

Knights of Columbus Council 207 —

NEWSLETTER

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Thomas Crawford
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Important Dates to Remember:

- **Membership Degree:** Our next membership degree will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00pm. This is an opportunity for us to welcome new members into our council and strengthen our bonds of brotherhood. This degree ceremony will be held at Council 207, located at 47 Market St., Auburn, NY. Please mark your calendars and consider inviting eligible Catholic men to join us in our noble mission.
- **Council Elections:** The 2025 Election Ballot was finalized and presented at our monthly Council meeting on Thursday, April 24th. Council elections will be held on Thursday, May 22nd from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. This will be in lieu of our regular monthly meeting. In order to vote, you must be a member in good standing with no outstanding dues owed to the Council. Please note that proxy voting and absentee balloting are not permissible under Council 207's by-laws. Therefore, voting must occur in-person during the previously mentioned date and time. Your participation in the election process is vital as we select the leadership that will guide our council in the coming year.
- **Memorial Day Open House:** Join us for our annual Memorial Day Open House on Monday, May 26th. The bar will be open from 10:00AM to 4:00PM, and we will be serving delicious Hofmann Hotdogs throughout the day. Let's gather in remembrance and camaraderie on the day dedicated to our fallen heroes.



A Message from the Grand Knight:

Dear Brothers,

For the Knights of Columbus, the month of May holds special significance as it is dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of the Order. This sacred time invites Knights to deepen their spiritual connection to Mary, seeking her intercession and guidance in their personal lives and in the mission of the Order. May is also a time to reflect on the values and vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. His commitment to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism continues to guide our work and inspire new generations of Knights.

Here at Council 207, we embrace the opportunity this month provides to recommit ourselves to these founding principles. Through prayer, service, and fraternity, we honor Mary's example of humility and grace while continuing the work begun by Father McGivney. Let this month be a reminder of our shared purpose and the powerful role our faith plays in shaping our efforts as Knights. May the Blessed Virgin Mary watch over our council and all our endeavors, drawing us closer in unity and strengthening our resolve to serve others with compassion and courage.



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A message from Past Grand Knight - Tom Crawford

To the Members of Council 207 / Ladies Auxiliary and many friends,

On August 30th, 2024, I suffered a near-fatal medical emergency. By the Grace of God, I survived. After many difficult days at Auburn Community Hospital, I am incredibly grateful to be here today.

First and foremost, I thank God for giving me a second chance at life. I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to the amazing staff at ACH — especially the emergency room team who saved my life, and all those who cared for me during my five-day stay. Your compassion, skill, and dedication are extraordinary. To my dear friend and Past Grand Knight, Jack Conway — thank you for organizing a fund to help with my medical expenses. And to every single one of you who contributed: your generosity touched my heart more than words can express. Your kindness, your prayers, and the many thoughtful cards lifted my spirits in ways I'll never forget.

You will all forever be in my prayers.
From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Tom Crawford Jr. PGK



Finally, during the month of May, we celebrate Memorial Day. Council 207 would like to take this opportunity to honor and remember all our veterans, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Your courage and dedication will never be forgotten. We are forever grateful for your service.

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Importance of Paying Annual Membership Dues

As 2025 continues and winter gives way to spring, Council 207 must pay our 2025 per capita dues to the Supreme and State chapters, regardless of whether all members have paid their local dues. With that in mind, I want to emphasize the importance of paying your annual membership dues. General membership is only \$45 per year, and these dues are vital in supporting our council's charitable initiatives and programs. By fulfilling this obligation, you allow us to pay our per capita dues without incurring any debt, helping us continue making a meaningful impact in our local community.



**USE IT TO PAY DUES
OR SEND A DONATION!**