



# Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

March 2024

## Faith, Family, & Baseball – Dick Bremer – May 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am

Former MN Twins Announcer, Dick Bremer, will be speaking at the KC “Faith, Family, and Baseball” luncheon on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at St Joseph STEM School. Hear Dick share stories of his career journey and how his faith has guided him through life. Hot dogs, chips, beans, popcorn, and ice cream will be served. Ticket info coming soon.



## Fish Fry Building Community!

The Fish Fry has been bringing community members for many years, and this year is no exception, with over 2,500 people attending four 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 and community 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](mailto:cwalerius@mediacombb.net) or 952-270-4706.



## KC Exemplification – March 19th

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, March 19th at 7:00 PM at the St Joseph Parish Center.

## Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 pm followed by the Exemplification Ceremony and 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 – Action Sports

Our Knight of the Month has been active in youth sports in our community for many years as a player and coach. He participated in the KC Free Throw contest as a young man and now he leads the KC Free throw contest for our council, coordinates the District and Regional Free Throw contest, and leads the KC Soccer Challenge for our Council. He’s also very involved with maintaining the ball field at Klein Drive Park. A big thank you to Trent Klein, our “Knight of the Month” for leading our youth programs and developing future leaders in our community.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> at the St Joseph Church Parish Center. Spanning multiple faith-based organizations in Waconia and the surrounding area, many people (50) 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.

## “Sign of Faith” Event April 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm

The KC 100 Year anniversary legacy gift committee is hosting a “Sign of Faith” event on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm to see a demonstration of the proposed LED sign at the corner of Main Street and Elm Street by the Food Shelf. With its powerful ability to draw interest, drive action, and foster connections, this sign will serve as a beacon of welcome and information for all who pass by. Come and join us to see a demonstration of what the sign looks like and why it is the most impactful way to reach community members in this location with 3.1 million annual impressions.



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706
- Exemplification** – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm Parish Center, contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706
- Brothers and Brews** – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 pm Waconia Brewery, contact John Short 612-281-6215
- Tootsie Roll Drive** – April 14<sup>th</sup>, after masses, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
- Sign of Faith** – April 16<sup>th</sup>, Food Shelf, 5:00 pm contact John Short 612-281-6215
- Novena for Life** – May 4<sup>th</sup>, during masses, contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
- Faith, Family, Baseball** – May 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 St Joseph School, contact John Short 612-281-6215
- The Catholic Man** – First Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm Parish Center – **All welcome!**



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## “Brother and Brews” – April 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

District #48 is hosting a Brothers & Brews and Watch Party on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Come join us for some fun, fellowship, and fraternity at the Waconia Brewery. A special live program on “Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning” will be shown featuring nationally recognized speaker, television personality, and best-selling author Ed Slott at 7:00 pm. This program is for all Knights and Friends of the Knights, “All are Welcome”!



## 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 2024 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 will be available online at the Waconia Knights website [www.waconiaknights.org](http://www.waconiaknights.org) or can be picked up in the St Joseph STEM School office. Please submit completed applications by email to [waconiaknights@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Eucharistic Pilgrimage – May 17-18 in Bemidji

The Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage will starting in Minnesota on May17-18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. On Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> the Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be begin at Itasca State Park (Headwaters of Mississippi) and winding its way through Minnesota and then leaving Minnesota on June 7<sup>th</sup> for Wisconsin on its way to Indianapolis, Indiana.

On Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> over 100 Knights will be needed to assist with Mass at Itasca State Park. With expectations of 3,000 to 4,000 people planning on attending the Mass, the areas of help that are needed are helping park cars and ushers.

I am asking every council and assembly in Minnesota to help with whatever they can and to have their parish participate somewhere along the line of this historic event. Please go to <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/marian-route> to see the route that is going through Minnesota. We are trying to have the complete signup sheet on the State Website by the middle of March. Together, as Knights, we can make this happen and show that the Knights of Columbus are a faithful organization.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan DeCrans, Sate Deputy



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## Grand Knight Corner – Happy Easter!

First of all, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to our dedicated brother knights for their selfless commitment to our annual fish fries. Through their hard work and dedication have exemplified the spirit of service and generosity that lies at the heart of our organization. Their willingness to give of their time and talents has made a significant difference in the lives of many, and for that, we are all truly grateful.

As Easter Sunday approaches, we are reminded of the promise of renewal and hope that this special day brings. I want to extend warm wishes to each and every one of you for a joyous and blessed Easter. As we gather with loved ones, share meals, and partake in Easter traditions, let us also take a moment to reflect on the significance of this holy day. May the spirit of Easter fill your homes with happiness, your hearts with love, and your lives with countless blessings. Happy Easter to all!

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  
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