



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

March 2023

Faith, Family, & Baseball - Al Newman MN Twins – April 30th 11:30 am

Former MN Twins, Al Newman, and 1987 and 1991 World Series Champion will be speaking at the KC “Faith, Family, and Baseball” luncheon on Sunday, April 30th at 11:30 am at St Joseph STEM School. Hear Al share stories of his championship career and how his faith has guided him through life. Hot dogs, chips, beans, popcorn, and ice cream will be served. **Reserve your tickets at this [link](#).**



First Fish Fry’s a Success!

The first Fish Fry’s have been a success serving over 1,600 people in three events! 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 at this [link](#)** or contact Chuck Walerius at cwalerius@mediacombb.net or 952-270-4706.



KC Exemplification – April 18th

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, April 18th at 7:00 PM at the St Joseph Parish Center.

Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st 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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Knights of the Month – Working Behind the Scenes

Our Knight of the Month has been busy working behind the scenes, helping our council with getting Archbishop Hebda for our 100 Year Anniversary mass and getting two-time World Series champion Al Newman to come to Waconia for our Faith and Family event. Wow! This is beyond our biggest expectations. But his work doesn't stop there, due to his full support of our council we are able to implement our planned programs to support our families, parish, and community. Please congratulate Father Stan the next time you see him at church or helping the Knights serve food at the Fish Fry for being our Knight of the Month. Thank you, Father Stan, for your support of our council and helping us take our programs to the highest levels!

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 February 13th at the St Joseph Church Parish Center. Spanning multiple faith-based organizations in Waconia and the surrounding area, many 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.

KC 100 Year Anniversary Shirts Are In!

The KC 100 Year anniversary polo shirts are in. If you ordered one you can pick it up at our next meeting on March 21st. If you want to arrange to pick up your shirt or would like to get a shirt, please send an email to waconiaknights@gmail.com or contact John Short at 612-281-6215. These shirts can be worn to show your support for the KCs at the upcoming Fish Frys and other KC events throughout the year.

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 17th – Friday, March 31st, contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706

Tootsie Roll Drive – April 16th, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

Faith, Family, Baseball – April 30th Al Newman, contact John Short 612-281-6215

Novena for Life – May 6th, contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752

The Catholic Man – Second Wednesday of each month 7:30 Parish Center – **All welcome!**

Archbishop Hebda to be at 100 Year Anniversary – Save the Date!

Council 2506 will be celebrating it's 100 year anniversary on **September 24, 2023** at Sovereign Estates. The festivities will include mass with **Archbishop Hebda**, social, dinner, and program. More details to come as the plans develop. If you are interested in helping with the planning of the celebration, please contact co-chairs John Short, Chuck Walerius, or Charlie Loegering.



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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 this month's newsletter finds you and your families doing well. I am almost halfway through my deployment, and I am eagerly counting the days down. Fortunately the days seems to be getting busier and busier, which means the time is moving by faster and faster – no complaints there!

This is going to be a little shorter than some of my past updates. I traveled down to Kuwait for almost two weeks visiting members of our Task Force who are based out of Ali Al Salem Air Base and Camp Arifjan in that country. It's remarkable how significant the US and coalition military presence is in Kuwait – there's a good reason it's our primary theater gateway for all of the Middle East. The amount of wealth in such a small country was also striking. Compared to Jordan (a country with no oil wealth), Kuwait's oil-driven economy results in a remarkable level of luxury. The country is famous for its large malls, but drive just outside of Kuwait City and you will quickly see herds of camels and tribal groups living amongst the oil-pumps and drilling operations in the rural areas. It really is a remarkable contrast of lifestyles.

I'm back in Jordan now and should be for a while – having spent the better part of five months in this country, it is beginning to feel more and more familiar and comfortable. A new Air Force Chaplain Priest arrived in country recently, so I've been able to attend Mass at a nearby US installation rather than driving to Madaba on Sundays' (although it still remains my favored nearby city to visit). I was able to participate in an Ash Wednesday service that featured some beautiful music

My daughter turns one year old this month, and while my morale remains good, I'd be lying if I said I wasn't feeling a little bummed to be missing all the festivities my wife is planning for her. Fortunately, my daughter will be surrounded by the love of her grandparents, aunts, and uncles as they celebrate this milestone. I am so thankful that technology is at a point today where I can receive daily pictures and videos of my daughter as she continues to grow.

I hope the Fish Frys have been going well – I look forward to being there to help out with those next year once I'm home. I am keeping the Knights and our mission in my prayers, and I hope you are successful with all the coming endeavors as we continue to make our way through the season of Lent. Until next month, may God bless you all and your important work!

– Nick Kehtel, Special Operations Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve

KC Raffle

The KC's will be having a Raffle starting March 24th – April 12th and will be sold during the Fish Fry's on March 24th and 31st. More information on prizes and how to help sell tickets in the coming weeks. Funds from the Raffle will go towards the 100 year celebration and gift to the church. Thank you in advance for your help and support of this KC fundraiser.



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Financial Secretary – Opportunity for Growth

The Knights have an opportunity for members who want to bring their skills forward to help our council with a key role – Financial Secretary. This position is critical to the success of our organization and needs to be filled. Please review the description of this role at this [link](#) and reach out to John Short jwsshort@gmail.com or 612-281-6215 if you have any questions or would like to help with this position.

Grand Knight Corner – It’s in God’s Hands

“it’s in God’s hands”. How often do we say that? How often should we say that? Lent reminds us to put our faith in God’s hands. We’re continued to be reminded of this over and over again, especially with things that are sometimes out of our control. Giving God control lifts the burden from ourselves and turns it over to Him. We thank Him for this when we pray, or go to church, or help someone else in need. The Knights have been fortunate this Lent season and are grateful for our friends in the community that support our Fish Fry’s. How it all comes together for six weeks in a row is truly in God’s hands. Thanks to all our brother Knights for coming together to live out our virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity within our community and trusting God by putting your faith in His hands. Have a blessed Easter.

John Short, Grand Knight

2022-2023 Officers

Chaplain.....Father Stan Mader 952-442-2384
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 Treasurer.....Open
 Lecturer.....Deacon Greg Miller 914-843-7973
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 Membership.....Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
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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