



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

August 2024

Regional Respect Life Picnic Celebrated at KC Park

The Waconia Knights hosted the regional Respect Life Picnic on Sunday, Aug 4th at the Waconia KC Park. Kim Bennecke, Executive Director Southwest Options for Women, and Vaunae Hansel, Executive Director/President of Elevate Life USA spoke to over 100 attendees to create awareness on the new MN laws impacting the lives of the unborn and educating on the consequences of these legislative actions as well as accomplishments for their respective agencies. This was a fun family event that prepared us all for having conversations about pro-life support and the upcoming elections. Free-will donations raised from this event sponsored by the Knights in our area will support Southwest Options for Women. Thanks to all for your support!



Bingo and Carb Load Event – Kickoff to Nickle Dickle Day – Sept 13th

The Waconia Knights of Columbus are hosting **Carb Load Bingo** on Friday, September 13th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at St Joseph STEM School, to kick off Nickle Dickle Day. This event is perfect for runners preparing for the 5k and 10k races, as well as anyone looking for a fun evening with family and friends. Attendees can enjoy a hearty spaghetti dinner, beer and wine, followed by a lively bingo game that promises entertainment for all.

Carb Load Bingo is more than just a meal—it's a community celebration. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Whether you're fueling up for the race or simply enjoying a night out, this event is the perfect way to come together along with supporting the Waconia Knights. \$8 per plate preorder, \$10 at the door, \$35 family max, children 5 & under free!

Preorder tickets and **SAVE \$2.00 a plate** [HERE](#).



CARB LOAD BINGO!
CARBS - CARDS & COMMUNITY >>>
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Friday, Sept 13th
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
St Joseph STEM School
41 E 1st Street, Waconia, MN 55387

"Beer & Wine Too!"
Fuel Up Before the Run on Nickle Dickle Day!
www.waconiaknights2506.org

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Sign of Faith Campaign – Goal Reached - Thank You!

The Waconia Knights of Columbus are excited to announce that we have successfully reached our fundraising goal for the Sign of Faith project! Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our community, we have raised the necessary funds to install a state-of-the-art LED digital sign at the corner of Main Street and Elm Street.

The new sign, projected to be installed this fall, will serve as a “Sign of Faith” inviting all to participate in the events, programs, and worship services at St. Joseph Catholic Community and STEM School and announcing Gather and Grow Food Shelf needs. We look forward to celebrating this achievement with you all when the sign is up and shining brightly for all to see.



KC Meetings – Fish Fry and Sweet Corn!

Our next Officer and General meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20th at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm at Klein Drive Park. **Fish Fry and Sweet Corn** following the meeting. Bring a dish to share, and most importantly, bring your wives and come out to join us at the park!

Knight of the Month – Klein Park Haircuts!!

This month, the Knights of Columbus are proud to honor Brother Bob Kaczorowski as our Knight of the Month. Bob has exemplified the true spirit of our organization through his unwavering dedication to maintaining the beauty of our own Klein Park.

Bob’s work often goes unnoticed because it is done quietly and consistently, but its impact is felt by everyone who enjoys the park. Whether it's mowing, trimming, or ensuring the grounds are clean and safe, Bob approaches every task with diligence and care. His attention to detail and pride in his work reflect the values we cherish in the Knights of Columbus: service, community, and brotherhood.

Beyond his work at the park, Bob is known for his friendly demeanor and willingness to lend a hand whenever needed. He embodies the Knights' mission of serving others and strengthening our community, making him a truly deserving recipient of this recognition.

We thank Brother Bob Kaczrowski for his hard work and dedication. His efforts have made a lasting difference, and we are grateful to have him as part of our Knights of Columbus family. Congratulations, Bob, on being our Knight of the Month!



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10th National Eucharistic Congress – Indianapolis

On July 17-21, I was able to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana. This was the first Eucharistic Congress in 83 years, and it was the most powerful event I have ever experienced in my lifetime. 60,000 Catholics gathered in Indianapolis for this generational event, and countless more across the nation joined via livestream.

Each morning, we attended Impact Sessions tailored to our own personal mission and state in life—brought together by some of the most trusted voices in the Church with compelling topics for adult Catholics, youth, ministry leaders, and families. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated in multiple rites and languages witnessing the impact of our Catholic Faith through many different cultures.

Congress attendees gathered in Lucas Oil Stadium each evening for a special revival session and Adoration, where together we worshipped Our Lord, heard the Gospel message, experienced healing, and were unified by the shared mission to make Jesus known and loved. The event was capped off by a Eucharistic Procession where thousands of Catholics walked alongside our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of downtown Indianapolis—publicly professing our faith and witnessing to the world that Jesus is a King worth following. Truly one of the most emotional and moving events of the weekend. It was truly an event I will never forget!



Upcoming Events

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events through September. See final details for these events in upcoming newsletters and on the Waconia Knights website.

- Fish Fry and Sweet Corn Meeting** – August 20th – Klein Drive Park – Combined Officer and General meetings at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm – coordinator – Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706
- Catholic Man – Into the Breach** – 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Parish Center – Nick Kehtel 218-393-2805
- Carb Load Bingo** – September 13th, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, St. Joe's Catholic School, Coordinators - John Short 612-281-6215/Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706



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Grand Knight Corner – STAR Council Award/CARB LOAD BINGO

Congratulations to our outstanding Knights of Columbus Waconia Council 2506 on achieving the prestigious STAR Council award for the second year in a row!! Our council was one of only a handful of councils throughout the State of Minnesota to receive this award. Your dedication, commitment, and hard work have truly shined, and this accomplishment is a testament to your unwavering support for our community. Your efforts make a difference, and we are proud to have all of you as part of our team. Keep up the excellent work!

This year we are trying something new in holding our CARB LOAD BINGO event the evening before the start of Nickle Dickle Day on September 13th. It will be held in the school gather area (same as our Fish Fries) where we will serve spaghetti and breadsticks for dinner with Ice Cream as the dessert. Bingo in the school gym. Check out the posting earlier in this newsletter and be sure to order your tickets early for a discounted price through our web page [HERE](#).

Chuck Walerius – Grand Knight

2022-2023 Officers

Chaplain.....Father Stan Mader 952-442-2384
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Program Director..Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
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Membership.....John Short 612-281-6215
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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
