



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

April 2024

KC Fish Fry's – Thank You!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Knights, family members, parishioners, and community members that helped with the Fish Frys. Serving nearly 4,000 guests over six weeks during Lent. The collective hard work with our partners will be benefiting many KC programs, St Joseph Catholic Community, St Bernard Church, St Victoria Church, Auburn Home Services, and 4th Degrees. Thank you again to ALL for making the Fish Fry's a successful and blessed event this year. See all photos at this link [2024 Fish Fry Photos](#).



Faith, Family, & Baseball – Dick Bremer MN Twins – May 5th 11:30 am

Former MN Twins announcer, Dick Bremer will be speaking at the KC “Faith, Family, and Baseball” luncheon on Sunday, May 5th at 11:30 am at St Joseph STEM School. Hear Dick share stories of his legendary career and how his faith has guided him through life. Hot dogs, chips, beans, popcorn, and ice cream will be served. **Reserve your tickets at this [link](#). To help with serving food sign up at this [link](#).**



Tootsie Roll Drive April 13-14 – Helping God's Special Children

The Knights are holding the annual “Tootsie Roll Drive” on April 13-14 raising money for the Special Olympics and people with intellectual disabilities. Please help make this a successful event by donating and helping with giving out Tootsie Rolls. If you aren't able to make this event and still would like to help God's special children, please go online to make a donation at <https://www.waconiaknights2506.org/donations.php>. Thank you for your support of the Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus. Contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718.

KC Exemplification – Held March 19th at St Joseph Church

A special ceremony of admission and advancement to the Knights of Columbus was held on March 19th at St Joseph Parish for new Third Degree members from Council 2506. Congratulations to our new Third Degree Knights: Brett Kleindl, Steve Fleck, James Worm, Kyle Whittaker, and Jack Anderson.



Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th, at 6:00 p.m., followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St Joe's Parish Center in the church's lower level. Please plan to attend the “Sign of Faith” event at 5:00 pm at Main St and Elm St prior to the meetings. Snacks and beverages will be served, along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights. See you then!



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“Sign of Faith” Event April 16th 5:00 pm

The KC 100 Year anniversary legacy gift committee is hosting a “Sign of Faith” event on April 16th at 5:00 pm to see a demonstration of the proposed LED sign at the corner of Main Street and Elm Street by the Food Shelf. With its powerful ability to draw interest, drive action, and foster connections, this sign will serve as a beacon of welcome and information for all who pass by. Come and join us to see a demonstration of what the sign looks like and why it is the most impactful way to reach community members in this location with **3.1 million annual impressions**. To help by donating, please click [here](#).



Knight of the Month – Electrifying Contributions

This month, we are proud to recognize Brother Knight Gary Regnier as our Knight of the Month. Gary is new to our council; however, he is not new to the Knights of Columbus as he transferred to our council from Prescott Arizona. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Knights and brings with him many years of experience.

Gary is an electrician who has volunteered his time and talents by taking on a wiring upgrade for the kitchen in the school as well as his expertise and help in planning for the new electronic sign. As we celebrate Gary's achievements this month, let us all take a moment to appreciate his hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Congratulations, Gary, on being named our Knight of the Month.

Knights Scholarship – Open for Applications - Due June 1st

The Waconia Knights of Columbus is accepting applications from those students entering their freshman year of college in 2024 and whose father or grandfather is a member in good standing in Council 2506. To apply, students must complete the Knights of Columbus Council 2506 Application for College Tuition Scholarship by June 1. The application is available online at the Waconia Knights website [here](#) or can be picked up in the St Joseph STEM School office. Please submit completed applications by email to waconiaknights@gmail.com. The Knights believe that service in the parish and community is very important in shaping Christian values and will be a key element of successful applicants.

Brothers and Brews

Waconia Knights hosted another Brothers and Brews on Tuesday, April 2nd, starting at 6:00 pm, that included a watch party for the Fraternal Benefits Seminar at 7:00 pm on Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning”. This FBS featured nationally recognized speaker, television personality, and best-selling author Ed Slott.

The event was well attended by 20++ Knights who were helping us move closer to making Star Council again this year!! Pizza and beer were served to all attendees who enjoyed some fraternity, fellowship, and fun!





