



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

June 2023

Eucharistic Procession Held Sunday, June 11th

St Joseph Church in partnership with the Waconia Knights of Columbus conducted a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, June 11th. Father Stan led the procession with our local Knights assisting. Reintroducing Eucharistic Processions where they have faded in popularity can be a powerful way to renew and rediscover both belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as well as the missionary call that every Catholic shares: to bring Jesus to the world.



State Third Place Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winner

Congratulations to Alexandra Tholkes for winning third place in the State of Minnesota Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest for ages 11-14. The contest was held in December encouraging children and their families to see the light of Christ and be in the spirit of giving. Thanks to all that participated for your creativity and to the winners for giving us all inspiration.



Consecration to the Holy Family - June 10-18

The Waconia Knights, in partnership with St Joseph Catholic Community, launched the Consecration to the Holy Family on June 10-11. To assist families in living out the joy of Christ, families can come together through a [prayer](#) to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. We invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family and join us in prayer on Father’s Day, June 18th. “Donuts for Dads” to be served after masses on Sunday. Contact John Short 612-281-6215.

Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20th at 6:00 pm followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 pm at **Klein Drive Park**. This meeting will include installation of officers for the upcoming fraternal year for District #48. Wives are welcome to join this meeting and all of the general meetings through September at Klein Drive Park. Cheese sandwiches will be served along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights. Please bring a dish to pass. See you then!



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Knights of the Month – Representing the Knights

Our Knight of the Month took the opportunity while participating in the St Joseph STEM School Golf Tournament to promote the Knights by wearing his “Knights Gear” including his 100 year anniversary shirt and Knights cap. Beyond that he’s been a leader for the Catholic Man small group program, member of the 100 year legacy gift committee, and spearheaded the prayer card initiative for healthcare workers and educators during COVID. He is always there willing to give a helping hand and does so consistently when help is needed most. A Catholic Man that does good things for the good of others with humility and kindness are just some of the qualities that make Tom Konrardy our “Knight of the Month”. A big thank you to Tom for your support and many years of service to the Knights, our parish, and community.



Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday, June 25th 1:30 pm Mass

Join us for the Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Mass to be hosted at the Tim & Amy Leonard Family Farm. Address: 13315 106th St. Norwood Young America, MN 55397. Mass with Arch Bishop Hebda followed by lunch, music, & children’s activities. The Knights will be helping with setup, parking, and cleanup. Sign up to volunteer at this [link](#) or contact Chuck Walerius at 952-270-4706.

St Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service – July 18th

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. The service will include hymns, scripture, papal reflection, rosary, and litany to St Joseph.

Officer Election Results for Fraternal Year 2023-2024

The officer election was held at the May general meeting with the results listed below. Congratulations to our new officers!

Grand Knight.....Chuck Walerius	Warden.....Greg Fruhwirth
Deputy Grand Knight.....Charlie Loegering	Inside Guard.....James Vettel
Chancellor.....Nick Kehtel	Outside Guard.....Nate Matousek
Recording Secretary.....Joe Eiden	3 Year Trustee.....John Short
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100 Year Anniversary – September 24th – Be a Sponsor!

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. Please contact Nate Matousek at 612-875-2986 if you are interested in being a sponsor as outlined below.



Knights of Columbus 100th Anniversary Celebration		
Program Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities		
<p style="text-align: center;">100th Anniversary Celebration Program Advertising:</p> <p>Quarter Page: \$50</p> <p>Half Page: \$100</p> <p>Full Page: \$175</p> <p><small>For inquiries contact: John Short 612-281-6215 WaconiaKnights@gmail.com or Nate Matousek 612-875-2986 Nate@NatesFarm.com Please send logos to WaconiaKnights@gmail.com</small></p>	Gold Sponsorship \$300	<p>All Sponsorships and program advertisements will help fund a 100 year legacy gift to St. Joseph Church from the Waconia Knights of Columbus Council.</p> <p>We thank you for your support and generosity for the past 100 years, and the next 100 to come.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WACONIA COUNCIL 2506</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half page ad in event program • Recognition on event website & outdoor banner • Recognition at celebration 	
	Platinum Sponsorship \$500	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full page ad in event program • Recognition on event website, outdoor banner & Patriot Newspaper • Recognition at celebration 	
	Table Sponsor \$750	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two celebration tickets • Full-page ad in event program • Recognition on event website, outdoor banner & Patriot Newspaper • Special recognition at celebration <p><small>*This sponsorship will provide celebration tickets to retired Knights, widows of Knights, & honorary guests. Five Table Sponsorships available*</small></p>		
	Premium Sponsorship \$1,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two celebration tickets • Premium full-page ad in event program • Recognition on event website, outdoor banner & Patriot Newspaper • Individual special poster recognition at celebration <p><small>*Three Premium Sponsorships available: Wine Sponsor, Mass Sponsor, Entertainment Sponsor*</small></p>	
	Supreme Event Sponsor \$3,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two celebration tickets seated with the Bishop • Premium full-page ad in event program • Sponsorship recognition on event website, outdoor banner & Patriot Newspaper Ad • Individual banner recognition at celebration <p><small>*One Supreme Sponsorship available*</small></p>	

Upcoming Events

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

Consecration to the Holy Family – June 10th – 18th, contact John Short 612-281-6215

Installation of Officers – June 20th 7:00 pm Klein Drive Park

Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Mass – June 25th 1:30 pm, Leonard Family Farm

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

KC Regional Family Picnic – August 16th 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Klein Drive Park

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 hope your summer season is going well, and that your efforts with the Knights and our Parish continue to gain momentum as we head towards the 100th anniversary celebration. Now that the month has turned to June, I am truly beginning to feel that I am in the home stretch of my time overseas.

