



Knight Worthy News



Queen of Peace Council #5296, Elk River, Minnesota

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Touching Lives.



April

Apologies for the tardiness of this letter, but the Editor of this newsletter had some technology issues.

April is here already and we are nearing the end of the Council year. April will open with the celebration of the resurrection of our Savior. It’s always interesting to note the timing of the Easter season, and the new life it represents also coincides with the new life that is springing forth upon the earth at this time of year. Could it be a coincidence? We now need to present the list of candidates to serve as officers and their positions:

Grand Knight: SK Doug Kraus
Recorder: Steve Krick
Lecturer: Keith Bistodeau
Inside Guard: Open
Trustee, 3yr: SK Ray Dixon

Deputy Grand Knight: SK DJ Wallentiny
Financial Secretary: SK Loren Volk
Advocate: Joe Weeks
Outside Guard: Open
Trustee, 2yr: SK John Ryder

Chancellor: SK Ron Beckerleg
Treasurer: Tim Boerger
Warden: Clayton Talbot
Trustee, 1yr: SK Jim Witzman

If any member is interested in being an officer, please contact Jim Witzman at 612-805-1846. If we do have multiple individuals interested in one of the positions, we will cast votes as needed. Please take the time to review the slate of candidates and consider whether or not you wish to pursue becoming an officer.

April 26-28 is our Tootsie Roll fundraiser/giveaway. We need lots of volunteers and Tim Corpe has once again agreed to take the reins as the new coordinator. Please either reach out to Tim at 612-669-0195 or answer his call and volunteer. It’s a lot of fun to meet and greet people and make our fraternal organization known to our community.

Our Grand Knight would like to remind us to be proud of being a Knight. Talk about the great things we accomplish and about those we help. Talk about your spiritual growth and what it means to you to be a Knight. Point out our many activities and benefits of being a Knight. Let’s see if we know someone who would be a good Knight and ask him to consider joining a great bunch of Catholic men.



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Spring is slowly but surely trying to set in on us. There has been some record flooding around our area and beyond this year. My hope is that each of you and anyone you may know has managed to stay safe and dry. The moisture and run off we are receiving now may well help our trees and farms later in the heat of summer.

Our Membership Banquet was well attended this year. We had several new members and their spouses join us which was nice to see, some members we have not seen in a while, many regulars and even a very special guest who was one of our Council's charter members and is celebrating 60 years as a Knight this year, Dr. Tony Jarmoluk. Tony, Congratulations and thank you for coming; it was a great pleasure to meet you.

The new venue was well received along with the catered meal. I would personally like to thank everyone who helped out in many different ways, you know who you are and without your help this event would not be nearly as GREAT!

A few special congratulations for awards received go out to Keith Bistodeau who received the Shinning Armor award, Bob and Sue Hurd who received the Family of the year award and Joe Weeks who was our Knight of the year. Each one of these awards were well deserved and I would encourage you to offer congratulations to each of them.

I would also like to take a moment to congratulate Willy Nathe on being the March Knight of the month. Willy and his wife Eileen are involved in many different things around the church.

I would like to wish each of you and your families a very Happy Easter, and as always thank you to every one of you for all that you do to make this council great, you are much appreciated.

Blessings
Doug Kraus
Grand Knight



Chaplain's Message

The church offers us forty days of Lent to turn away from all our evil habits and turn ourselves to God, thus to have conversion of hearts. This is the appropriate time to indulge in works of charity and mercy. As we know well, people adore money and seek after wealth and power, but we should remember that God alone matters, and prayer and adoration belong to Him alone. We also experience that values are distorted, and materialism and worldliness become the order of the day. But it is never too late to make a new beginning, because Lent is the time of Grace and we should feel that we should get up from sleep.

Lent, of course, is the time of interior renewal, self-discipline and self-denial. As true disciples of Jesus, we must deny ourselves and take up our daily cross and follow Jesus. This is the real test of discipleship. God never demands nothing which is impossible for us to fulfill. Hence, let us renounce sin and make repentance for our sins. It is also the time for us to renew our Christian Commitment to excel in works of charity.

As humans we are not free from temptations, but as Shakespeare says, "that it is one thing to be tempted, but another thing to fall." If we make efforts, we can overcome the evil through our self-discipline, which we are lacking in many a time. The Holy season of Lent offers us the time to renew ourselves and to start anew. The forty days of Lent is coming to a close on the Easter Sunday and it is my prayer to God that all of us have taken the Spirit of Lent seriously and have turned to the Lord with sincere and repentant hearts. May the Risen Lord help us in our day-to-day life that we may always be united with him and always listen to his abiding Spirit in us.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. G. Arockiya Newton. OSB



Council Officers

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If you are currently not receiving emails of newsletters and upcoming events, please send your email address to Steve Krick at steve.krick@charter.net



DEFENDING:
Life & Family.
SERVING:
God, Church,
& Community.

Completed Events



Pancake Breakfast

The proceeds from our March breakfast help defray the costs for parish families with youth attending the annual Stubenville retreat. Attendance was good considering the start of Daylight Savings Time, and the food was delicious (as usual). The addition of bisquits and gravy has been a hit. We will continue to offer this as a selection.