Eucharistic Pilgrimage – May 17-18 in Bemidji

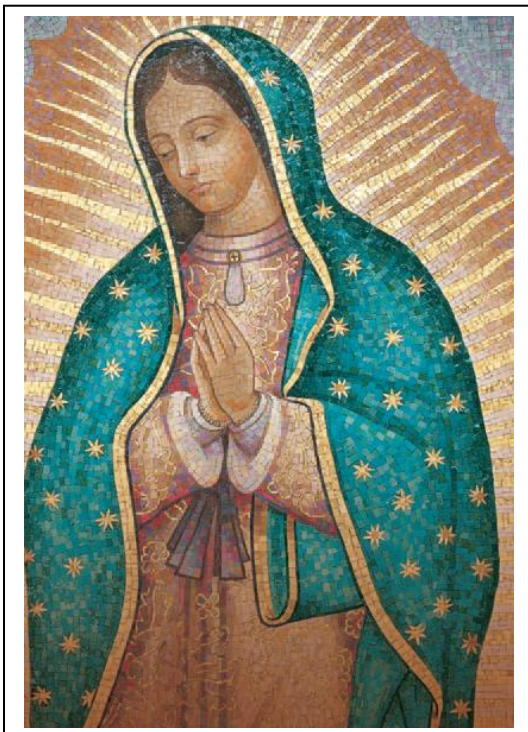
The Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage will be starting in Minnesota on May 17-18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. On Sunday May 19th the Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin at Itasca State Park (Headwaters of Mississippi) and winding its way through Minnesota and then leaving Minnesota on June 7th for Wisconsin on its way to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Please go to <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/marian-route> to see the route that is going through Minnesota. Please contact Chuck Walerius if interested in attending this event.

Knights Sponsoring Novena for Life – May 4th – May 12th.

The Waconia Knights are leading a pro-life program called Novena for Life. A novena is a period of sustained prayer over nine days for a particular intention. Community members are encouraged to pray in their homes on each of the nine days of the novena. The intention of this novena is especially for legislation in favor of Life and ending the tragic practice of abortion.

The Novena will begin with a Mass at St Joseph Catholic Church on May 4, 2023, at 5:15 pm and end on May 12, 2023, at 10:30 am Mass at St Joseph Church. These prayers will be said at every Mass. The Novena will end on Mother's Day, May 12th. The St Joseph Mother's Day Masses will also have the "Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the womb" for all expectant mothers.



Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,

bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim *the Gospel of life* with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to *accept that Gospel* as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

— *Evangelium Vitae*

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Grand Knight Corner – A Lot Happening

First, I would really like to say **THANK YOU** to the many Brother Knights who helped with the Fish Fries this year as we had another record-breaking banner year. Everyone really stepped up to help with these busy events!

We have a lot happening with the Knights this Spring. We’re hosting several events (Brothers and Brews, Tootsie Roll Drive, Family, Faith & Baseball – Dick Bremer and more!!). The Knights are very active and have been blessed with 16 new members that have taken an active role in our council. We currently are well on our way to making Star Council again this year! There are many opportunities to serve, pray, and celebrate together. I hope you can join us for Family, Faith and Baseball on May 5th. **Thank you for all that you do to support our council for Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.**

Chuck Walerius, Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events in April - June.

Tootsie Roll Drive – April 11 - 14th, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

Sign of Faith – April 16th 5:00 pm, LED Sign Demonstration, contact John Short 612-281-6215

Opening Klein Drive Park – April 27th 8:00 am, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

Novena for Life – May 4th, contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752

Faith, Family, Baseball – May 5th 11:30 Dick Bremer, contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706

Eucharistic Pilgrimage – May 17-18 Bemidji, contact John Short 612-281-6215

Election of Officers – May 21st 7:00 pm Klein Drive Park

KC Scholarship Applications Due – June 1st contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706

Consecration to the Holy Family – June 8th – 16th, contact Nick Kehtel 218-393-2805

2023-2024 Officers

Chaplain.....Father Stan Mader 952-442-2384
Grand Knight..... Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706
Deputy Grand Knight... Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
Chancellor.....Nick Kehtel 218-393-2805
Recording Secretary.....Joe Eiden 612-751-2924
Financial Secretary.....Chris Parker 651-226-2835
Treasurer.....Josh Bovee 612-298-0732
Lecturer.....Deacon Greg Miller 914-843-7973
Advocate.....Fred Bleedorn 913-220-4667
Warden.....Greg Fruhwirth 970-556-5510
Inside Guard.....James Vettel 612-619-7741
Outside Guard.....Nate Matousek 612-875-2986
3 Year Trustee.....John Short 612-281-6215
2 Year Trustee.....Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
1 Year Trustee..... Kurt Siebert 952-250-0201

Committees

Program Director..Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
Life.....Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
Community.....Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
Faith.....Nick Kehtel 218-393-2805
Family.....Matt Turek 952-454-4617
Membership.....John Short 612-281-6215
Church Liaison.....James Vettel 612-619-7741
Communications.....John Short 612-281-6215

KLEIN DRIVE PARK

Available to rent May 1st through Oct 1st
- Shelter - Electricity - Soft Ball Field
- Volleyball - Bathrooms - Full Kitchen
Rental Contact: Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
Winter boat storage: Roger Buesgens 952-442-2527