



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

July 2023

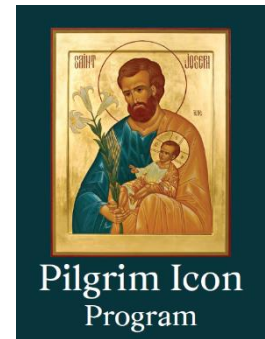
Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Mass Held June 25th at Leonard Farm

The Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Mass was hosted at the Tim & Amy Leonard Family Farm on Sunday June 25th. Over 300 people throughout the archdiocese attended the mass led by Archbishop Hebda. Many parishioners led by Cheryl Salz and the Leonard family helped make the mass a success. A special thank you to the Knights that provided key roles: Tim & Amy Leonard (hosts); Father Stan, Bruce Richards, Chris Richards, and Patrick Kirsch (mass); Chuck Walerius (Committee Chair) and all the Knights who helped with setup, traffic/parking, and cleanup. The Knights also coordinated and paid for the shuttle bus drivers with the buses donated as a service in kind from Koch Bus Service.



St Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service July 18th 7:00 PM

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. St Joseph has been selected as the icon to travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. The Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service will be held at St Joseph Church on **July 18th at 7:00 pm** for all KCs, wives, parishioners, and KCs in District 48. The service will include hymns, scripture, papal reflection, rosary, and litany to St Joseph.



Respect Life Picnic August 13th 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Klein Drive Park

The Waconia Knights are hosting a regional Respect Life Picnic on Sunday, Aug 13th at the Waconia KC Park from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Maggee Hangge, Pro-Life Lobbyist & Policy and Public Relations Associate, Minnesota Catholic Conference and Kim Bennecke, Executive Director Southwest Options for Women will be speaking to provide awareness on the new MN laws impacting the lives of the unborn and educating on the consequences of these legislative actions. All are welcome to this event! Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be served. Free will donations will go to Southwest Options for Women. This will be a fun event with games for all ages, is family friendly, and will better prepare us all on having conversations about pro-life support and the upcoming elections in 2024. Please look for sign up to help at the event. See you there!





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Next KC Meeting at St Joseph Church – July 18th 6:30 pm

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18th at 6:00 pm followed by the General Member Meeting at 6:30 pm at **St Joseph Church**. This will be a brief meeting held in the Parish Center to cover council business followed by the St Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service at 7:00 pm. All Wives are welcome to join this meeting and all of the general meetings through September. Snacks and beverages will be served along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights.

Knight of the Month – Rural Life Sunday Mass

In the spirit of recognizing extraordinary acts of service and selflessness within our council, it is with great honor that we select Tim Leonard (Past Grand Knight 1989-1990) as our Knight of the Month. Tim and Amy Leonard, along with their devoted family, demonstrated an exceptional commitment to our recent Rural Life Sunday event, making a lasting impact on our catholic community. Together with their family, Tim and Amy went above and beyond, devoting their time, skills, and resources to create a truly memorable and meaningful experience for all.

In the weeks leading up to the event, Tim, along with his family and countless volunteers, led the charge in organizing all aspects of the event including the Mass celebrated by Archbishop Hebda, activities and exhibits that showcased the beauty and importance of rural life, and providing a wonderful meal for all in attendance.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Tim Leonard and his family, Rural Life Sunday left an indelible mark on our community. Through their hard work, passion, and unwavering commitment, they reminded us of the importance of preserving our rural heritage and fostering connections with those who provide us with the sustenance and resources we often take for granted. A big thank you to Tim for his support and service to the Knights, our parish, and our community.

100 Year Anniversary – September 24th – Get Your Tickets Today!

Council 2506 will be celebrating it's 100 year anniversary on **September 24, 2023** from 4:00pm – 8:00 pm at Sovereign Estates. The festivities will include mass with **Archbishop Hebda**, social, dinner, and program. Invitations have gone out to all members where you can RSVP or you can also signup today for tickets and sponsorships on our website at www.waconiaknights2506.org. 100 year anniversary mugs are also available on the website store. Click [here](#) to order.





