



# Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

January 2025

## Christmas Party Helps Gather and Grow Food Shelf

The Waconia Knights celebrated Christmas on December 17<sup>th</sup> 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 are 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.



## Respect Life Breakfast – Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>

The Knights, in partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church, will be co-hosting the “Respect Life Breakfast” on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church 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](mailto:cloegering@comcast.net) or 612-670-2752. **HELP is needed!!**

## Knight of the Year – New award

This year we decided to award a Knight of the Year based on all the Knight of the Month awards given out this past year. There was an easy pick this year as this Knight always goes above and beyond in his dedication to service for our council.

At our Christmas Party, we recognized Joe Eiden as this year’s Knight of the Year. Joe is not only our Recorder, who is at every council meeting taking copious notes and keeping us all in check as he records the business end of the meetings but is also involved in every fish fry as he is usually the first to arrive and the last one to leave. He not only runs the fish shack for every event, but also helps with processing the fish to make ready each week. He also is involved with the respect Life Breakfast each year as well.

It is this unwavering service that makes Joes stand out and so deserving of this award. Please join me in congratulating Joe for this great honor!



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## 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](#) (Use Sponsor Code 4940), or by calling 1-888-GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253).**

## Legacy Gift Becomes a Reality

The Waconia Knights of Columbus Council #2506 and St. Joseph Catholic Community recently celebrated the dedication and blessing of a new LED sign, marking an exciting milestone for the parish and broader community.

This dual-sided 4'x8' LED sign, installed at the corner of Main and Elm Streets, was a “Legacy Gift” from the Waconia Knights in honor of their 100 years of service (1923–2023). This was a yearlong project designed to enhance communication and outreach. The sign will share messages of faith, hope, and service while inviting the community to engage with the parish and its events. The sign will also benefit St. Joseph Catholic School and the Gather and Grow Food Shelf, both located on parish grounds. By broadcasting updates on school activities, enrollment, and food shelf needs, the sign will strengthen support for education and outreach to members of the community.

The Waconia Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Catholic Community extend heartfelt thanks to the generous donors and supporters who made this project possible. Your contributions and dedication brought this vision to life, creating a powerful tool to share our mission and serve our community.



## Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 pm. Snacks and beverages will be served along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights. See you then!



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## Exemplification – Welcome New Members!

On Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>, our council held its fall exemplification ceremony in the church after the 10:30 AM Mass. We were excited to have Father Stan attend the ceremony and serve as the Chaplain during the event. We were able to add seven new members: Cesar Merino, Matt Bell, Eric Menth, Erik Olson, Josh Sell, Chris Carlson, and Kevin Carlson. We also had three new members that joined the Chaska Council # 9141 and had two of our own 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights who completed their 3rd Degree status: Dave Philip and Logan Haskins. Congrats to all!!



## 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 19<sup>th</sup>; contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752

**KC Free Throw Contest** – Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 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 17<sup>th</sup>; contact Chris Parker 651-226-2835

**Fish Fries** – Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>; contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706

## 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!



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## Grand Knight Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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

2025 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.

We're looking forward to 2025 and 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

### 2024-2025 Officers

Chaplain..... Father Stan Mader 952-442-2384  
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 Life ..... Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752  
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 Membership ..... John Short 612-281-6215  
 Church Liaison.....James Vettel 612-619-7741  
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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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