As I've mentioned in previous newsletters, this month will see the turnover of a significant amount of our staff, including our commanding general and most of the senior leadership. It always is a funny experience to go from showing up knowing nothing to now being a part of the continuity and a subject matter expert for my job while a new leadership group take over. One of the things the military is always emphasizing is to get outside of your comfort zone. The perspective is that once you begin to feel comfortable with something, it's time to switch to a new job and learn something new. With officers especially, you'll rarely be in a position for longer than a couple of years. As frustrating as it can feel while struggling to learn a new role, it also is one of the things that I appreciate most about the military when I step back and think about it. The emphasis on physical and mental growth is ingrained, and I would also make the case that spiritual growth is a natural outlet of this mindset also, and one that manifests itself time and again as people seek out God to help them through their personal and professional challenges.

Last month I spent a week in Qatar for a planning conference at an Air Force base with other US military personnel from units around the Middle East. It was an exciting opportunity to change up the daily routine a bit with some travel, and while extremely hot every day I was there, visiting Qatar was a great experience. A large group of us from the conference were able to go on an afternoon tour of Doha, the capital and largest city, on the final day of the conference, and enjoyed a dinner in town that evening. As with Kuwait and the other petroleum-rich countries in the Persian Gulf region, the amount of wealth in the country was evident everywhere you looked.

I also had the opportunity this past weekend to visit the Crusader-built Kerak Castle in west-central Jordan. Built in 1142, it survived at least two siege attempts before falling to Saladin's Muslim army in 1188. Its final Christian ruler was the infamous Raynald of Châtillon, and much of the Crusader-era structure is still intact, with additions made by later Arab and Ottoman rulers also present in the architecture. When visiting the many historic sites in Jordan, the thousands of years of conflict that have affected the region are in stark evidence. Not to be too dramatic, but as I was standing on the ramparts of this castle looking down into the valley where you could see the Dead Sea and the shores of Israel across from it, I found my mind wandering into the thought that like the soldiers of antiquity, this was just my turn to partake in the struggles of a region that has rarely known peace these past many millennia. In an area with places so sacred to us as Christians yet with so much human suffering, the call for us to serve as examples of peace and protectors of the innocent in our duties as Catholic men has never felt more important. We as modern Christian Knights have the opportunity to lead a Crusade of our



own - within our own hearts, within our own families, and within our own communities through our acts of faith, hope, and charity.

I know that this month you will partake in the Consecration to the Holy Family. I wish you all a prayerful and engaging time with this, as we turn to the Holy Family for guidance and a shining example during our confusing and distressing times when the very nature of Christian family life and values can feel under assault. As someone who comes from a broken family, I turn to and find comfort in the example of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus as a beacon to light the way toward rejuvenation of Christian familial structure and fidelity in our society.

Until next month, I wish you all a successful June and ask that you keep me and my family in your prayers – I shall continue to do the same for you and all the efforts you undertake as Knights. God Bless!

Grand Knight Corner – Fathers Leading our Families

Father's Day is a chance for every man to reflect on his father's legacy — and his own. As Knights, we should strive to hand down to our children our most precious possession, the fullness of the Catholic faith. By doing this the Knights take a leadership role in our council, our families, and our parish in creating the domestic church. The Domestic Church is believing that how you live your faith in your families, parish, and community has a ripple effect that changes the world.

I'm inspired by the legacy of those that have served before us over the past 100 years with helping to build the domestic church and all their great work. We're looking forward to the next 100 years of service to this parish and community, growing our faith, leading our families, and supporting life. I wanted to thank you all for your hard work and to encourage other men to join us, sons, husbands, fathers, and grandfathers to continue our mission of building a bridge to faith.

Thanks to all of you for your support and leadership over the past two years. It's been an honor to serve with you as the Grand Knight, growing our programs and supporting our families, parish, and community. You are my brothers, who share in the call to make our ourselves and each other better Catholic men, walking together on the journey towards serving our families and leading through our faith.

Happy Father's Day to all of the men in our parish and my brother Knights. Vivat Jesus!

John Short, Grand Knight



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2022-2023 Officers

Chaplain.....Father Stan Mader 952-442-2384
 Grand Knight.....John Short 612-281-6215
 Deputy Grand Knight..... Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706
 Chancellor.....Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
 Recording Secretary.....Joe Eiden 612-751-2924
 Financial Secretary.....Mark Larsen 952-412-8347
 Treasurer.....Josh Bovee 612-298-0732
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 Warden.....Chris Carson 515-554-0919
 Inside Guard.....Rob Christenson 763-232-0571
 Outside Guard.....Nate Matousek 612-875-2986
 3 Year Trustee.....Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
 2 Year Trustee.....Kurt Siebert 952-250-0201
 1 Year Trustee.....Fred Bleedorn 913-220-4667

Committees

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 Life.....Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
 Community.....Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
 Faith.....Nick Kehtel 218-393-2805
 Family.....Chris Carson 515-988-8888
 Membership.....Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
 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