



Council 2506 Waconia, MN

## "Turkey & Fixings" Helping Hands

The Knights provided helping hands for the Thanksgiving "Turkey & Fixings" meal hosted at St. Joseph School and St Victoria Parish all coordinated by Love INC. The Knights helped with the packaging and delivery of meals with compassion. The program delivered over 200 turkeys with fixings to families throughout our communities. Thank you to everyone who played a part in coordinating and delivering meals to so many of our neighbors.







## **Christmas Party and Electronic Sign Dedication and Blessing**

There will be no Knights meeting this month as we dedicate and bless the new electronic sign before our Christmas Party, December 17th at 5:30 pm, followed by social hour at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm, and a short program afterward, at St Joes Parish Center in the church lower level.

Please contact Ken Gerding ASAP at 952-442-4357 to register for the Christmas Party. Free will donation for the dinner will go to the Gather and Grow Food Shelf in Waconia.





Rendering of new sign



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## Knight of the Month: Our Faith Leader

This month, we are proud to recognize Nick Kehtel as our Knight of the Month! Nick's dedication and unwavering commitment to our council and its mission make him an outstanding example of what it means to be a Knight.

As both our Chancellor and Faith Programs Director, Nick plays a pivotal role in leading and inspiring our council. His efforts in coordinating and promoting faith-based initiatives such as The Catholic Man Series have enriched the spiritual lives of our members and strengthened our community. Whether it's organizing meaningful programs or fostering a spirit of fraternity, Nick's contributions reflect his deep devotion to our Catholic faith and the values of the Knights of Columbus.

Nick has also been recruiting young men to our order as well with two recent candidates for membership. His guidance and encouragement help ensure our council continues to grow and thrive. He brings a thoughtful, and prayerful approach to every project, empowering others to join in the work of charity, unity, and fraternity.

Please join us in congratulating Nick Kehtel, our Knight of the Month, and in thanking him for his remarkable service to our council and community. We are truly blessed to have him among our ranks.

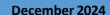
Vivat Jesus!

## Coats for Kids Held on December 6th – St Joseph Church

The Coats for Kids event was held on December 1<sup>st</sup> when the Waconia Knights partnered with St Joseph Church to ensure that no child goes without a coat. The Knights donated new coats and helped shoppers at the event to find coats, hats, gloves, and mittens to keep them warm throughout the winter. Thanks for all the donations and volunteers that helped make this event a success for families in our community.



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### **Upcoming Events**

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events for December and January. Call Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706 or email <a href="mailto:cwalerius60@gmail.com">cwalerius60@gmail.com</a> if questions or to volunteer for an upcoming event.

- Exemplification ceremony Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 am Mass **ALL KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED!**
- Catholic Man Study Group 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm St Joes Parish Center
- Knights Christmas Party Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm, Sign Dedication Contact Ken Gerding 952-442-4357 to register
- Pro-Life Breakfast Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752, Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up for helping at this event
- Knights Free Throw Contest January 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm Contact Trent Klein 952-201-1107
- NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

### **Grand Knight Corner – Keep Christ in Christmas**

As we enter the festive season, it's essential to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and the significance of keeping Christ at the center of our celebrations. Christmas, at its core, commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ—a symbol of love, compassion, and selflessness. Embracing the spiritual essence of the holiday helps us foster a sense of unity, kindness, and goodwill towards others. Christ's teachings of forgiveness and generosity serve as a timeless guide, encouraging us to reflect on our actions and relationships during this special time of year.

Amidst the hustle and bustle, taking a moment to pause and reflect on the spiritual aspects of the season allows us to find deeper meaning and purpose. It's an opportunity to connect with our spirituality, reinforcing the bonds of family, community, and a shared humanity. Shine the light of Christmas in your homes, schools, parish and community through faithful acts and kindness.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and joyful Christmas by Keeping Christ in Christmas.

Chuck Walerius – Grand Knight



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#### **2024-2025 Officers**

ChaplainFather Stan Mader 952-442-2384
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Program DirectorCharlie Loegering 612-670-2752
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FamilyMatt Turek 952-454-4617
MembershipJohn Short 612-281-6215
Church LiaisonJames Vettel 612-619-7741
CommunicationsJohn 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

### **Knights Insurance Contact:**

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