



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

December 2023

“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 292 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.



Welcome New Knights!

The Waconia Knights would like to welcome our new members from the first half of our fraternal year. Please welcome Randy Young, Jeff Van Eyell, Scott Post, Steve Fleck, Tyson Peitz, David Fritz, John Stelten, Michael Johnson, and Mike Poppler. We are blessed to have you join us to grow our faith, lead our families, and serve our parish and community. Also, congratulations to the new Third Degrees that went through the Exemplification on Tuesday, November 21st.



Christmas Party and Meeting

Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30 pm followed by the Christmas Party Social at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm at St Joes Parish Center in the church lower level. **Please contact Ken Gerding today 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.





Knights(s) of the Month: New Deacons!

In a joyous and spiritually significant occasion, our parish proudly recognizes the commitment and dedication of three newly ordained deacons, who we honor as the Knights of the Month. This distinction not only acknowledges their religious calling but also highlights their outstanding contributions to our faith community.

The ordination of Bruce Richards, Chris Richards, and Patrick Kirsch marks a significant milestone in their journey of service to the Church. Their commitment to the ministry and their deep-rooted faith have set them apart as exemplary figures within our parish. These individuals have demonstrated exceptional leadership and a profound understanding of the responsibilities that come with their newfound roles. Through their service, they embody the virtues of humility, dedication, and a genuine love for their fellow parishioners.

Waconia Council 2506 as well as the parish community joins in celebrating these Brother Knights as Knights of the Month, recognizing the significance of their spiritual journey.

Gifts for Troops

Knights in partnership with the Masonic Lodge and Lions Club supported “Gifts for the Troops” again this year by filling and delivering packages to soldiers overseas. The Knights donated \$500 to support this program for the troops that serve all of us. The packages contained candy, small gifts, and lots of joy. Thanks to all who serve our country.

Coats for Kids Held on December 1st – St Joseph Church

The Coats for Kids event was held on December 1st 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.



Upcoming Events

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events for December and January. Call Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706 or email jwsshort@gmail.com if questions or to volunteer for an upcoming event.

- [Catholic Man Study Group](#) – 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm St Joes Parish Center
- Knights Christmas Party – Dec 12th 5:30 pm – Contact Ken Gerding 952-442-4357 to register
- Pro-Life Breakfast – Sunday, January 21st, contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
- Knights Free Throw Contest – January 28th 2:00 pm – Contact Trent Klein 952-201-1107



Year End Message from Our Knights Insurance Agent

As we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of “Peace on Earth” and “Goodwill to Men!” We remember Pope Francis’ Prayer for Peace where he prays “Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!...Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last...”

In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. Seems like we’re busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we’re so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resource office or your health insurance carrier for details.
2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that’s in there by year end? Some plans have a “use it or lose it” feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.
3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute more based on the “catch up” provision? Now is the time to start making plans.
4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with rules and regulations, and each individual situation is different. I’d be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

Vivat Jesus!

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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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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
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