

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. James Council 7450
Concord, NC

February 2026

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Council 7450 Meeting Tuesday, February 10, 2026



Knights Blood Drive

Next drive is Sunday, March 1st. Come give the gift of life! Tell your friends and neighbors, all are welcome! 30 units and 2 platelets were donated in December.



LAMB Charitable Giving Days— Texas Roadhouse Monday February 16, 11:30-9:00 PM.

PM.

The Knights of Columbus places a special importance on honoring the Blessed Mother. Every man who joins a K of C council receives a rosary and is encouraged to seek Mary's intercession by praying it regularly. In addition,



many join Council 7450, 6:15 PM as we lead the rosary before the Monday night Novena on the 2nd Monday of the month.



We will have a recruitment drive this weekend Feb 7-8 at the Masses. If you know a practicing Catholic man over 18 encourage him to talk to the Knights after Mass. If he cannot make it this weekend get him in touch with Membership Director Pat Kelly 704-956-5295!

Council 7450 and the St. James Columbettes will participate in a Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers and Sisters of our organizations will be rescheduled due to a conflict in schedules.



Please volunteer for one of our standing committees for service programs. See the committee names to the right.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED if we are to help in our parish and community! "In service to one, In service to all"



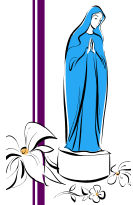
Next Knights Breakfast February 15

Please come and help us serve the parish. Bring the family and friends and enjoy the best breakfast in town for the price!

Just \$8 kids \$4

Help Needed!!

Knights of Faith



Knights have always been dedicated to Our Lady. Pray the Rosary daily..... Select your intention . Pray as a family or by yourself. Attend the Monday Novena, Rosary 6:30

In Memory of Knights Mass for departed Brothers: Memorial Mass

Please remember those on the Good of the Order list in your prayers!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs EVERY Monday between 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM in the Church. What a wonderful gift you can give to yourself to spend time with Jesus!



Knights Of Columbus Officer Roles and Duties

To keep Council 7450 strong, vibrant, and meaningful to our Order, Parish and Community it requires many different voices. Leadership of our Council only requires the desire to further our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism to Brother Knights, our Parish and Community. All eligible Knights should strive to serve their Council by becoming an officer, leading a committee, or at the very least serving on one of the standing committees to help move our efforts forward to benefit our Parish and Community.

To be a council officer, a Knight must be a member in good standing of the Order.

Contact the Trustees: John Green greens220@hotmail.com, Charlie Anzalone canzalone5131@gmail.com, or John Llanio fomrmarine@aol.com to stand for election to one of these offices.



Friday Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

All are welcome, bring family and friends.

Serving from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM

COME EARLY before we sell out!!

Attend the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00 PM In the Church a traditional way of meditating on the Passion and Death of Our Lord



Saint James Hospitality Committee 2026



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Saint James Council #7450

To Knights of Columbus Council 7450

February 6, 2026

Brother Knights, I trust this finds each of you well.

February presents us with much to do and consider. The weather has already shown us how plans can easily be made to change and wreak havoc with our daily schedules. We will have our normal meetings, leading the Rosary on the second Monday, Charitable Giving Coffee & Dinner, Valentines Day and our monthly breakfast. On Wednesday, February 18 Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. This is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that prepares us for Easter. We are invited to reflect on our lives, deepen our faith, and prepare ourselves spiritually. There will be many opportunities during the 40 days to seek personal renewal and repentance. I pray that Lent can be rewarding for each of us.

Vivat Jesus,

Matt Telera, GK

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K of C
State Raffle



CASH
PRIZES!

You Could Win \$5,000

Tickets at the Meeting, Breakfast & After Mass!

Help Needed to sell – See Matt!!

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are our principles. Together we strengthen our faith, families and community.



St. Valentine's Day



St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity,



Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome. In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology. The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test.

St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision. Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests.

Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.

St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). According to the popular hagiograph-

ical identity, and what is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine, the Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became raged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded. St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. However, other tales of St. Valentine's life claim he was executed either in the year 269, 270, 273 or 280. Other depictions of St. Valentine's arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

Pope Julius I is said to have built a church near Ponte Mole in his memory, which for a long time gave name to the gate now called Porta del Popolo, formerly, Porta Valetini. The romantic nature of Valentine's Day may have derived during the Middle Ages, when it was believed that birds paired couples in mid-February. According to English 18th-century antiquarians Alban Butler and Francis Douce, Valentine's Day was most likely created to overpower the pagan holiday, Lupercalia. Although the exact origin of the holiday is not widely agreed upon, it is widely recognized

as a day for love, devotion and romance.

