



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

"A Catholic men's organization promoting Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism, and Family". Serving since 1962.

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Summer has arrived with vengeance. We have had a nice long spring, nothing really warm some days a bit cooler than normal and now 80's and 90's. Along with that comes the threat of damaging storms from time to time. The right amount of warm and rain is a blessing from god and welcomed by farmers and gardeners. I wish everyone a fun, safe and bountiful summer.

We had our first officers meeting this week in 3 months and I must say it was nice to get back to some normalcy. A couple of things that came from that meeting were that Supreme is offering weekly online 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree sermonizes. If you know of a candidate please let Bob Hurd know so that he can direct them. We decided to move the 2020 Membership Banquet and combine it with next years. Then we put together the calendar for the upcoming year. Hopefully all or at least most of our scheduled events be held as planned, TBD. Watch the website and emails for the updated calendar.

Congratulations to John Stewart on being the Knight of the Month. Thanks for being the inspiration you are John.

Lastly, it is with mixed emotions that I am writing this last letter as your Grand Knight. I want to thank everyone who has joined, and helped out in every capacity over the past two years. I think we have kept a good thing going, made a few good changes and grew the council in Unity if not so much in numbers. I have enjoyed being the Grand Knight and found it very rewarding. I would encourage anyone on the fence about getting involved or being an officer to go for it, you will not regret it. There are too many of you to name but know that I truly cherish each of you for all that you have done to make my job easier. THANK YOU!!!

Blessings

Doug Kraus

Grand Knight

Council Calendar of Upcoming Events

- June 25th we will have an outdoor general meeting. (KC garage) Election of Officers
- August 22nd Annual Council steak fry, location TBD
- It has been decided that our 2020 Membership Banquet will be combined with the 2021 Banquet

Completed Council Events

TBD with COVID-19.

Officer Ballot for Elections

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, below is the slate of Council Officers for fraternal year 2020/2021.

Chaplain*	Fr. Mark Innocenti
Grand Knight	SK DJ Walentiny
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Ron Beckerleg
Chancellor	Steve Krick
Recorder	Keith Bistodeau
Financial Secretary*	SK Loren Volk PGK
Treasurer	Tim Boerger PGK
Lecturer*	Clayton Talbot
Advocate	Joe Weeks
Warden	SK Michael Klingler
Inside Guard	Dave Solors
Outside Guard	George Klaers
Trustee 3 Year	SK Doug Kraus, PGK
Trustee 2 Year*	SK Ray Dixon DD, PGK
Trustee 1 Year*	SK John Ryder PGK

* Positions not voted on.

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 John Stewart. John is one of our most spiritually devoted members. He can be found at most every rosary that we say and his wonderful voice can be heard in the men's choir. Thanks for all that you do John. You are truly a good example of a Knight of Columbus.

Faith Based Opportunities

Podcast of the Month

To help us grow in our faith this section will suggest a new podcast to follow. The suggestion for this month is the Catholic Talk Show podcast, which can be found at <https://catholictalkshow.com/>.

Other Opportunities

If you know of other events going on at Saint Andrew or in the surrounding area please contact Keith so he can add it to the newsletter.

Council Officers

Chaplin	Fr Mark Innocenti	
Grand Knight	SK, Doug Kraus	763-441-1783
Deputy Grand Knight	SK DJ Walentiny	763-458-3371
Chancellor	SK Ron Beckerleg	763-263-0701
Recorder	Steve Krick	612-819-7810
Financial Secretary	SK Loren Volk, PGK	763-263-1314
Treasurer	Tim Boerger, PGK	763-441-5333
Lecturer	Keith Bistodeau	763-257-4602
Advocate	Joe Weeks	612-532-4986
Warden	Clayton Talbot	763-647-0129
Inside Guard	Don Walentiny	
Outside Guard	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
Trustee 3-Year	SK Ray Dixon, DD, PGK	316-706-7751
Trustee 2-Year	SK John Ryder, PGK	763-355-9456
Trustee 1-Year	SK Jim Witzman, PGK	612-805-1846
District Deputy	SK Ray Dixon, DD, PGK	316-706-7751
Insurance Agent	Joe Fuery	320-290-9832

Council Website and Facebook Page

Search on Facebook for Elk River Queen of Peace Council – Knights of Columbus and “Like” our page for council updates.

WWW.ELKRIVERKOFC.ORG

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.