KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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KC October 2026 Newsletter

Council Events in October

KC Men's Choir

The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on October 4 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Roger Bates led the choir as Brother Gerald Murnane was away and was joined by members of St. Charles KC Council. The KC Men's Choir is scheduled to sing at the 9:00 Mass on the first Sunday of each month. The Men's Choir sing again on Sunday November 1 – All Saints Day.

Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 11, was very successful. There was ample help from the twenty-seven volunteers, including several youths working both shifts. We hosted approximately 150 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 100 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday November 8.

Beer Booths

The council operated a beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium in October. On Friday October 16, the Edmonton Elks hosted the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Edmonton won the game 35 - 27. There were eighteen beer booth volunteers at the event from St. Charles KC. Total sales were $8,537. There were about 17,000 fans in the stands for the last regular season game.



Stadium Food Services manages all the food and beer/alcohol booths at Commonwealth Stadium. Most of the concessions at Commonwealth Stadium are operated by volunteer groups.

St. Charles KC Council has worked a beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium since 1992. Funds from the beer booth are used to provide charitable donations and services for St. Charles Parish and other charity groups in Edmonton.

Annual Awards

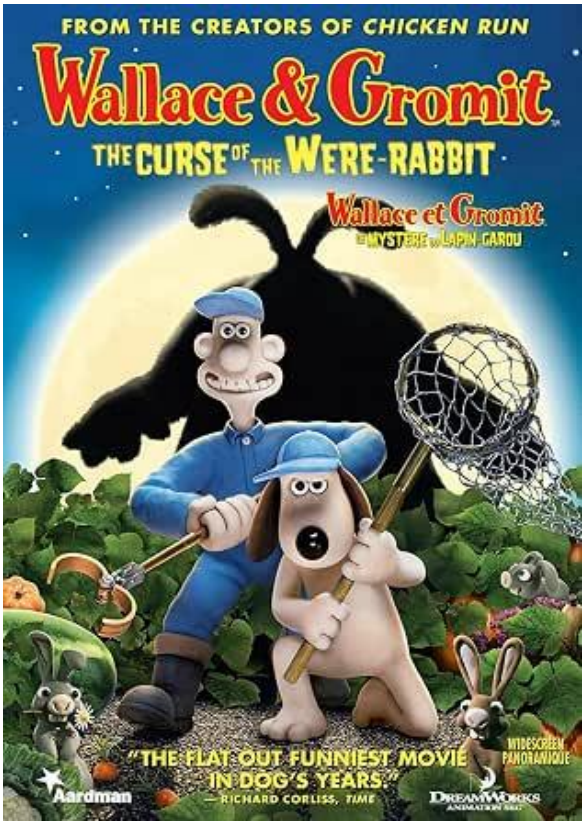
St. Charles Knights of Columbus council received the Star Council Award from the KC Supreme Council for the 2025-2026 Columbian Year. The council completed over twenty Faith In Action activities last year. The council recruited twelve new KC members, above the membership quota of eleven new members for the year. District Deputy Gerald Bernakevitch presented the award to Past Grand Knight Pat Roth.



The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and council programs and activities. To achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founders', and Columbian Awards. The Columbian Award recognizes council excellence in programs and activities aligned with the vision of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and the mission of the Knights of Columbus. The Father McGivney Award recognizes excellence in the council's membership growth. To earn this award the council must meet or exceed its yearly membership goal. The Founders' Award recognizes excellence in the promotion of KC insurance and fraternal benefits.

KC Movie Nights

The KC Family Movie Night was held on Saturday October 17 featuring the movie, Wallace & Gromit – The Curse of the Were Rabbit. There were almost fifty people in attendance, including almost twenty-five young people. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all. The next movie night is on Saturday November 14 starting at 6:30 PM featuring The Wild Robot.



Coats for Kids

St. Charles KC Council delivered two boxes of 24 Coats for Kids to St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School in October. The boxes included boys' youth and girls' youth coats. School staff will provide coats to the kids that do not have winter coats. The council paid $762 this year for the 24 coats, so $31.75 per coat. The coats are very good quality and good for Edmonton winters.







Padre Night

Eight members of the St. Charles KC Council attended the 2026 Padre Night at the Santa Maria Goretti Centre on Thursday October 8. Padre Night is an evening of recognition for the priests and religious leaders in Edmonton.





New Gates at St. Charles

Brother Dan McDonough built and installed new gates for the parking lot at St. Charles Church including the north side entrance and the west side entrance.



Council Events for November 2026

November 1	Sun		Feast of All Saints
November 1	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
November 2	Mon		Feast of All Souls
November 6	Fri	19:00	COR Meeting
November 7	Sat	16:30	Elks Home Playoff
November 8	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast

November 11	Wed		Remembrance Day
November 14	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (The Wild Robot)
November 15	Sun	16:00	CFL Grey Cup (Calgary)
November 16	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
November 19	Thu	18:00	Beer Booth Volunteer Appreciation @ Jubilations
November 29	Sun		First Sunday of Advent

A Brief History of the Knights of Columbus

Blessed Michael McGivney was a 19th century priest who brought Catholic lay men together to grow in faith, protect their families and serve the Church.

United by this mission, Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882.