Whoever he was, Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. Relics of St. Valentine can be found all over the world. A flower-crowned skull of St. Valentine can be found in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In 1836, other relics were exhumed from the catacombs of Saint Hippolytus on the Via Tiburtina and were identified as Valentine's. These were transported for a special Mass dedicated to those young and in love.

Fr. John Spratt received a gift from Pope Gregory XVI in 1836 containing a "small vessel tinged" with St. Valentine's blood. This gift now stands placed in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland. Other alleged relics were found in Prague in the Church of St Peter and Paul at Vysehrad; in the parish church of St. Mary's Assumption in Chelmno Poland; at the reliquary of Roquemaure in France; in the Stephansdom in Vienna; in Balzan in Malta and also in Blessed John Duns Scotus' church in the Gorbals area of Glasgow, Scotland.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travellers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.



PERSON
WE ARE IN PRAYER

<u>FOR</u>	<u>RELATION</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>ADDED</u>
For All Deceased Brother Knights			
Art Rollin	Brother Knight	Illness	04/2022
Al Servicky	Brother Knight, Past WGK	Illness	12/2025
McCormack Family	Bro Mark McCormack Family	Serious Illness	11/2024
Vic Haugen	Brother Knight	Illness	12/2024
Brenda Shaver	Wife of DD Ed Shaver	Illness	10/2024
Lucy Llanio	Wife of Brother John	Illness	03/2024
Greg Kent	Past State Deputy	Illness	11/2024
April Kiesznowski	Columbiette	Illness	02/2022
Pam Hanzlik	Wife of Brother John	Surgery	10/2022
Yvonne Gandron	Wife of Bro Dave	Surgery	01/2022
Carol Haugen	Mother of Brother Vic Haugen	Illness	04/2022
S/K Andrew Ferraro	Brother Knight	Illness	03/2022
Connie Bertollette	Wife of Brother Barry	Illness	10/2021
Amy Bertollette	Daughter of Brother Barry	Cancer	10/2021
Steve Lehman	Brother Knight	Illness	11/2022
Mary Lehman	Wife of Brother Steve	Illness	01/2022
Keven Casey	Brother Knight	Illness	09/2021
Leslie Walter	Wife of Brother Knight DGK Mike	Illness	01/2026
Clivia Chin	Sister-in-law -Bob Wheeler	Illness	03/2021
Carol Cormier	Wife -Ted Cormier	Illness	06/2025
George Coyle	Brother Knight	Illness	
David Crispi	Brother Ken Johnson req.	Illness	
Richard Glass	Brother Knight	Detached Retina	
Ellen Guttridge	Wife-Bill Guttridge	Illness	07/2016
Jan Johnson	Wife-Ken Johnson	Illness	03/2020
Beverly Kachmarik	Wife-S/K Bob Kachmarik	Cancer	05/2018
S/K Eddie McEachern	Brother Knight	Illness	03/2020
Doug McEachern	Brother of S/K Eddie	Surgery	05/2021
Bill Waterson	Brother Knight	Cancer	03/2017



Pope Leo XIV Supreme Pontiff For His Intentions

Oppressed Christians Supreme

February 2026



Valentines Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Donate to LAMB		Officers Meeting 7 PM Gill Hall	Charitable Giving Days Coffee@ Allegiance			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Donate to St. James	Rosary 6:15 PM	Officers Meeting 7 PM Gill Hall				Valentines Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Knights Breakfast 7-12 + Help	Presidents Day Charitable Giving Days Texas Roadhouse		Ash Wednesday	4th Degree	Fish Fry Stations of the Cross	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Donate to St. James					Fish Fry Stations of the Cross	
Donate to LAMB						

Council 7450 graciously thanks these establishments for their support of OPERATION L.A.M.B. Charitable Giving Days. Brothers, Please support them by dine-in or order take out from our generous sponsors!

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Señor Agave Mexican Grill & Bar—



Family Owwned and Opeerated 846 Union St. S, Concord, NC 28025



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With John & Sue Green – Fr Luyen Dau, C.Ss.R. Chaplin

October 13, 2027 - October 26, 2027

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Questions? Contact John Green greens220@hotmail.com



**Attend the Information Session Saturday,
February 7 - 6:15 PM Geiger Hall Class-**