



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

February 2022

KC Free Throw Contest

The Waconia Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship was held on Sunday, January 16th for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 at the St. Joseph Catholic STEM School. This annual event encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition.

Congratulations to this year's winners! Leo K. (11), Hayden S. (12), Kade C. (13), Cora R. (13), Clara K. (14). Thanks to Trent Klein for leading the program this year.



Food for Families – Food Shelf

Many in our community are struggling through hardship and unable to provide food for their families. The Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families program which donates to our local Food Shelf. The Waconia Knights recently donated \$800 to the Waconia United Food shelf from the Good Will donations received during the Christmas party. Thanks to everyone who supported this cause!



Fish Frys Return - All Hands on Deck!

After almost two years without Fish Frys, the Knights will be bringing back this favorite Lent tradition. The Fish Fry is our largest fund raiser starting the first Friday of Lent serving the entire community. 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.**

KC Caps and Shirts

If you would like to get a KC Cap or shirt, please send an email to waconiaknights@gmail.com or contact John Short at 612-281-6215. These can be worn to show your support for the KCs at the upcoming Fish Frys and other KC events throughout the year.



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Knight of the Month – Pro Life Ambassador

Our Knight of the Month has been changing the hearts and minds of society about abortion by showing that we love both mother and child before and after birth. Through his tireless efforts along with many others our council provides financial support to pro-life pregnancy centers that help pregnant women during pregnancy and following the birth of their newborn children. Bernie Rauen, our “Knight of the Month” puts life first and has led our council over many years with his dedication to the unborn. A big thank you to Bernie for all the lives he’s helped save!

KC Exemplification – February 24th

You are invited to attend a special ceremony of admission and advancement to the Knights of Columbus. Why should you attend? If you are a First-Degree Knight, you have the opportunity to receive the Exemplification for Charity, Unity, and Fraternity which is now combined into one 30 minute ceremony conducted by our local officers. If you are already a Third-Degree Knight, you can come to support your brother Knights and show what it means to be unified as Knights. The ceremony is on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 PM at the St Joseph Parish Center.

KC Social – Brothers and Brews

Following the KC Exemplification on February 24th, there will be a KC Social “Brothers and Brews” at the Waconia Brewery at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to join us in celebration of our new Degree Knights and to just have some fun! The first round is on me! (GK)

KC Faith in Action Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus are co-coordinating the Waconia Faith in Action Blood Drive in partnership with North Memorial Blood Center on Monday March 7th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at St Joseph Church Parish Center. Spanning multiple faith-based organizations in Waconia and the surrounding area, we are focused on leaving no neighbor behind by giving life by giving blood. **Donation signup at this [Link](#)** or by calling 1-888-GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253)

Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 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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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.

Grand Knight Corner – New Membership Experience Guide

A Membership Experience Guide has been developed and will be published on the new website in the [“About Us”](#) section. The Membership Experience guide was put together for new and existing members to share information about our council and how we, as men of faith, support each other and our community. I encourage you to check out this guide that was designed with the following goals in mind:

- Help you feel welcome into our council while being comfortable speaking with other members and potential new members about our organization
- Understand the objectives of our council and how you can serve in existing programs or volunteer to start something new
- Fulfill your expectations of belonging to an organization that does service in the name of God supporting our families and community

2021-2022 Officers

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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