Today, we remain committed to forming men in faith, helping protect Catholic families financially, building a culture of life and helping those in need.

We have more than 2.1 million brother Knights fulfilling this mission around the world. *Will you join us?*

Member Benefits

Aside from the numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight, here is a list of the many substantial rewards for you and your family.

Columbia Magazine — Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families
Knights of Columbus rosary — Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to each new member
Mass of Remembrance Each Weekday — Celebrated for deceased members and their wives at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order
Insurance — Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products exclusive for members, their spouses and their dependent children
Family Fraternal Benefit* — Benefits for children of insured members that include guaranteed-issue insurability under age 18 and automatic death benefits for children dying before age 61 days
Orphan Fraternal Benefit* — Provides monthly benefits and college scholarships to each eligible orphan of insured members
Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit — Accidental death benefit for member in good standing and spouse at no additional cost
Widow Benefits — a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) the surviving spouse of a Knights of Columbus insured may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities after insured member's death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; d) eligible with her children for scholarships
Scholarships — Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children
Leadership Development — Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, etc.
Fourth Degree — Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree
Honorary Life Membership — At age 70 with 25 years of membership
Membership Card — Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world

Activities — Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by your council

**Subject to eligibility requirements, conditions and restrictions.*

2025-2026 Columbian Year in Review
Activities for St. Charles Council

Jul: KC Men's Choir, three Beer Booths (Elks football, The Weeknd Concert)
Aug: KC Men's Choir, two Beer Booths (Elks football)
Sep: Pancake Breakfast, four Beer Booths (Elks football, two Morgan Wallen concerts), Grey Cup Raffle
Oct: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, two Beer Booths (Elk's football), KC Movie Night, Padre Night, Coats for Kids for Parish Schools
Nov: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Beer Booth Volunteer Appreciation at Jubilations, KC Movie Night
Dec: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Hampers, Christmas Party, KCIC Poster Contest
Jan: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, KC Movie Night
Feb: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, KC Movie Night, Family Day Celebration, Stations of the Cross
Mar: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, KC State Hockey, KC Movie Night, Marian Centre Breakfast Service
Apr: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, KC Movie Night, Easter Vigil (Easter Fire, Bibles for RCIA), KC State Convention
May: KC Men's Choir, Family Bowling, KC Movie Night, Pancake Breakfast, Rose Sale, March for Life/Rose Dinner, KC Scholarships
Jun: Beer Booth (Canada Men's Soccer), KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Beer Booth (Elks football), Yearend Party, Plant Trees at St. Charles

Charities Supported in 2025-2026

- Scholarships
- Sign of Hope
- KC Pennies For Heaven
- Christmas Bureau
- Coats for Kids – Parish Schools
- Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples
- St. Charles CWL
- St. Charles RCIA
- St. Charles Parish (Landscaping – new Trees, Kitchen Storage Room)
- St. Charles Simbang Gabi
- St. Charles Charismatic Group
- The Society of St. Vincent De Paul
- Edmonton Food Bank
- Marian Centre
- Gianna Centre
- Alberta March For Life
- St. Joseph Seminary
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace

Faith in Action

The KC Faith in Action model recognizes the changing needs of men in the twenty-first century. It seeks to balance all their key priorities for Faith, Family, Community and Life. The simplicity of Faith in Action is that it limits the number of required programs to earn the Columbian Award and, most importantly, allows councils to concentrate on implementing quality faith-filled family programs. Our goal is for men to lead their family in service — not leave their family for service.
More information is on the Knights of Columbus website at Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization (kofc.org).

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP	Coats for Kids
Into the Breach	Global Wheelchair Mission
Spiritual Reflection	Habitat for Humanity
Holy Hour	Disaster Preparedness
Pilgrim Icon Program	Free Throw Championship
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Rosary Program	Soccer/Hockey Challenge
Sacramental Gifts	Helping Hands
FAMILY	**LIFE**
Food for Families	March for Life
Family of the Month/Year	Special Olympics
Family Fully Alive	Ultrasound Initiative
Family Prayer Night	Pregnancy Center Support
Keep Christ in Christmas	Christian Refugee Relief
Family Week	Silver Rose
Consecration to the Holy Family	Mass for People with Special Needs
Good Friday Family Promotion	Novena for Life

Facts about the Knights of Columbus

- Founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut.
- The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.
- The four principles of the Order are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
- The KC is chartered to serve and provide financial aid and assistance to members and their families.
- The Order has grown to more than 16,242 councils.
- KC total membership exceeds 2.1 million Catholic families.
- Last year, KC members contributed over $197 million to countless charitable efforts.
- Last year, KC members devoted over 77 million volunteer hours to their communities.
- The St. Charles Council is now 43 years old as it was chartered on March 24, 1983.
- The St. Charles Council has 178 members currently.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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

Knights of Columbus Online Membership

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting St. Charles Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Knights follow the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, initiating and operating numerous programs and services directed towards the benefit of parishioners and the community at large.

For you to join the KC and obtain a membership number, please do so via this KC website: Join Us | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org).

For you to become a council KC member, please do so via the KC website. Here is the link: You're Invited (kofc.org). Our KC council number is 8325. When you complete the noted online exemplification, we will get an online certificate via email. Please forward the email and certificate to john.mommersteeg@gmail.com .