

## ‘People Lost Everything’

Knights are hard at work in areas devastated by recent hurricanes

By Cecilia Hadley

The stream of people arriving at St. Anthony Catholic Church in search of help has been constant, even weeks after Hurricane Helene struck in late September. The storm caused severe flooding in Mountain City, where St. Anthony is located, and other parts of east Tennessee — damaging homes and infrastructure, shutting down businesses, and killing at least 17.

“People are coming like crazy. Literally every day, there are tons of people here,” Ron Carbone, who leads the K of C round table at St. Anthony, said Oct. 18. “This is one of the poorer communities in Tennessee. These are people who have nothing, and they’ve lost whatever little they had.”

Thankfully, the stream of trucks arriving with water, food, clothes, diapers and more has been constant too — and local Knights have been on hand every day with their pastor and the parish women’s group to unload deliveries, sort items and assist neighbors looking for basic supplies.

Aid is coming from many places, including the Supreme Council, which is assisting Helene relief efforts in Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, as well as Hurricane Milton relief in Florida. With support from the United in Charity Fund, three truckloads of water have been delivered to Tennessee, and more than 350 coats will soon arrive — winter clothing is an urgent need in the mountainous region, where temperatures are already dropping into the 30s at night.

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## *Minutes of the October Business Meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on October 8, 2024 by Grand Knight Waverly. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Deputy Grand Knight, Inside Guard, and Trustee Three Year were excused from being present at the meeting. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from September were approved.

### **Membership Report**

A First Degree Exemplification for candidate Andy Frias was performed after the 6 PM Mass.

The Membership Director followed up on several Form 100’s from potential candidates.

### **Grand Knight Report**

The Grand Knight thanked the cook for the great dinner.

He also encourages all Brothers to attend and invite others to attend a meeting on October 29 to discuss the book, A Clear Path- How To Make Missionary Disciples In Your Parish. The program is to help parishioners be missionary disciples, renew people’s faith, helps us grow closer to Christ and bring others closer to Christ.

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**October Meeting Minutes****Continued from page 1:****Treasurer Report**

Checking account balance - \$ 12,405.50

**Financial Secretary Report**

Income – \$109 Door prize donations, \$40 Tri tip Dinner, \$85 Dinner

Bills - \$40.97 Tri tip dinner- Brother DeBenedet, \$333.6 Tri tip dinner- Brother Koenig, \$721.64 Tri tip dinner- Brother Strazzo, \$109 Tri tip dinner door prize statue

**Communications**

No communications

**Programs Director Report**

Wine and cheese first Saturday after the 5PM Mass. A new host is required to keep this hospitality ministry alive. First Tuesday night of the month 5:30 Rosary. More participation is needed for these prayerful settings. The High School youth group is the November host. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Wheel Chair support weekend – Brother DeBenedet will speak with Father to set up a weekend. Tri tip dinner – Recap, net income \$2,483, Youth tips \$353, 50/50 \$214. Clergy Appreciation October 6 – 25 parishioners joined in to celebrate Father Colin. Tootsie roll drive – November 8, 9 Sign ups to fill slots in front of retail stores and masses are needed. Christmas party, December 6, 6:00PM at SKD. Pam Edwards funeral mass is October 18 at 11AM. Rosary is October 17 at 6PM SKD. Veterans Day Parade and celebration - November 11 at Jackson Cemetery, set up at 9:00. Brother Phil will carry the K of C banner. All Brothers and their families are invited and encouraged to attend. Parade begins at 9:30.

**New Business**

There was M/S/A to pay the bills. Donations for the February 2025 dinner door prize are being accepted at all business meeting dinners. Members are en-

couraged to donate to hurricane relief through the K of C State Council. Brother Darr will order Pew Missals for the next calendar year for OPOP. If interested in sponsoring a book or two at \$15 see Bro Darr. Our bank account information shall be updated to reflect the current GK and DGK.

**Advocate Report**

Brother Koenig to send information to all Members about Live Scan training requirements.

**Chancellor Report**

No report

**Fourth Degree Assembly**

November 9 fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Clair's in Roseville. Fourth Degree Members will begin receiving a personal invitation to attend business meetings.

**District Deputy Report**

DD Morris shared information about the COR program at St Pat's in Placerville. He saw Fr. Pippin at the Chapter meeting in Weed.

