

KNIGHTS CORNER

September 15, 2024



St. Charles Council #2084

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Prayer Service for Peace on Sept 11th and ECCE this week. I also want to thank all our brother Knights and members of the parish who prayed for and paid their respects to our Past Grand Knight, Tom Russell this week.

In preparing for this week, the prayer service, the funeral, the holy day, and the centennial, the theme that stood out to me was sacrifice. Over the years we've all learned that in addition to the many victims of 9/11 there are stories of so many heroes who sacrificed so much to try and save those they could in the aftermath and who have fallen trying to bring peace to our troubled world.

Being a Knight of Columbus, especially one as involved as Tom was, requires sacrifice. We give time away from work, our families, or even just our precious free time in order to build fraternity with each other, do God's work here in our communities, set a strong example and strengthen our families, and deepen our own faith.

Our Church has been called on time and time again (and continues to be called upon) to endure attacks, ridicule, and persecution. We've sacrificed members, our human desire for revenge, our comfort, and safety as we continue to spread God's love in a sometimes hostile world.

The greatest sacrifice we celebrate this weekend though, is the one we partake in each week at Mass, particularly on this feast day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. God himself became human and sacrificed himself via a painful criminal's death on That Cross to free us from our sins so that we might live with him. There is no greater love than this.

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