



Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

May 2022

Waconia Knights Angel Fund Established

The Waconia Knights of Columbus “Angel Fund” has been established at the St Joseph STEM School with a donation of \$3,122 from the Knights. The purpose of the fund is to help students and families with support that may include field trips, classroom activities, extracurricular activities, and other needs of the school. The Knights would like to thank the St Joseph STEM school staff, students and families that helped support the KC Fish Fry’s this year.



Supporting Auburn Home Services

The Knights have partnered with Auburn Home Services for many years supporting their mission to enrich the lives of those served through the Spirit of Christ’s love with holistic care and ministry strengthened by community relationships. The Waconia Knights of Columbus recently donated \$2,700 continuing our Guardian sponsorship. Thank you to all the staff at Auburn Home Services that helped support the KC Fish Fry’s this year.



State Championship Free Throw Contest 2022

The Knights of Columbus annually offers a free throw competition for boys and girls ages 9-14. Children compete within their own gender and age and progress from local to district, regional and state.

Kade Chaffee and Hayden Sieve made it to the State level at St. Cloud Cathedral High School on Saturday, April 2.

Kade made 18/25 free throws in his age 13 group, and Hayden made 23/25 free throws in his age 12 group.

Hayden came home with a 1st place trophy for his age group!



Hayden Sieve



Novena for Life at St Joseph School

Waconia Knights led a new pro-life program called Novena for Life. A novena is a period of sustained prayer over nine days for a particular intention. St Joseph School students participated in the Novena for Life program by having an option to nurture 160 plants started from seeds. The students were provided with the Novena prayer cards and they said the Novena in school every day of the nine-day Novena.



Knight of the Month – Our Spiritual Leader

Our Knight of the Month leads by example. He works side by side with the Knights to carry out our mission to serve the parish and community. His leadership and support for the Knights has been a cornerstone of our success. He’s been supportive of new programs and collaborates with our council to bring our faith into action. He’s been an ordained priest for 30 years. Spiritual leadership, service to others, and sharing his time and talents are just a few of the qualities that make Father Stan our “Knight of the Month”. A big thank you to Father Stan for your leadership and many years of service to the Knights, our parish, and community.



Knights Scholarship – Open for Applications

The Waconia Knights of Columbus is accepting applications from those students entering their freshman year of college in 2022 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 applications are available online at the Waconia Knights website at this link [KC Scholarship Application](#) . Please submit completed applications by email to waconiaknights@gmail.com.



Tootsie Roll Drive - May 21-22

The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world. The Knights Tootsie Roll Drive supports the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" by collecting donations. For every donation, each donor is offered a piece of candy by the Knights. Because of these little gifts of appreciation, the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" has frequently referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive." Help God's special children and get your Tootsie Roll after mass on May 21-22 or go online to make a donation at <https://www.waconiaknights2506.org/donations.php>. Thank you for your support of the Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus. Contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

Brothers and Brews - May 26

You are invited to our next "Brothers and Brews" at the Waconia Brewery from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm when we'll celebrate the success we recently had working together at the Fish Fry's. All members and guests who support the Knights are welcome. Let's have some fun!

Memorial Day Picnic – Father's 30th Anniversary – May 28

The Knights are hosting the Memorial Day Picnic to celebrate Father's 30th Anniversary of Ordination. Volunteers are needed for setup at 4:00 and to serve food and beverages starting after 5:15 mass on Saturday, May 28th. Contact John Short 612-281-6215 or jwsshort@gmail.com to volunteer.

Consecration to the Holy Family - June 4-19

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 4-19. Contact Rob Christenson 763-232-0571

Klein Drive Park is Open

Klein Drive Park is open! The Knights opened the park and the facilities for the season (May 1st - Oct 1st). Opportunities to rent the park for your events may be found on our website: <https://www.waconiaknights2506.org> Contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

Waconia Knights Facebook Page – New Social Media Director

The [Waconia Facebook page](#) has been active lately with new content and updates on what's happening with the Knights. Thanks to Nick Kehtel for taking the lead as our new Social Media Director to promote the Knights. Please share with your family and friends!



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Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:00 pm followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 pm at **Klein Drive Park**. Snacks and beverages will be served along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights. See you then!

Grand Knight Corner – A lot Happening

Sorry for the long newsletter this month but there’s a lot happening with the Knights. This spring we’ve donated over \$11,500 to our community, parishes, schools, and 4th degrees; introduced several new programs (Sacramental Gifts, Novena for Life, Consecration to the Holy Family); and are hosting several events (Tootsie Roll Drive, Brothers and Brews, and Picnic for Father’s 30th Anniversary). The Knights are very active and have been blessed with new and existing members that have taken an active role in our council. There are many opportunities to serve, pray, and celebrate together. I hope you can join us as we celebrate together on May 26th for Brothers and Brews and then celebrate Father Stan’s 30th Anniversary as a Priest on May 28th. Thank you for all that you do to support our council for Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

John Short, 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
 Winter boat storage: Roger Buesgens 952-442-2527