Upcoming Events

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

St Joseph Pilgrim Icon Service – July 18th 7:00 pm, St Joseph Church

KC Regional Respect Life Picnic – August 13th 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Klein Drive Park

Catholic Man – September 6th, 7:00 pm Klein Drive Park, John Short 612-281-6215

100 Year Celebration – September 24th 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Sovereign Estates

Waconia Knight - Serving Our Country Overseas

From Nick Kehtel, Council 2506 Faith and Social Media Director, and National Guard Officer.

Hello to my brother Knights! I pray that everything is going well for you and your families during this summer season. I don't have too much to report on for this newsletter, other than to say it will be my last – I am heading back to the United States in early August and will be back in Minnesota by mid-month! To say I am excited would be an understatement, but I remain focused on finishing my time here as strong as I can to set the new team replacing me and my Minnesota teammates up for success as they begin their tour.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy their 4th of July holiday. It was a fun and ironic experience celebrating Independence Day while in the company of our British military coalition partners. There was a lot of good-natured joking here on base, with them wishing us Americans a “Happy Treason Day” and a number of festivities that featured US vs UK teams playing various games against each other. It was a relaxing and enjoyable day for our group here and certainly an Independence Day I'll never forget.

I appreciate that you've allowed me to share my thoughts and experiences with you in the monthly newsletter while I've been deployed. I also want to take a moment and thank the Council again for the supportive words and prayers throughout this mobilization, as well as the care package you sent. Even though I've been far from home, being able to stay in touch via email with everything the Knights have been active with in our parish has been one of the things that has truly helped me still feel connected with home. I am excited to get back to Waconia and get back to serving alongside you in the important work our Council undertakes. As I prepare to head home from the battlefields in the Levant, I am constantly reminded when reading the news about what is going on in our state, country, and wider world that the spiritual battlefield is the place where the most important efforts we as Catholics engage in remains an ongoing struggle against evil in our time. I turn again to the words of Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in his World War 2-era “Wartime Prayer Book” in which I have constantly found comfort while overseas, and which I continue to draw inspiration from to better devote myself to God and his church:



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“Did God send us, above all other men, into the world to be idle in spiritual matters? Is it our mission only to find pleasure in this world, in which we are merely pilgrims and sojourners? Are we more than sons of Adam, who, by the sweat of their brow, are to eat bread till they return to the earth out of which they are taken? Unless we have some work in hand, unless we are struggling, unless we are fighting with ourselves, we are not followers of those who ‘through many tribulations entered into the kingdom of God.’ A fight is the very token of a Christian. He is a soldier of Christ; high or low, he is this and nothing else. If we have triumphed over all mortal sin, then we must attack our venial sins; there is no help for it; there is nothing else to do if we would be soldiers of Jesus Christ.”

Please pray for me as I prepare to begin my journey home, and please continue to keep our men and women serving in the military in your prayers, as well as their families. I will see you all soon – may God bless you all!

Grand Knight’s Corner – A New Fiscal Year

It is with great pleasure and honor that I write to you today as your newly elected Grand Knight. As I step into this important role, I would like to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for the outstanding work and dedication of our Past Grand Knight, John Short. Under his guidance and leadership, our council has flourished, serving as a beacon of faith, family, life, and community, our four Faith in Action program areas. He has taken our council to the next level as we look to achieve Star Council for the first time in a few years. We are all grateful for his countless hours of service, tireless efforts, and the indelible impact he has made upon our brotherhood.

To John Short, I extend my deepest gratitude for his service and leadership. May his example continue to inspire us as we strive for excellence, honor, and integrity. As he steps back from his role, let us ensure that his legacy remains a guiding light for us all.

As I assume the responsibilities of Grand Knight, I humbly accept the torch passed on to me and vow to carry it with the utmost reverence. As we begin the next 100 years, together, let us continue the noble traditions set forth by our predecessors, dedicated to promoting fellowship, advocating for the unborn, increasing our faith as men helping to strengthen our families, and continuing the bonds that unite us as knights.

I eagerly anticipate working alongside each and every one of you, as we forge ahead, united in our mission, and driven by the faith filled values that define us as Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

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
 Winter boat storage: Roger Buesgens 952-442-2527