**Good of the Order**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pam Edwards and Gary Anderson.

Pray also for, Catherine Burr, Uncle Joe Deedet, Nancy Joyner, Jane Ragusano, Jim Gaffney, Richard Hogate, Facundo Campoy, Sr. Kathlene O'dwer, Vicky Route, Gina Frias, Deacon Jaime, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

**Lecturer Report**

No report

**Chaplain's Summation**

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Waverly closed the meeting at 8:00 .

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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K of C councils in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois and Texas have also sent supplies, and local Knights are working with parishes, the Diocese of Knoxville and Catholic Charities to distribute them, said Tennessee State Deputy William Markiewicz.

“Needs would come up, and they would just do it,” Markiewicz said. “They didn’t wait to ask permission or somebody to tell them to do it. They just jumped in and made things happen.”

Knights mobilized as well in neighboring North Carolina, where Hurricane Helene killed nearly 100 people. Councils in relatively unscathed parts of the state collected water and other supplies and trucked them to a central warehouse, from where they were directed to harder-hit communities. The Supreme Council contributed \$20,000 and 100 gift cards of \$100 each, and more donations came in from out-of-state K of C councils.

North Carolina State Deputy Sergio Miranda praised his Knights, particularly St. Margaret Mary Council 13016 in Swannanoa and Father Joseph Maule Council 8923 in Arden, both in western North Carolina.

“These folks are just stepping up,” he said. “They’re using their gifts to bring humanity back to all these families that have been affected by this disaster. There’s a sense of pride just being with these men who are doing all they can to help their fellow parishioners, their fellow brother, their fellow man.”

In Georgia, State Deputy T.J. McCaustland has been crisscrossing the state, distributing \$100 gift cards from the Knights of Columbus and larger donations to people whose homes have been lost or severely

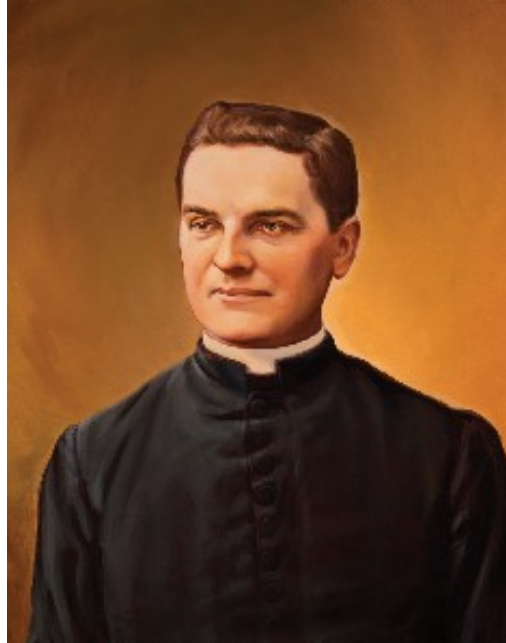
damaged. Grants of \$1,500 have been made to Knights, the widow of a Knight, and a family caring for a son with special needs who were forced to leave their rental home.

While the Georgia State Council has been helping to coordinate the K of C response, McCaustland said that a lot of work is happening at a grassroots level — one council contacting another to see what they need, district deputies putting out a call for supplies, a grand knight asking his pastor, “What can we do?”

For example, Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Vidalia, Georgia, has received supplies and clean-up assistance from about half a dozen different K of C councils, according to Kevin Schneider, grand knight of Vidalia’s Father Clement Borschers Council 8568.



Knights sort milk, bread and other food outside St. Anthony Catholic Church on Oct. 17. Parish groups, including the Knights of Columbus round table, have been receiving and giving out supplies every day for several weeks. (Photo by Castletown Media)



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.

