



# *Knights In Action*

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

May 2025

## **KC Fish Fry's – Thank You!!**

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Knights, family members, parishioners, and community members that helped with the Fish Frys. Serving nearly 4,000 guests over six weeks during Lent. The collective hard work with our partners will be benefiting many KC programs, St Joseph Catholic Community, Wild West – Waconia Special Olympics, St Bernard Church, The Humanity Alliance (St. Victoria Church), and 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees. We set yet another record this year with gross sales of \$64,209.45 and serving 4254 meals!! Thank you again to ALL for making the Fish Fry's a successful and blessed event this year.

## **Brothers and Brews – May 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm Waconia Brewery**

Please join us on Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> for our next "Brothers & Brews" at the Waconia Brewery from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm as we celebrate the conclusion of this year's Fish Fry's and give thanks to the many volunteers that helped make this another record setting year! There will be Pizza, and, **The first TWO BEERS are on the Knights! All are welcome!**

## **KC Exemplification – May 25<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, May 25<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 AM Mass in the church. Check-in will be at 11:30, with ceremonies beginning at 12:15 PM.

## **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 is available online at the Waconia Knights website [www.waconiaknights2506.org](http://www.waconiaknights2506.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.

## **Next KC Meeting**

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 pm at Klein Drive Park. The Officer Election for fraternal year 2025 – 2026 will be held at this meeting. See the slate of nominated officers in this newsletter. Snacks and beverages will be served along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights.



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## **Consecration to the Holy Family - June 7-15**

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a [prayer](#) through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. We invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family June 7-15. Contact Nick Kehtel – 218-393-2805

## **KofC -Waconia Rodeo event for “20 Something” adults – May 31<sup>st</sup>**

KofC Faith-in-action event to promote communication between 20 something unmarried Catholic Men and Women. The event is open to all Single individuals 20-30. They are not required to be Catholic, but the event will promote Catholic teachings. This new event will be held at St Joseph Parish, Waconia, with events at the Rectory and Church - Barbecue/Mass before going to the Carver County fairgrounds Waconia MN. See brochures and poster in Narthex. [LINK](#) for Tickets.

### **Schedule of Events - May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Social Gathering

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Barbecue Meal (country style ribs, Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Beans and Potato salad.)

5:15 - 6:15 PM Mass St Joseph Church Waconia

6:30 - 8:30 PM Waconia Rodeo - Carver Cty Fairgrounds

8:30 - ?? - Free to socialize in Waconia

**Cost of Event - \$20 for Rodeo ticket (\$25 value) and Barbecue, \$ 5 Barbecue only**

## **Knight of the Month – Helping in Many Ways**

We are proud to recognize Cesar Merino as our Knight of the Month for his outstanding dedication and service to our council. Cesar has been a steady and dependable presence at many of our events, always willing to lend a hand and support his fellow Knights.

In addition to his consistent involvement, Cesar has recently taken on a new leadership role as a candidate for Chancellor. We are grateful for his willingness to step up and serve our council in this important capacity. His commitment to the values of the Knights of Columbus and his enthusiasm for helping others truly embody what it means to be a Knight.

Thank you, Cesar, for all you do. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!



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## Grand Knight Corner – Grateful for our Mothers

The Knights of Columbus are leading the Novena (prayer) for Life which concludes on Mother's Day. We are grateful for all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and expectant mothers who care for our children. Your love, guidance, and support have shaped us into the people we are today. Your sacrifices and your dedication to your families is a true inspiration.

As Knights of Columbus, we are committed to supporting and honoring the dignity of every human life, and we recognize the invaluable role that mothers play in this mission. We vow to continue to work to build a culture that values and uplifts motherhood and to support you in all your efforts. On Mother's Day, we honor and celebrate you. May God bless you and grant you the strength, joy, and peace that you deserve.

