



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

January 2024

Congratulations to Our New Deacons!

On December 9, 2023, three of our fellow Knights and St Joseph parishioners were ordained as deacons at the St Paul Cathedral. Congratulations to Chris Richards, Bruce Richards, and Patrick Kirsch, who received the Ordination of Deacon and will be at St Joseph Parish for the next 6-8 months. And with our brother Knight, Deacon Greg Miller's continued presence, the parish remains connected to this wonderful journey of service and faith. Your brother Knights offer our prayers and heartfelt congratulations for your service to our parish and archdiocese.



Respect Life Breakfast – January 21st

The Knights, in partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church, will be co-hosting the “Respect Life Breakfast” on Sunday, January 21st, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm at St. Joseph STEM School in Waconia. Please come join us for breakfast while supporting life. This is a “Free Will Offering”. Proceeds will go to support MN Concerned Christians for Life, Southwest Options for Women, and Lutherans for Life. **Please sign up to help with the breakfast** at this [link](#) or contact Charlie Loegering at cloegering@comcast.net or 612-670-2752.

Knight of the Month – A Beacon of Brotherhood

In the spotlight this month is Brother Ken Gerding, recognized as our Knight of the Month for his outstanding contributions and unwavering dedication to our council and community. Ken's commitment to excellence and tireless work ethic have not gone unnoticed. Whether it's going above and beyond in planning and organizing our yearly Christmas Party, lending a helping hand during our Linger Longer campaigns, organizing special Masses, or attracting new members, Ken exemplifies the true spirit of a team player.

As we celebrate Ken Gerding as our Knight of the Month, let us express our gratitude for his exemplary performance, outstanding character, and the positive influence he brings to our team. Cheers to Ken and his wife Cathy and the continued success they bring to our organization!

Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00 pm in the School Commons followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 pm in the School Commons. Snacks and beverages will be served along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights. See you then! **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF THE MEETINGS LOCATION TO SCHOOL COMMONS!**



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Upcoming Events

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events in January - March. See final details for these events in upcoming newsletters.

Respect Life Breakfast – Sunday, January 21st; contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752

KC Free Throw Contest – Sunday, January 28th 2:00 pm; contact Trent Klein 952-201-1107

The Catholic Man – First Wednesday of each month 7:00 Parish Center – **All welcome!**

Faith In Action Blood Drive – Monday, February 19th; contact Chris Parker 651-226-2835

Fish Fry – Friday, February 14th – Friday, March 22nd; contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706

KC Faith in Action Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus are co-coordinating the Waconia Faith in Action Blood Drive in partnership with North Memorial Blood Center on Monday, February 19th, from 11:00 am – 5:30 pm at St Joseph Church Parish Center. Spanning multiple faith-based organizations in Waconia and the surrounding area, we are focused on leaving no neighbor behind by giving life by giving blood. **Donation signup** by calling 1-888-GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253).

Christmas Party Helps Gather and Grow Food Shelf

The Waconia Knights celebrated Christmas on December 12th together with over 80 brother Knights and family members. Through free will donations that evening, the Knights raised \$1,000 that was donated to the Gather and Grow Food Shelf. The goal of Food for Families is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. Many in our community are struggling through hardship and unable to provide food for their families. The Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families program, which donates to our local Food Shelf.



Knights Placemat Sponsorship Opportunity

The Knights are raising additional funds for a legacy gift in commemoration of our 100th Year Anniversary. We are offering an opportunity to be a sponsor of the Fish Fry's, Respect Life Picnic and Breakfast. Your business card image will be on the placemats used at these events, where nearly 4,000 people will attend. In addition, a sign recognizing our sponsors will be displayed at each event.

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Your Business Card Here	<p>Welcome www.waconiaknights2506.org</p> <p>Thank you for joining us and supporting the Knights! <small>Supporting the Knights of Columbus & St. Joseph's Parish</small></p>  <p>Thanks to Our Sponsors!</p> <p><small>"Bless us, O Lord and these, thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."</small></p>			Your Business Card Here
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If you would like to help, please use the link below to make the \$200.00 sponsorship payment and send your business card image in PDF or JPEG format to waconiaknights@gmail.com.

<https://www.waconiaknights2506.org/proddetail.php?prod=Placemat>

Knights Insurance Message – Joe Remer

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a joyous and merry Christmas.

All of us start the new year afresh. We make resolutions. Let's plan now to look back at the end of 2024 and be able to say, "I kept those resolutions to improve myself, to improve my relationship with my family and friends, and my relationship with God!" An improved prayer life is the goal of many. I know I've made that resolution almost every year. Some years I do better than others.

But here are few things I've found about making resolutions that helped me. First, I don't want to make a resolution that is not possible to keep. I've got to be realistic. I can't go to an extreme. For example, to improve my prayer life, I can't go from praying for 15 minutes in the morning to reading a chapter of the Bible, attending daily Mass, reciting the rosary, and saying the Liturgy of the Hours each day. For me, that's too much of a jump. I'm going to follow that for a day or two and then something will get me off track. Myself, I need to take baby steps. Maybe start with saying the rosary each day. I've got to make my resolution achievable. The same is true of all those other resolutions we make.

I can't go from being a couch potato to running six miles a day...but I could start by walking a mile each day as an achievable step in that direction. I can't starve myself trying to lose weight...but I could cut out snacks between meals as a start. Again, an achievable step. I might want to read more, so I can start by reading a chapter a day in a book. You get the idea. The resolution has to be reasonable, achievable, and specific.

Now here is one resolution that is reasonable, achievable, and specific: Resolve to meet with me to update the information on your family's financial needs analysis. (Or maybe you need to complete a financial needs analysis.) Let's see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I'm charged to meet with each of my members each year. We can take a look at your goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to keep your family appropriately protected. I'll contact you soon to see if an appointment should be our next step. Vivat Jesus!



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Grand Knight Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I wish each and every one of you a joyful and prosperous New Year. It is going to be another big one for our council!

2024 promises to be another busy year as we start off with our respect for life breakfast, Free Throw Contest, Annual Blood Drive, and Fish Fries. New things added this year will be our 50/50 raffle during a few of the fish fries and our participation with Nickel Dickle Day festivities as we look into a Bingo and Fish Fry later this summer.

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. To do this, and continue our work, we need all our existing members and new members to join us by using our God given talents to help continue our mission of building a bridge to faith.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our council and the values we hold dear. Here's to a year filled with increased faith, purpose, brotherhood, and the fulfillment of our shared mission.

Chuck Walerius – Grand Knight

2023-2024 Officers

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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