



# Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

February 2025

## Respect Life Breakfast

The Waconia Knights/Trinity Lutheran annual Respect Life Breakfast was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Waconia Knights provided the food prep serving its exclusive breakfast sausage along with Eggs, French Toast & Pancakes. The breakfast served roughly 400 people and received donations of \$7,750, netting \$6,500 to be provided to women and children causes. **Thanks** to all that helped to make this year's event another huge success!



## KC Free Throw Contest

The Waconia Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship was held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 at the St. Joseph Catholic STEM School. This annual event encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Thanks to Trent Klein and the volunteers that support our youth. Congratulations to this year's winners! Emily Niesen – 9, Bria Loscheider – 13, Evan Loscheider – 10, David Philip – 11, Issacc Verich – 12, and Gavin Radel - 14.





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## Fish Frys - All Hands-on Deck!- HELP NEEDED!!!

The Fish Fry is our largest fund raiser starting the first Friday of Lent, Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>, serving the entire community. 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. Last year in an independent poll, Waconia won First Place for our Fish Fries in the entire metro area!! Of course, we already knew that!

Please signup to help today using this [LINK](#) or contact Chuck Walerius at [cwalerius60@gmail.com](mailto:cwalerius60@gmail.com) or 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 Memorial Blood Center on Monday, February 17th, 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 clicking this**

[LINK](#), or by calling 612-283-7150. PLENTY OF SPOTS STILL OPEN!!

## Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Winners!

Here are the winners for this year’s Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest from St. Joe’s. These three will go on to further competition at the State level. Good Luck to All!!! Thanks to everyone who entered the competition this year!



K-2 Clara Bell



3-5 Ryleigh Swenson



6-8 Morgan Tucker



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## Knight of the Month – Keeping us in the game!!

The Knights of Columbus are proud to have our February Knight of the Month, John Short serving as our Communications Director, bringing a wealth of experience and dedication to our mission. With a deep commitment to faith, family, and service, John plays a crucial role in ensuring that our message reaches not only our members but the community as well.

His efforts help to highlight our Council's charitable works, promote key initiatives, and strengthen engagement with members. One significant initiative John took on was the fundraising, design, and installation for our 100-year Anniversary Legacy project of the new electronic sign. This was a huge undertaking, which John saw to completion.

With a background in communications and a passion for service, John is instrumental in advancing the Knights of Columbus mission. His leadership helps to inspire and inform, ensuring that our organization continues to grow and make a meaningful impact.

We are grateful for John's dedication and hard work in spreading the message of faith and service that defines the Knights of Columbus.

## Upcoming Events

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

**The Catholic Man** – First Wednesday of each month 7:00-8:00 Parish Center, - **All welcome!**

**Blood Drive** – Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM – 5:30 PM, Parish Center, sign up at our web page [waconiaknights2506.org](http://waconiaknights2506.org).

**Fish Frys** – Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – **Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Joeseph's Festival** – Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> ,– Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> – and Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> – **HELP NEEDED** – to sign up use the sign-up Genius on our web site [Waconiaknights2506.org](http://Waconiaknights2506.org), or contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706

**Tootsie Roll Drive** – April 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers needed – Adam Hughes – 612-419-3718

## Grand Knight Corner – Journey to Easter

As we embark on the sacred season of Lent, a time of reflection and spiritual preparation, it serves as a reminder of the significance of faith in our lives. Lent, lasting 40 days, mirrors the biblical journey of Jesus in the wilderness, emphasizing introspection, repentance, and the strengthening one's connection with faith. Faith becomes especially pivotal during this

period. It acts as a compass, directing us towards self-discovery and a deeper understanding of



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our beliefs. Lent encourages us all to engage in acts of penance, prayer, and almsgiving, fostering a sense of humility and empathy within the community.

Easter, the culmination of Lent, brings with it the joyous celebration of resurrection and renewal. It serves as a reminder that, just as Jesus emerged from the tomb, we too can overcome challenges and be reborn with a strengthened sense of purpose and faith. As we embark on this sacred journey from Lent to Easter, let us embrace the transformative power of faith. Let it be a source of strength, solace, and inspiration, guiding us towards a renewed spirit and a deeper connection with God.

God Bless,  
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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