### **Dinner Hosts**

**Steve Frias November 12**

**George Hoover December 10**

### **The Officers of Council 1849**

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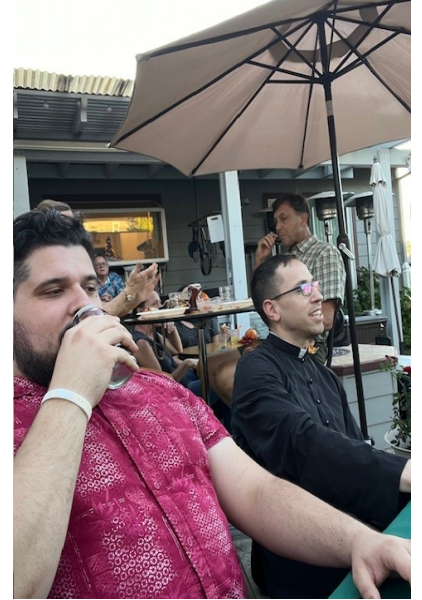
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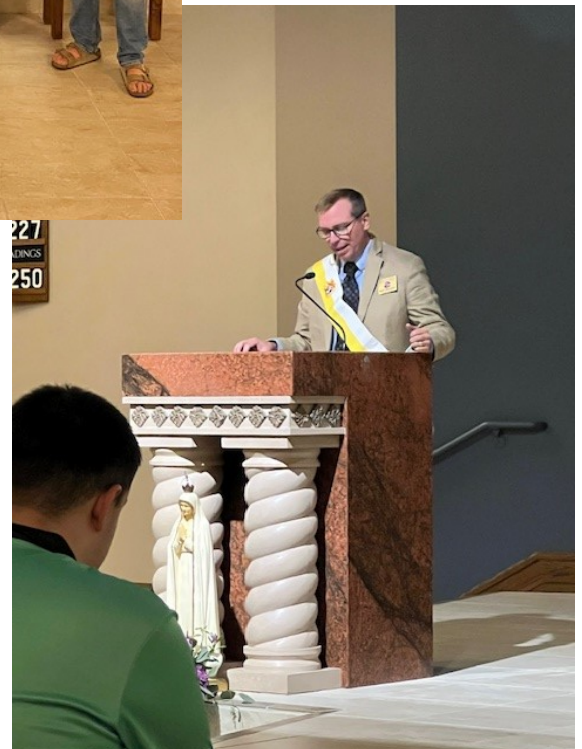
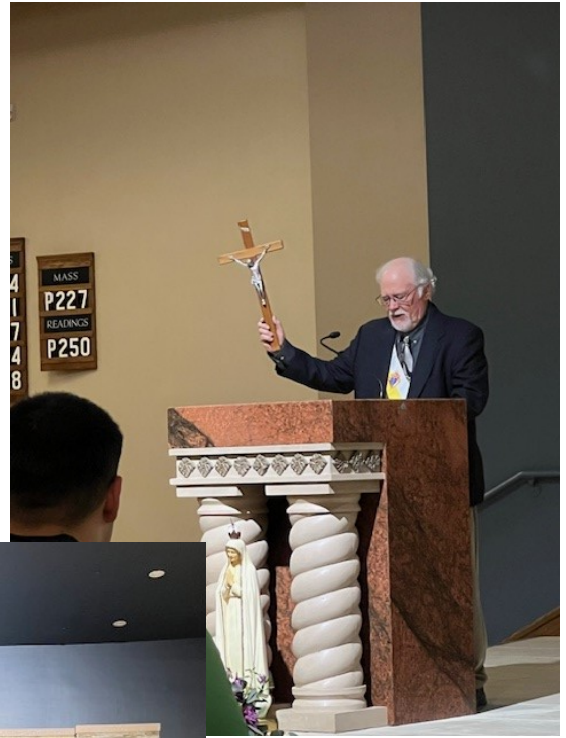
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# Knights of Columbus Council 1849

## Events Calendar 2024—2025

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2024 until June 2025

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2024 until June 2025. Dinner at 6:00

Family Fishing Day, Caples Lake, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 18, 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

Fall Dinner, Tri-tip at SKD noon to 9 PM (dinner 6 PM) September 28, 2024

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 4-7 PM Koenigs House

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 11, 12, & 13, 2024

Mass for Departed Knights and YLI, SKD 10 AM November 10, 2024 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

Christmas Party SKD, 3 PM – 9 PM (dinner 6 PM), December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Winter Dinner, (Fish), SKD Noon to 9 PM, (Dinner 6 PM) February 8, 2025 (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM May 18, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

Spring Dinner, (Ribs), SKD Noon to 9 PM (6 PM dinner) May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1<sup>st</sup> weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of months with 5 Sundays (March, June, August, & November)

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each Month at 5:30 at SKD – St Maximillian Kolbe Room

## November Calendar of Events

*Tuesday, November 5: Knights KVGC Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel at 5:30 PM.*

*Wednesday, November 6: Planning Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:30 PM.*

*Tuesday, November 12: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.*

*Sunday, November 10: Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10 AM Mass.*

*Sunday, November 10: Mass for Departed Knights at Saint Katharine Drexel at the 10 AM Mass.*

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