



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

May 2023

Faith, Family, & Baseball with Al Newman Held April 30th

Former MN Twins, Al Newman, and 1987 and 1991 World Series Champion spoke at the KC “Faith, Family, and Baseball” luncheon on Sunday, April 30th. Over 220 people heard Al share stories of his baseball career and faith lessons he learned along the way beginning with his mother who told him “Your blessed, highly favored, and designed to prosper, you just need to trust in the Lord and have faith”. Thanks to Al and all who helped with this special KC event. See photos and the video of Al’s talk on the KC website at www.waconiaknights2506.org.



Novena for Life at St Joseph School

Waconia Knights are leading the pro-life program called Novena for Life. A novena is a period of sustained prayer over nine days for a particular intention. St Joseph School students participated in the Novena for Life program by having an option to nurture 160 plants started from seeds. The students were provided with the Novena prayer cards and they are saying the Novena in school every day of the nine-day Novena.



Klein Drive Park is Open

Klein Drive Park is open! The Knights opened the park and the facilities for the season (May 1st - Oct 1st). Opportunities to rent the park for your events may be found on our website:

<https://www.waconiaknights2506.org> Contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00 pm followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 pm at Klein Drive Park. The Officer Election for fraternal year 2023 – 2024 will be held at this meeting. See the slate of nominated officers in this newsletter. Snacks and beverages will be served along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights.



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Knight of the Month – Helping in Many Ways

Our Knight of the Month has been with our council for several years and helps in many ways that don't go unnoticed. He's the President of our Home Association, leads our Tootsie Roll Drive, is a Trustee, and is the Community Director for our council. "Where there is a need there is a Knight" is the motto that best represents our Knight of the month, serving our council in many ways wherever and whenever needed. A big thank you to Adam Hughes, our "Knight of the Month", for all that you do for our council and for your leadership with the Knights.

KC District Exemplification Held April 18th

A district wide special ceremony of admission and advancement to the Knights of Columbus was held on April 18th at St Joseph Parish with seven new Third Degree members from Council 2506 and six new Third Degree members from surrounding councils including Chaska, Chanhasen, and Mound. Congratulations to our new Third Degree Knights: Chuck Palm, Jeff Nazzaro, Curtis Heldt, Theodore Sinnen, Nick Dahlke, Tad Reznick, and Anthony Reznick.

Knights Scholarship – Open for Applications - Due June 1st

The Waconia Knights of Columbus is accepting applications from those students entering their freshman year of college in 2023 and whose father or grandfather is a member in good standing in council 2506. To apply, students must complete the Knights of Columbus Council 2506 Application for College Tuition Scholarship by June 1. The application is available online at the Waconia Knights website www.waconiaknights2506.org or can be picked up in the St Joseph STEM School office. Please submit completed applications by email to waconiaknights@gmail.com. The Knights believe that service in the parish and community are very important in shaping Christian values and will be a key element of successful applicants.

"Who Wants to be a Millionaire" Waconia Brewery May 23rd 6:30

District #48 will be hosting a Fraternal Benefits Seminar watch party at 6:30 on May 23rd at the Waconia Brewery. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, featuring Tom Hegna will be live streamed highlighting wealth building strategies and retirement planning. Pizza will be provided along with fellowship with brother Knights from surrounding councils.

Consecration to the Holy Family - June 10-18

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a [prayer](#) through which families may come together 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 June 10-18. Contact John Short 612-281-6215



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 May is off to wonderful start. I know there's been lots of great activities and programs either just completed, ongoing, or upcoming, and I am keeping all your efforts in my prayers. I am joining with you in praying the Novena for Life this month, and I hope that this year's novena is a spiritually successful one for you, your families, and our parish community.

This past month was a steady one for me. Nothing overly exciting to report (which is a good thing), and it's been a good opportunity to focus on refining processes and wrapping up some projects that have been taking a back seat due to operational activity since the start of the year. As we head towards the month of June, our entire team is focused on the coming change of command as we prepare to welcome a new commanding general to oversee the task force. In addition to a new general, most of the core staff positions also swap out in June, and there will be a lot of new faces and names to learn heading into my final months of deployment, but I am excited to meet the new team and work with them in the ongoing mission we have here in the Levant.

As it stands now, I am expecting to be back in Minnesota sometime in mid-August. I know one of the things my wife, Annie, is looking forward to most in having me home is to assist in wrangling up our energetic daughter. Eloise is almost 14 months old now and continues to find new ways to keep her mom busy! One of the fun things both Annie and I have been doing to keep ourselves occupied over my deployment is planning a trip to take together in early September after being apart for so long - we're planning to visit Ireland, Scotland, and London for a little more than 2 weeks, and can't wait to explore a part of the world we both thoroughly appreciate and have ancestral connections to.

Speaking of the UK, I know many Americans might find it silly, but it was a really great experience celebrating the coronation of King Charles III this past weekend with all the UK service members I have the privilege to be deployed with here. With it being the first one in over 70 years, they made a great effort to put on a big watch party for the whole base to enjoy in, and most everyone did. Many of our senior officers are from the UK armed forces, and several of them know or have served at one point with members of the Royal Family. It was a special opportunity to be able to share in this important event with our British brothers and sisters in arms while they tuned in and celebrated this historic ceremony for their country while deployed in service to it.

It's hard to believe that I have less than one hundred days until I'm home, but the work we do here is ongoing and remains important and will keep me busy right up until I leave. Until next month, please keep me and my fellow service members here in your prayers as I move towards these final months overseas. I pray for your continued success as a Council and am looking forward to rejoining you soon!



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Grand Knight Corner – Grateful for our Mothers

The Knights of Columbus are leading the Novena (prayer) for Life which concludes on Mother’s Day. We are grateful for all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and expectant mothers who care for our children. Your love, guidance, and support have shaped us into the people we are today. Your sacrifices and your dedication to your families is a true inspiration.

As Knights of Columbus, we are committed to supporting and honoring the dignity of every human life, and we recognize the invaluable role that mothers play in this mission. We vow to continue to work to build a culture that values and uplifts motherhood and to support you in all your efforts. On Mother's Day, we honor and celebrate you. May God bless you and grant you the strength, joy, and peace that you deserve.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Proverbs 31: 28-29.

John Short, 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