



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Queen of Peace Council #5296 - Elk River, MN - February Newsletter

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Well, we have gotten by relatively easily as far as winter goes this year. A year ago we were in the midst of a "Polar Vortex" and this year has been above normal. Even the snow has given us a break for a while here. I'm sure there is more to come so enjoy it while you can and before you know it spring will be here.

Last weekend we had our annual Spaghetti/Lasagna dinner. It was a big success. We served over 300 people and had about 50 volunteers many of whom were new Knights or ones who decided to come lend a hand for the first time. It was great to see all of you and to see how smoothly everything went as a team. Thank you

This month should be a little lighter as far as events for us. We have our breakfast, blood drive and district free throw completion going on all this Sunday. If you are available for a while, think of coming to help out.

In March we will be having our major degree here at St Andrews. If you know of any potential Knights, ask them now to become a Knight. It is the closest opportunity they will have. Also mark your calendars for March 15th. That will be the date of our Membership Banquet. It will be Sunday afternoon at about 3pm. Watch for details.

Congratulations to Tim Corpe on being the Knight of the Month. Well deserved Tim, Thanks for all you do.

Blessings

Doug Kraus

Grand Knight

Council Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
2nd – Pancake Breakfast 2nd – Blood Drive 6th - Admission Degree 6th - General Council Meeting 13th to 16th – Ice Fishing Trip 23rd - District Bowling 27th – Officers Meeting	7 th /8th – Membership Blitz 8th – Pancake Breakfast 12th - Admission Degree 12th - General Council Meeting 14th – Major Degree 15th – Membership Banquet 22 nd -Moonlight Bowling 26th – Officers Meeting	5th – Pancake Breakfast 9th - Admission Degree 9th - General Council Meeting 23rd - Officers Meeting 24 th to 26th – Tootsie Roll Drive

Completed Events from January

Nativity Tear-Down on January 12th

We had great help on a busy day taking down the Nativity and other Christmas decorations in church. Thank you to all who helped out.

Free Throw Contest on January 12th

We had about the same number of kids participate as last year, and had plenty of volunteers to help run the event. The District competition is Sunday February 2nd at noon.

Pancake Breakfast

We had a great turnout of volunteers for the breakfast on a very busy weekend for us. Thank you to everyone who pulled together to ensure everything went off smoothly.

Ice Fishing Trip

Very little fishing was done due to mother nature but a lot of fun had by all.

Spaghetti Dinner on January 25th

We had about 300 people attend this event. Thank you to everyone who came to help cook, serve, and clean-up after the event.

Upcoming Council Events

Pancake Breakfast on February 2nd from 8am to 12pm in the St. Andrew Cafeteria. For youth retreat.

Blood Drive on February 2nd from 8am to 12pm in the St. Andrew Gym.

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

General Council Meeting on February 6th at 7:00pm (6:30pm Rosary) at St. Andrews in Room 1&2

Ice Fishing Trip from February 13th to 16th at Lake of the Woods.

District Bowling Tournament on February 23rd at McPete's in Big Lake. (Contact Ray for more info)

Officer's Meeting on February 27th 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.**

Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month this month is Tim Corpe. If there is something Knight or church related, Tim is probably involved. From breakfasts, grounds crew, decorations, newspaper articles, lumberjack and so much more. Tim is a good example of what the Knights are about. Please take a moment to Thank Tim and congratulate him.

Faith Based Opportunities

Exodus 90

Keith Bistodeau is leading Exodus 90 here at St. Andrew. The group meets every other Tuesday at 6:30pm in Meeting Room 3. Please reach out to Keith for more information if you are interested.

Recommended Formed Study for February

Since Father Mark paid for everyone at St. Andrew to have the ability to download the [Formed](#) app on their phone or computer and have access to the variety of programs within Formed, I have decided to add a Study of the Month to the newsletter to help us all grow in our faith. This month the suggested study is Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist. This study explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. There are a total of seven videos in this study (the first three are suggested for everyone). If you need more information on how to sign up for Formed please contact Melissa or Father Mark to get the access code information.

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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.

Our Facebook page has been updated! You can find us by searching “Elk River MN Knights of Columbus”.

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.