



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Queen of Peace Council #5296 - Elk River, MN - July/August Newsletter

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

We are well into the summer. It has been a bit of an unusual summer, with the late spring, an abundance of rain, not too many really hot days and a few destructive storms as of late. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy these months in whichever way you like.

I had the honor in June of attending the ordination of Tom Skaja as a Deacon in St. Cloud which was beautiful and 2 days later the ordination of our home town boy Gregory Crane to the priesthood in Bismarck, ND. That was very impressive and the strength and show of support from the community and fellow priests was incredible.

On August 10th Fr. Gregory Crane will be at ST. Andrews and will celebrate the 5pm mass for the first time as a priest in his home town. We as a council will be hosting a small social reception for him immediately following in the gathering space. Please join us to help out with this or just to congratulate him.

I would like to congratulate Randy Bayerl as the Knight of the month for June. Randy is the Coordinator of Strategic Pastoral Planning at St. Andrews and he does a lot of behind the scenes stuff to help prepare around the church for our different events. He and his wife Sue are also very involved with the choir.

I would also like to congratulate Loren Volk as the Knight of the month for July. I can't say enough for all the areas of our council that Loren is involved in. He is currently our Financial Secretary which involves a lot of time (unless you are considering becoming the FS, in that case it is a breeze) he helps on the cemetery crew, and can be found to be a part of most and event involving food that we have including the breakfasts, dinners and the pulled pork sandwiches at the festival. Without his wife Jerri supporting him in many ways, these things would not be possible.

Please take the time to congratulate both Randy and Loren when you see them.

Blessings

Doug Kraus

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Father Rich Aubol will be our new Chaplain and will be at the Steak Fry. Please come and welcome him to Saint Andrews and to our council.

Council Announcements

Please congratulate our new officers for this upcoming year.

Also, please let us know any feedback you may have about the new format and design of the council newsletter.

Council Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
25th - Officer's Meeting	3rd - Council Steak Fry 8th - General Council Meeting 11th - Blood Drive 22nd - Admission Degree 22nd - Officer's Meeting	7th - Big Lake Pet Vaccination Clinic 12th - General Council Meeting 15th - Parish Festival 18th - Pumpkin Harvest (TBD) 26th - Admission Degree 26th - Officer's Meeting

Completed Events

Council Fishing Trip

We had 26 fishers (ranging in age from 8 to 88) make the trip this year. Over 100 were caught by our fishers. Fun was had by all.

Installation of New Officers

We celebrated the installation of our new officers with Princeton and Zimmerman on June 20th. While attendance from our council was light it was a wonderful event that was celebrated by Father Newton before he left for his new assignment.

Upcoming Council Events

Annual Council Steak Fry The annual Council steak fry will be held at the Kraus house, 20050 Tyler St NW Elk River on August 3rd. Event starts at 4pm but grilling will start at 6:00 so you will have time to attend 5:00 Mass. Bring a steak and a dish to share. Beverages, paper products, and flatware are provided.

General Council Meeting on August 8th at 7:00pm (6:30pm Rosary) at St. Andrews in Room 3.

Admission Degree on August 23rd at 6:00pm at St. Andrews in Room 3.

Officer's Meeting on August 23rd at 7:00pm at St. Andrews in Room 3.

Big Lake Pet Vaccination Clinic on September 7th in Big Lake. 8am-noon.

Pancake Breakfast (Parish Mission Trip) on September 8th from 8am to 12pm in the St. Andrew Cafeteria

General Council Meeting at 7:00pm on September 12th (6:30pm Rosary) at St. Andrews in Room 3.

Parish Festival at St. Andrew's on September 15th. Shift times TBD.

Pumpkin Harvest on or around September 18th around 4:00pm.

Admission Degree on September 26th at 6:00pm at St. Andrews in Room 3.

Officer's Meeting on September 26th at 7:00pm at St. Andrews in Room 3.

Fourth Degree

If you are interested in the Fourth Degree, please ask at a Council meeting for more information. Queen of Peace Council has many Fourth Degree members who would gladly assist you or you may contact Rich Belanger directly at: 763-441-3598. **It's never too late to take the next, final step on your journey to Knighthood.**

Meet a Knight

This month we meet brother Keith Bistodeau. Keith joined the Knights just over two years ago and has grown in his involvement each year. He is now our current Lecturer and Newsletter Writer. Keith just finished his Doctorate of Education from Hamline University in May and will be a Communication Instructor at Anoka Ramsey Community College and the Head Debate Coach at Wayzata High School starting this Fall. Keith and his Wife Candace love spending time with their children (Charles-2) and Katarina-1), spending time outdoors, and relaxing with friends and family. Please say hi to Keith and his family the next time you see them all.

Council Officers

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Insurance Agent TBD

Announcements

If you are currently not receiving emails or newsletter from the council please send your contact information to Keith Bistodeau at keithcyrilbistodeau@gmail.com.

Wanted

Wanted: Good men to join our fraternal brotherhood organization for faith, fun and fellowship in service to our church and community. For membership information, call Bob Hurd, 763-498-3734.