



# Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

November 2024

## Pro Life Flags

The right to life is unlike any other right. It is the most basic right and the condition of all other personal rights, constituting the foundation of every human community. To show support for life, The Knights and friends of the Knights recently placed flags next to the church representing a child who has been aborted each month in Minnesota. Thanks to all volunteers.



## Pray for Babies and Mothers – SWOW Prayer Chain

Southwest Options for Women needs your help! Will you pray for their staff and their client in the moment of decision? They would like to text a special request to you for prayer when they have an abortion-vulnerable client making a life decision. With their service called **HopeSync**, you would receive a text when their current client and our staff working with her need prayer. Your number will not be shared or sold. Just click on this link to learn how to quickly add yourself to the team: [www.PrayForBabies.com/SWOW](http://www.PrayForBabies.com/SWOW).



## KC Exemplification – December 15<sup>th</sup>

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 25-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 [Exemplification](#) is on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 AM Mass - at St Joseph Parish.

## KC Meetings

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Come and join us.



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## Drive for New KC Members in November

The Waconia Knights will hold a Delta Church Drive the weekend of November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for new members. Everyone should invite a family member, fellow parishioner, or friend to join the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus plays a vital role in helping men to become better fathers, husbands, and leaders. Together, we help each other find our mission and conform our lives to Christ and our principles – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. **Make an intentional effort to reach out to all men and especially young fathers and invite them to join the Knights.**



## Knight of the Month – A Spark of Brotherhood

This month, we proudly recognize Gary Regnier as our Knights of Columbus Knight of the Month. Gary has consistently gone above and beyond in serving our council and community, especially through his invaluable skills as an electrician. Whether it's setting up equipment for events, assisting with council projects, or tackling electrical improvements, Gary has been there with expertise, dedication, and a generous spirit.

His willingness to lend a hand—often behind the scenes—especially for projects in the school kitchen and for the wiring of our new electronic sign. Thank you, Gary, for your hard work, humility, and commitment to our mission. Your contributions are a true blessing to us all.

## Christmas Party and Meeting – December 17<sup>th</sup>

Our December Meeting and Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, **December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** followed by the Christmas Party Social at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm at St Joes Parish Center in the church lower level. **Please contact Ken Gerding today at 952-442-4357 or [kathygerding5@gmail.com](mailto:kathygerding5@gmail.com) to register for the Christmas Party, as we will need to know how many meals to order.** Free will donation for the dinner will go to the Food Shelf.





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## Coats for Kids – December 6<sup>th</sup> – St Joseph Church

The Coats for Kids goal is to ensure that no child goes without a coat during the winter season. The Waconia Knights are partnering with St Joseph Church to make this goal a reality by donating new coats for our children in the community. Coats will be distributed at the Parish Center on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come pickup winterwear. No registration is required. To volunteer signup at this [link](#). **Questions?** Contact Julie Loscheider 952-442-3703 - [jloscheider@stjosephwaconia.org](mailto:jloscheider@stjosephwaconia.org)

## Brothers & Brews

On Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, members of our council gathered for our annual Brothers & Brews Fraternal Benefit Event where we were introduced to our council's new Field Agent Bert Grant by General Agent Joe Remer. Bert comes to us with a wealth of experience as a corporate finance guy and past District Deputy for the Watertown Minnesota area. I have included his contact information at the end of this newsletter. Join me in welcoming Bert to as our council representative!!



## Upcoming Events

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events for November and December. Contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706 or [cwalerius60@gmail.com](mailto:cwalerius60@gmail.com) if questions or to volunteer for an upcoming event.

- **Catholic Man Study Group** – 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm St Joes Parish Center
- **Exemplification** – Sunday – December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass in the Church - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree new 25 min ceremony – **ALL KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED!**
- **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** – Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Contact Amy Gallus, School Principal
- **Coats for Kids** – December 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am – 7:00 pm – **See link above to volunteer to help!**
- **Knights Christmas Party** – Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm – **Contact Ken Gerding 952-442-4357 to RSVP!**



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## Grand Knight Corner – We are Grateful

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we have countless reasons to be thankful. The Knights are grateful for our families, parish, and community and the work we do together. We're grateful for the wonderful partnership we have with our churches, aligned in our mission to know, love, and serve the Lord.

We're grateful for all the prayers, the time of volunteers supporting our many programs, and the faith we build together serving those in need and most vulnerable. These experiences not only enrich our own lives but also empower us to be better leaders, mentors, and advocates in our families and communities.

We are thankful for the chance to serve others, the unity and fraternity we share, the deepening of our faith, and personal growth opportunities. Through these blessings, we continue to uphold the noble ideals of our order and make a positive impact on our families and community. **Thank you all for what you do and have a blessed Thanksgiving.**

Chuck Walerius – Grand Knight

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### 2023-2024 Officers

Chaplain.....Father Stan Mader 952-442-2384  
Grand Knight..... Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706  
Deputy Grand Knight... Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752  
Chancellor.....Nick Kehtel 218-393-2805  
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Lecturer.....Deacon Greg Miller 914-843-7973  
Advocate.....Fred Bleedorn 913-220-4667  
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Inside Guard.....James Vettel 612-619-7741  
Outside Guard.....Nate Matousek 612-875-2986  
3 Year Trustee.....John Short 612-281-6215  
2 Year Trustee.....Adam Hughes 612-419-3718  
1 Year Trustee..... Kurt Siebert 952-250-0201

### Committees

Program Director..Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752  
Life.....Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752  
Community.....Adam Hughes 612-419-3718  
Faith.....Nick Kehtel 218-393-2805  
Family.....Matt Turek 952-454-4617  
Membership.....John Short 612-281-6215  
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

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### **Knights Insurance Contact:**

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