



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

April 2025

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, Wild West, and 4th Degree. Thank you again to ALL for making the Fish Fry's a successful and blessed event this year. This year was special



Tootsie Roll Drive April 26th & 27th – Helping God's Special Children

The Knights are holding the annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" on April 26th – 27th 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 donate at <https://www.waconiaknights2506.org/donations.php>. Thank you for your support for the Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus. Contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718.

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 2025 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.

Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15th, 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. See you then!



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Mental Wellness Meeting- April 15th 7-8 PM

Our nation is facing a growing **mental health crisis**, and our parishes are not immune. Many Catholics struggling with anxiety, depression, and other challenges are unaware that their **faith can be a vital part of their healing**. Traditional secular therapy often overlooks the role of faith in mental wellness, yet research shows that **integrating Catholic Christian principles into psychotherapy leads to greater emotional healing, higher satisfaction, and long-term spiritual resilience**. The [Elijah Institute](https://www.elijah-institute.org) is addressing this urgent need by equipping mental health professionals with the training to provide faith-based care that strengthens both the mind and the soul.

All Knights and parishioners are invited to an **informational meeting on April 15th** to hear more about the vision and impact the Elijah Institute is having and explore a proposed partnership between the **Knights of Columbus and the Elijah Institute**. Our local councils will be one of the first in the state to launch this partnership with the Knights, envisioning councils to **raise awareness about faith-integrated therapy, identify Catholic mental health professionals in our communities, and provide grants for their training**. By doing so, we can **help more Catholics access life-changing care** while supporting professionals who seek to integrate faith into their practice. This initiative also qualifies for a **Columbian Award program credit** through financial sponsorship or hosting awareness activities.

Join us on **April 15th** to learn how you can help bring this **faith-driven mental health solution** to those in need. Please confirm your attendance or reach out with any questions.

To learn more about the Elijah Institute, visit their website at www.elijah-institute.org

Date: April 15, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: St Joseph Catholic Community - Parish Center (lower level) 41 East 1st St, Waconia, MN 55387

John Short, District Deputy # 48

Knight of the Month – Electrifying Contributions

This month, we are proud to recognize Brother Knight Gary Regnier as our Knight of the Month. 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, his expertise and help in planning and construction for the new electronic sign, and wiring upgrades for the new Rectory. Gary also worked for every fish fry this year as well.

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.



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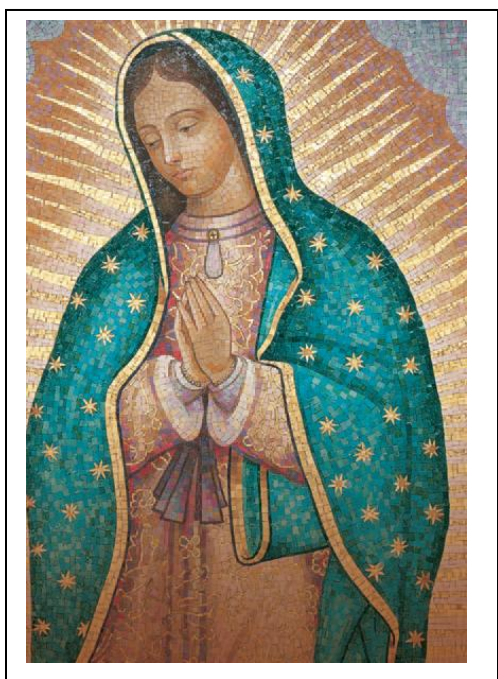
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Knights Sponsoring Novena for Life – May 3rd – May 11th.

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 3, 2025, at 5:15 pm and end on May 11, 2025, 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 11th. 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 – Happy Easter!

First of all, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to our dedicated brother knights for their selfless commitment to our annual fish fries. Through their hard work and dedication have exemplified the spirit of service and generosity that lies at the heart of our organization. Their willingness to give of their time and talents has made a significant difference in the lives of many, and for that, we are all truly grateful.

As Easter Sunday approaches, we are reminded of the promise of renewal and hope that this special day brings. I want to extend warm wishes to each and every one of you for a joyous and blessed Easter. As we gather with loved ones, share meals, and partake in Easter traditions, let us also take a moment to reflect on the significance of this holy day. May the spirit of Easter fill your homes with happiness, your hearts with love, and your lives with countless blessings. Happy Easter to all!

Chuck Walerius, Grand Knight



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Upcoming Events

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

Tootsie Roll Drive – April 26th – 27th, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

Opening Klein Drive Park – May 3rd - 8:00 am, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

Novena for Life – May 3rd, contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752

Election of Officers – May 20th – 7:00 pm Klein Drive Park

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

Consecration to the Holy Family – June 7th – 15th, contact Nick Kehtel 218-393-2805

Nominations for 25-26 Officers

Below is the current list of officers for the 24-25 fiscal year, which begins July 1st each year. Those positions up for election this year are highlighted in **BOLD** print. At this month's meeting, we will be taking nominations for anyone interested in holding these positions, with elections being held at the May 20th meeting.

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

Knights Insurance Contact:

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