Secretary	Jeff Pulaski
Recorder	Derek McCoy
Warden	Mark McCabe
Treasurer	Jim Welsch
Lecturer	Mark McCabe
Advocate	Ben Wyse
Inside Guard	Carter Brand
Outside Guard	Steve Fallon
3 Yr. Trustee	Bob Brennan
2 Yr. Trustee	Deacon Kevin Campbell
1 Yr. Trustee	Don Campbell

2026-27 Council 9475 Directors

Program Director	Jim Veraldi
Church Directors	Tom A. Franzone - COK
Church Directors	Jon Tirpak - SM
Church Directors	Joseph Nesbitt - SB
Church Directors	Leo Albano - SC of A
Vocations Director	Deacon Kevin Campbell
Community Director	Marion Wright
PR/Website Director	Neil Whitman
Family Director	Open
Life Director	Joe Harkins Jr.
Membership Director	Scott Migli
Faith Director	Open
Retention Director	Steve Fallon
Insurance Promotion	Paul Harrington
Columbus Hope Director	Bill Shoemaker
Meals Director	Ron Davis
Newsletter	Tom Franzone
State Chaplain	Rev. Robert Higgins
State Deputy	Patrick Noone
District Deputy	Matt Feltman
Insurance Agent	Paul Harrington
SC State Secretary	Joe Nesbitt



- **Work to increase the involvement of the men in the Council so that we have a high rate of participation and involvement. This will enable the Council to do more for our Parishes, Communities and for those in need.**

- **Get inactive Knights back to meeting and events**
 - Less than 25% (~ 80 members) of our Council actively participate in meetings or events. Increase this to 40% (130 members) or more
 - Every Knight is responsible in Unity to one another
 - Reach out to inactive Knights and encourage them to come back to a meeting

- **Increase Events and Fund-raisers**
 - As we get more Brothers to be involved, increase events, activities, fund-raisers, etc.
 - Focus on Faith-In-Action Programs (see slide)
 - Develop one more large fund-raiser idea for the year

Columbia Award (Faith In Action Programs)

- To be awarded the Columbian Award, a council must have participated in at least four programs in each of the four categories. Those programs with an XX are programs our Council has supported this year. Fish fry's, spaghetti dinners, oyster roasts etc. don't count. They are fund raising efforts that support the programs.
- Programs in **Bold** are Featured (Count as two; however, we do not meet requirements for Coats for Kids and March for Life as featured programs). We need to look at doing something in the Family category.

FAITH

RSVP XX

Into the Breach

Spiritual Reflection XX

Holy Hour XX

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Imitating Saint Juan Diego

Pilgrim Icon Program

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

Rosary Program XX

Sacramental Gifts

COMMUNITY

Coats for Kids XX

Global Wheelchair Mission

Habitat for Humanity

Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage

Bright Futures XX

Disaster Preparedness

Free Throw Championship XX

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest XX

Soccer/Hockey Challenge

Helping Hands

FAMILY

Food for Families

Family of the Month/Year XX

Family Fully Alive

Family Prayer Night

Remembering Our Faithful Departed

Quinceañera Support

Keep Christ in Christmas XX

Family Week

Consecration to the Holy Family

Good Friday Family Promotion

LIFE

March for Life XX

Special Olympics

Ultrasound Initiative

Pregnancy Center Support / ASAP (Aid and

Support After Pregnancy) XX

Gospel of Life

Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe

Christian Refugee Relief

Silver Rose

Mass for People with Special Needs

Novena for Life XX



➤ **Continue improving our meetings, processes, and technology to enable our growth and to stay current and relevant.**

➤ **Make Monthly Meetings More Impactful**

- **Monthly Theme** - Use traditional spiritual devotions
- **Communication** - The Grand Knight will send out two emails before each meeting
- **Meals** – Need 3 to 4 Brothers to help Brother Ron on a regular basis
- **Exemplifications** - Promote so more Knights and the families of new Knights attend
- **Speakers** - Do not schedule with Exemplifications
 - Content will have a purpose and a “cause for action”
 - Have more spiritual and faith-oriented speakers
 - Use Into the Breach video series
- **Meeting Content**
 - Start the meetings on time and stay on track
 - Have a faith reflection from Worthy Chaplin
 - Program Director, FIA Directors and Church Directors must have a report
 - Make sure to leave room for new business



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➤ **Improve Processes and Brand Awareness**

- **Annual Budget** – Complete by August 2026
- **Calendar** - Develop a clear and complete calendar of events for 2026-27. Include in the Council website
- **Awards** – Ensure Council members understand the awards available
 - Track progress on Star Assembly award
 - Review State Awards and work toward achieving
- **Catholic Radio** - Conduct quarterly sessions on the radio station
- **Weekly Parish Bulletins/Websites**
 - Have KOC Council 9475 content in weekly communication
 - Include the QR code to scan for membership and explain that Council 9475 is the local council to join

➤ **Improve Council 9475 Website**

- Add Google calendar – complete
- Add Dues payment tab using Zeffy
- Add event sign-up
- Additional content TBD



- **Grow in our Faith so that we as Brother Knights set the right examples of living virtuous lives for our families, friends and fellow parishioners.**
- Increase participation of praying the Rosary before the monthly meetings
- Organize a Council Picnic in the Fall
- Have more social and family events
- Use traditional Catholic devotions as monthly themes (see slide)
- Do more Faith-in-Action programs
- Have more spiritual and faith-oriented speakers
- Start Cor initiative

Catholic Devotions by Month

January



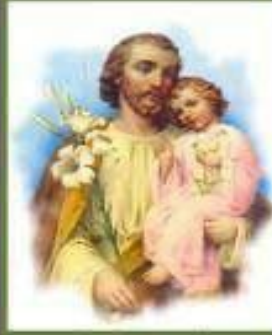
Holy Name of Jesus

February



Holy Family

March



St. Joseph

April



Blessed Sacrament

May



Mary

June



Sacred Heart of Jesus

July



The Precious Blood

August



Immaculate Heart of Mary

September



Seven Sorrows of Mary

October



Holy Rosary

November



Poor Souls in Purgatory

December



Immaculate Conception