



# Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

July 2025

## Family Respect Life Picnic August 3<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 3:00 Klein Drive Park

The Waconia Knights are hosting a regional Family Respect Life Picnic on Sunday, Aug 3<sup>th</sup> at the Waconia KC Park from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

This will be a fun event with games for all ages, is family friendly with a bouncy house and other kids games. All are welcome, invite friends and family to this fun event! Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be served. Free will donations will go to Southwest Options for Women'



All are Welcome!

Please look for signup to help at the event. See you there! John Short - 612-281-6215

## PATRIOTISM AND FAITH

As we begin the 250<sup>th</sup> year of our nation's call for freedom, it is appropriate that we reflect on what Patriotism means for the Knights of Columbus.

Patriotism has been one of the four principles of the Knights of Columbus since the Fourth Degree was established in 1900, joining Charity, Unity and Fraternity as the Knights core principles. For members of the Knights of Columbus, Faith and Patriotism go hand in hand,

St. John Paul II provided a concise description of the relationship between the two: the Fourth Commandment, which tells us to honor our father and mother, obliges us to honor our homeland as well.

"The spiritual patrimony which we acquire from our native land comes to us through our mother and father," he says. "Patriotism is a love for everything to do with our native land: its history, its traditions, its language, its natural features. It is a love which extends also to the works of our compatriots and the fruits of their genius. Every danger that threatens the overall good of our native land becomes an occasion to demonstrate this love. ... The native land is the common good of all citizens and as such it imposes a serious duty."

## Next KC Meeting at Klein Dr. Park – July 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 pm at Klein Dr. Park. Brats and beverages (Beer) will be served along with shared fraternity from our Brother Knights. Please invite a fellow Knight.

## Knight of the Month – There is no Place Like Home

We are thrilled to announce that Roger Buesgens, a Council 2506 member for 60 years, has been awarded the Knight of the Month. Prior to being old enough to join the Knights, Roger was a Squire and a member of the Waconia Council 2506 Drum and Bugle Corps. For those who are not aware of the successful history of the Corps I would refer you to the 100 year



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anniversary videos on our website. The Corps won several Minneapolis Aquatennial awards and was considered one of the best in the State of Minnesota.

Roger through the years, has worked tirelessly on many of the Council projects including helping in establishing KC park now known as Klein Drive Park. The park was established as a separate Home Association in 1972. Since then the council has expanded the building and grounds to provide athletic facilities for St Joseph school, Knights sponsored events as well for other community and Church events. Per Adam Hughes who has been Home Association president for the past 4 years, "Roger has been indispensable in maintaining the Park and in helping manage the grounds, facilities and boat rentals. Recently he was responsible for updating the women's restroom."

Please join us in congratulating Roger for his outstanding service and dedication. He truly deserves the honor of being named Knight of the Month. Thank you, Roger, for answering the call and being there when the need was there. Also for those interested in Council 2506 and Corps history feel free to talk to Roger.

## **Upcoming Events**

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events through August. See details for these events on the Waconia Knights website.

KC Regional Respect Life Picnic – Sunday August 3<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Klein Drive Park  
Catholic Man – Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:00 pm St. Joseph Parish Center, Nick Kehtel  
218-393-2805 - Fraternity at Legion Club after.

Annual Fish Fry & Potluck for Knights and spouses – Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> - After 7:00pm  
General meeting

## **Grand Knight's Corner – A New Fiscal Year**

I am writing my first message as your Grand Knight. I feel truly honored and humbled to be elected to help lead this outstanding Council to continue to be the BEST Council in the state. One of the reasons for that, besides all of the hard work you individual members have put into the council's programs, is the Leadership that Chuck Walerius has provided over the past 2 years. This year will mark the third year in a row for the council qualifying as a Star Council.

Chuck has filled many positions as a Knight, including being a 4th Degree Knight, that prepared him well to help our council thrive since he became part of Council 2506 5 years ago. I ask all of you to join me in giving Chuck a huge THANK YOU, for his leadership and for his continued efforts as a key part of Council 2506.

What about this year? For me, I am here to serve our council, its members and the Church. Council 2506 has many wonderful chapters already written. We have many awards and accolades donning the walls of our meeting rooms. We have many positive attributes that we have demonstrated in our community and Church and we will continue to embrace those attributes with everyone's help.



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We have many events during the year led by our Program Directors. If there are new programs that members feel strong about, we can review either replacing or updating existing programs. I will also be asking Program Directors to provide details to everyone and recruit individuals to help them with individual programs. I also look forward to a year of Fraternalism with all of you.

Bring a Brother Back!”. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to see some old faces that for some reason have not darkened our doorways for a while? How many brothers do you know that you can invite to see how we have grown and/or changed? In kick starting this year, I am asking all of us to find a brother to bring back and learn where they have been and that we would like them to rejoin us. This month would be a great time to have them come to the 7:00 meeting and stay for Brats and Beverages. Also do not be afraid to ask non Knights to join the council.

I have found that most people like to be invited to participate with people that they know and respect. Use the upcoming August events to personally invite them to bring their family and wives to share our Faith and Fraternalism. We are planning on having more joint events with our spouses so be on the lookout for those.

In closing, I would like to reiterate how honored I am to serve as your Grand Knight. As Mark McCormack said, “We don’t have to reinvent the wheel—just attach it to another wagon.”

Here’s to a great year.

Vivat Jesus!

Charlie Loegering, Grand Knight

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## 2025-2026 Officers

Chaplain.....Father Stan Mader 952-442-2384  
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Inside Guard.....James Vettel 612-619-7741  
Outside Guard.....Nate Matousek 612-875-2986  
3 Year Trustee.....Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706  
2 Year Trustee.....John Short 612-281-6215  
1 Year Trustee.....Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

## Committees

Program Director.....Open  
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: Trent Kline 952-201-1107  
Winter boat storage: Roger Buesgens 952-457-9977



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