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IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

‘More Sublime Than Ever’

Bernini’s baldacchino and Chair of St. Peter monument are restored for the Jubilee Year of Hope with K of C support

By *Columbia* staff

The closing Mass of the Synod on Synodality was celebrated Oct. 27 in St. Peter’s Basilica under the newly restored Bernini baldacchino, now free of scaffolding and gleaming brightly after a [monthslong cleaning and preservation project](#) supported by the Knights of Columbus.

The nearly 10-story canopy over the papal altar, constructed in the 17th century directly over the tomb of St. Peter the Apostle, was last refurbished more than 250 years ago.

Beginning in late February, a team of master restorers worked methodically to remove centuries of dust and grime from the massive bronze, marble and wood structure and its many gilded details. They finished ahead of schedule, allowing the baldacchino to be unveiled at the close of the synod instead of, as originally projected, in conjunction with the upcoming Jubilee Year of Hope.



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Minutes of the November Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM on November 12, 2024 by Grand Knight Waverly. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer, Inside Guard, Trustee Three Year, Trustee Two Year and Trustee One Year were excused. Roll call followed our Chaplain leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from October were approved as written.

Membership Report

There is one potential candidate interested in becoming a Knight

Grand Knight Report

Brother Hoover was appointed Inside Guard to fill a vacancy previously held by Brother Watt.

Chaplain’s Report

Serve others, serve God for the greater good.

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$10,882.72

Financial Secretary Report

Income – \$60 dinner

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November Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:****Bills**

State Dues - \$110

Brother Strazzo - \$183.81 Hospitality Sunday donuts and Mrs. Edwards funeral expenses

Brother Shawn – \$129.86 Hospitality Sunday donuts

Communications

A thank you note was received and read aloud from the recipient of the Scholarship

Programs Director Report

First Tuesday night of the month 5:30 Rosary. November host is YLI. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Tootsie roll drive – update – donations are still coming in. Mass for departed Knights – Several Brothers were in attendance to remember those who served. December 6 is the scheduled date for the Christmas party. Safe Environment - is in progress. Next dinner is the fish fry

Unfinished Business

No report

New Business

It was M/S/A to pay the bills. A new chairman is needed for the tootsie roll drive. K of C will sponsor mulled wine at the Advent bazaar.

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

No report

Vocations Report

No report

Fourth Degree Assembly

The Faithful Navigator gave a brief report

District Deputy Report

DD Morris gave a brief report and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pam Edwards, Uncle Joe Deedet. Pray also for Deacon Jaime, John Edwards, Nancy Joyner, Jane Ragusano, Jim Gaffney, Richard Hogate, Vicky Route, Gina Frias, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

Lecturer Report

The lecturer showed a video on the history of Catholicism in England.

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Waverly closed the meeting at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders



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Pope Francis drew attention to the restored baldacchino — or baldachin, in English — in his homily at the closing Mass. “As we admire the majestic Bernini baldacchino, more sublime than ever,” the pope said, “we can rediscover that it frames the true focal point of the entire basilica, namely the glory of the Holy Spirit. This is the synodal Church: a community whose primacy lies in the gift of the Spirit, who makes us all brothers and sisters in Christ and raises us up to him.”

At the conclusion of Mass, the Chair of St. Peter was placed in front of the papal altar for Pope Francis, the bishops and the faithful to venerate. The ancient wooden throne, now believed to date to the 9th century, was held for centuries to be the cathedra of the first pope. It will remain on display until Dec. 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

In his homily, the pope urged the bishops to contemplate the Chair with the “wonder of faith” and to “remember that this is the Chair of love, unity and mercy, according to Jesus’ command to the Apostle Peter not to lord it over others, but to serve them in charity.”

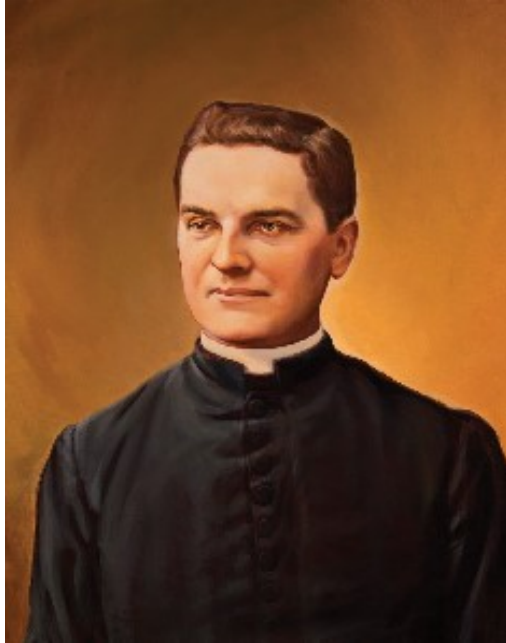
Normally housed in a gilded bronze sculpture at the basilica’s apse, the relic was displayed for the first time since 1867 while the massive bronze monument, also by Bernini, is restored with support from the Knights. The Chair of St. Peter monument restoration is targeted for completion by Christmas Eve, when Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica to begin the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori and the other Supreme Officers had the opportunity to venerate the Chair of St. Peter privately Oct. 24. They also climbed the scaffolding that encases the Chair of St. Peter monument to see the restoration work in progress. Donning hard hats and safety harnesses, they also viewed the baldacchino’s upper reaches from mechanical lifts high above the basilica floor.

“It was an extraordinary experience to be on top of the baldacchino, and to be with the artisans and see the great care they bring to their task of restoring this magnificent work of art,” the supreme knight said. “The baldacchino brings together two realities: The reality that God comes to dwell with us, to be with us, and the reality that we are called to raise our hearts and our minds to him in prayer and in gratitude.”







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

George Hoover December 10

Bob Strazzo January 14

J.D. Maher February 11

The Officers of Council

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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 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2024 until June 2025. Dinner at 6:00

Family Fishing Day, Caples Lake, July 6th, 2024

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

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

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sunday October 6th, 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 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party SKD, 3 PM – 9 PM (dinner 6 PM), December 6th, 2024

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

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM May 18, 2025 (3rd Sunday)

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

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1st weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th 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