



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

March 2022

KC Exemplifications – Congratulations Third Degrees!

The Waconia Knights of Columbus held Exemplifications at the St Joseph Church Parish Center on December 14, 2021 and February 24, 2022. The new Exemplification ceremony for Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, which is now combined into one 30 minute ceremony, was conducted by our local officers. Congratulations to our new Third Degree Knights: Nate Matousek, Brian Doeden, Nick Kehtel, Chris Richards, and Luke Kleindl.



Pregnancy Centers Support - Enkrateia: House of Hope and Southwest Options for Women

Changing the hearts and minds of society about abortion by showing that we love both mother and child before and after birth is core to the Knights values. To fulfill this mission our Council provides financial support to pro-life pregnancy centers that help pregnant women during pregnancy and following the birth of their newborn children. The Waconia Knights has adopted the [Enkrateia: House of Hope](#) (EHOH) and [Southwest Options for Women](#) (SWOW) and recently made donations to each group with the proceeds from the Respect Life Breakfast.



EHOH @ Respect Life Breakfast



Donated \$2,000 EHOH



Donated \$1,000 SWOW

First Fish Fry a Success – Over 500 Served!

The first Fish Fry on March 4th was a huge success serving over 500 people! Many volunteers from the Knights, their families, parishioners, and community members came together to help make this possible. A big THANK YOU to everyone involved for helping at our recent and future Fish Fry events. The KC Fish Fry provides a non-meat option for the community committed to fasting during Lent, brings the parish together outside of Sunday gatherings, and raises money for causes close to the hearts of our local Council. **Please signup to help today at this [link](#) or contact Chuck Walerius at cwalerius@mediacombb.net or 952-270-4706.**



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Knight of the Month – Big Heart & Big Impact

Our Knight of the Month loves the Knights and has a special place in his heart for leading our largest annual fund raiser year after year. Through the countless early mornings and late nights his tireless efforts, along with many others, supports our families, church, and community to deliver one of the largest Fish Fry's in the state. Ron Rademacher, our "Knight of the Month" has a big heart and makes a big impact leading by example and having a passion for serving others. A big thank you to Ron for his dedication over many years of service to the Knights.

KC Faith in Action Blood Drive – Saving Lives

The Knights of Columbus co-coordinated the Waconia Community Faith in Action Blood Drive in partnership with North Memorial Blood Center on Monday March 7th at the St Joseph Church Parish Center. Spanning multiple faith-based organizations in Waconia and the surrounding area, over 70 people registered to give life by giving blood. Thank you to all that helped and donated to support our neighbors in need of blood during this blood emergency.



New Waconia KC Website – Check it Out

The new Waconia Knights website has officially been launched. This will be used as a resource for upcoming events, news, calendar, new member recruitment, paying dues, making donations and more. Please check out the new website at www.waconiaknights2506.org The old website has been sunset, but the content is still available if needed. Let us know if there are any comments or suggestions for the new website by contacting waconiaknights@gmail.com. A big thank you to Larry Revering who faithfully supported our old website for many years.

Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15th at 6:00 pm followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 pm at St Joes Parish Center in the church lower level. Snacks and beverages will be served along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights. See you then!



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Upcoming Events

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

- Fish Fry – Friday, March 4th – Friday, April 8th, contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706
- Southwest Options for Women - Guest speaker, April 19th 7:00 pm General KC Meeting
- Tootsie Roll Drive - April, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
- Opening Klein Drive Park - May, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

Grand Knight Corner – Gathering is Good for the Soul

Getting out and gathering together is good for the soul. We are called to gather as stated in Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there with you.” When God is with us, he is in our soul and spirit. It brings us new life, hope, and faith. I recently witnessed this at two Knights of Columbus events. The first was at the “Brothers and Brews” night where over 15 KC’s came together as Catholic men and shared fraternity and brotherhood together. The second was at the “Fish Fry” where over 30 volunteers came together to serve over 500 neighbors, filling them not only with fish but filling them with warm hearts and conversations with friends. Thank you, Lord, for letting us gather once again!

John Short, Grand Knight

2021-2022 Officers

- Chaplain.....Father Stan Mader 952-442-2384
- Grand Knight.....John Short 612-281-6215
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- Chancellor.....Fred Bleedorn 913-220-4667
- Recording Secretary.....Joe Eiden 612-751-2924
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- Lecturer.....Deacon Greg Miller 914-843-7973
- Advocate.....Jake Grassel 763-443-2589
- Warden.....Chris Carson 515-554-0919
- Inside Guard.....Rob Christenson 763-232-0571
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- 3 Year Trustee.....Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
- 2 Year Trustee.....Kurt Siebert 952-250-0201
- 1 Year Trustee.....Ken Gerding 952-442-4357

Committees

- Parish Liaison.....Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
- Communications.....John Short 612-281-6215
- Life.....Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
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- Family.....Chris Carson 515-988-8888
- Membership.....Ken Gerding 952-442-4357
- Member Retention..... 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