### Happy Mother's Day!

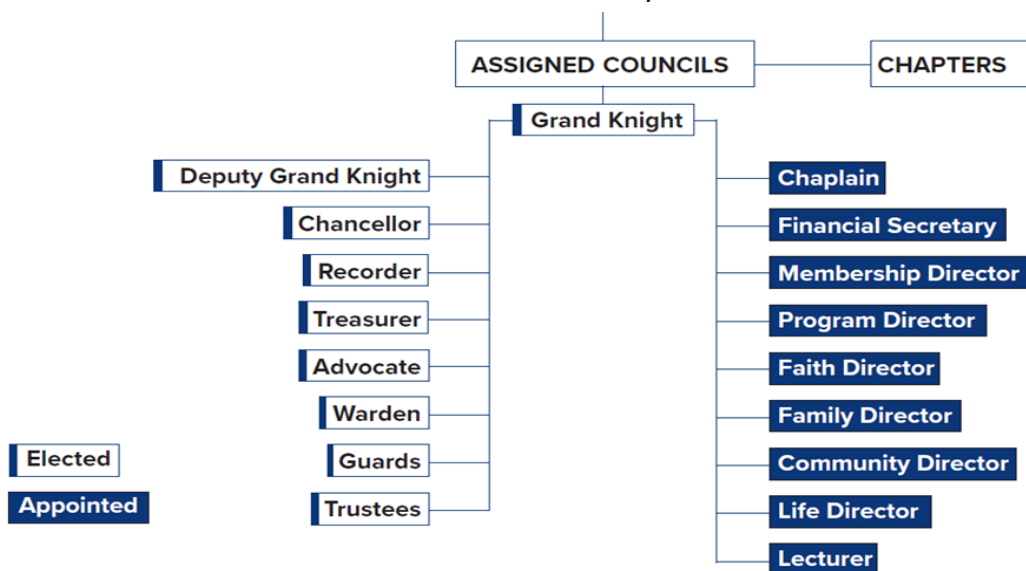
"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" Isaiah 66:13

Chuck Walerius, Grand Knight

## Council #2506 Slate of Officer Candidates – 2025-2026

Please submit any additional candidates to [waconiaknights@gmail.com](mailto:waconiaknights@gmail.com)

Grand Knight.....Charlie Loegering	Warden.....Greg Fruhwirth
Deputy Grand Knight.....Nick Kehtel	Inside Guard.....James Vettel
Chancellor.....Cesar Merino	Outside Guard.....Nate Matousek
Recording Secretary.....Joe Eiden	3 Year Trustee.....Chuck Walerius
Treasurer.....Josh Bovee	2 Year Trustee.....John Short
Advocate.....Fred Bleedorn	1 year Trustee.....Adam Hughes



Unless there are any new nominations, the Officers listed above will be voted on using White Ballot.



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## Upcoming Events

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events in May - June. See final details for these events in upcoming newsletters and on the Waconia Knights website.

**Election of Officers** – May 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm Klein Drive Park

**KC Scholarship Applications Due** – June 1<sup>st</sup> contact **Chuck Walerius** 952-270-4706

**Consecration to the Holy Family** – June 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, contact **Nick Kehtel** 218-393-2805

**Brothers & Brews** – Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM Waconia Brewery

**Waconia Rodeo and BBQ event** – May 31<sup>st</sup> – **Charlie Loegering** 612-607-2752

**The Catholic Man** – First Wednesday of each month 7:00 PM Parish Center – **ALL WELCOME!**

**Respect Life Picnic** – August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Klein Drive Park – Coordinator **John Short**

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### 2024-2025 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  
Recording Secretary.....Joe Eiden 612-751-2924  
Financial Secretary.....Mark Larsen 952-412-8347  
Treasurer.....Josh Bovee 612-298-0732  
Lecturer.....Deacon Greg Miller 914-843-7973  
Advocate.....Fred Bleedorn 913-220-4667  
Warden.....Greg Fruhwirth 970-556-5510  
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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