Membership Blitz

We completed our membership blitz the on March 9 & 10. There were a number of interest cards handed out and we will need to follow up with those men who submitted them. Bob Hurd did a fantastic job of presenting the KC's to our Parish.



Membership Banquet

We held our annual membership and awards banquet on Sunday, March 17. Thank you to Mike Brant and Tom Hallaway for putting together a memorable event. Mark your calendars now for next year's event.

Upcoming Events



Pancake Breakfasts

When: Sunday, April 14, 5th Grade Graduation
Sunday, May 11, Vocations

Please join us for these important fundraisers. We will be serving: pancakes, French toast, eggs, hash browns, bisquits and gravy, sausage and bacon with milk, juice, & coffee. Bring your family; enjoy a great meal and fellowship while supporting your Brother Knights.



Tootsie Roll Drive

Our annual Tootsie Roll drive will be April 26-28 to fund programs for people with intellectual disabilities. Please Contact Tim Corpe at 612-669-0195 to add your name to the list of those willing to help.



Pet Vaccination Clinic

The annual pet clinic will be held at Elk River City Hall on Saturday, May 4. 8am - noon



Birthdays

April

8 Phil Dahlheimer
8 Keith Grassel
8 Ed Stevens
8 William Guertin
12 Dennis Ebert
15 Robert Vandenberg
16 Fred St. Jean
16 Jason Banick
17 Alan Young
28 Brian Steuter
29 Dean Hipsag
30 Wilfred Lindenfelser
30 Ronald Hertaus

May

2 Tim Boerger
2 Paul Hipsag
2 Matt Witzman
3 Gary Kolles
7 Dennis Gatenby
10 Ray Dixon
14 Doug Kraus
18 Rich Belanger
18 Greg Wersal
18 Tony Greseth
19 Robert Guerin
19 Father Newton
20 Mike Hallaway
21 Steve Gramins
22 Dave Cielinski
22 James Niedzielski
24 Phil Domeir
25 LaVern Knobbe
26 Mark Marquez
29 Glen Gohl
29 Ron Sadowski
30 Scott Gerold
30 Keith Strang

June

1 Clarence Gobely
1 Edmond Martin
1 Richard Mueller
1 Chad Peterson
2 Walter Schumacher
3 Martin Opem
4 Edwin Schroeder
4 Stan Steuter
6 Michael Aaron
7 Earl Caouette
7 Joel Kolles
7 Troy Dahlheimer
10 Michael Arnold
15 Tom Goenner
16 Gerald Rohling
17 Gerry Palmer
18 Augie Keller
21 Doug Hipsag
21 Michael Dehn
23 Scott Brabec
24 Darwin Elmquist
25 Rick Slobodnik
25 Doug Kolles
26 Nathan Hildenbrand
27 Chuck Haben
30 George Klaers
30 Clay Haverkamps



Fourth Degree

By: SK Rich Belanger, PGK, PFN

Brother Knights,

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. There is another exemplification in April, so ask around if you are interested or 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 get to know John Lyrenmann

John has been a dedicated Knight and has served our council faithfully for over 25 years and is a Past Grand Knight.

John obtained his 3rd Degree while a member of the K.C. council at St. William's in Fridley in 1987. Upon moving to Elk River in 1991, and with encouragement from our current Treasurer and Past Grand Knight Tim Boerger, he transferred to the Elk River council.

He is married to his lovely college sweetheart Yvonne. Together they have 3 sons John, Michael, and Paul all three of whom attended grade school at St. Andrew. Along with Yvonne they have been active members at St. Andrews. Some of the many things they have been involved in include, helping out in the school, teaching confirmation, Festival volunteers, small group study participants, Eucharistic ministers, and most recently both enrolling in the Catechetical Institute. They feel truly and abundantly blessed to be a part of the St Andrew Community. Our Parish Community is also richer because of the John's contributions.

John has recently retired from his 9-5 job, so we congratulate him on that feat!

Our motto is "In Service to One, In Service To All." John embodies that philosophy.



Family of the Month

April: Willy Nathe

Willy and his wife Eileen are involved in many different things around church, like the quilters club, grounds crew and you can often find Willy helping out at breakfasts. Thank you for all you do Willy.



Council Calendar



April

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| 11 | General Council Meeting 7:00 (6:30 Rosary) | St. Andrew Room 3 |
| 14 | Blood Drive | St. Andrew Gymnasium |
| 14 | Pancake Breakfast-5 th Grade Graduation | St. Andrew Cafeteria |
| 25 | Admission Degree 6:00, Officer's Mtg 7:00 | St. Andrew Room 3 |
| 26-28 | Tootsie Roll Drive | Elk River |

May

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| 4 | Pet Vaccination Clinic 8am-noon | Elk River City Hall |
| 5 | Pancake Breakfast - Vocations | St. Andrew Cafeteria |
| 9 | General Council Meeting 7:00 (6:30 Rosary) | St. Andrew Room 3 |
| 12 | Mother's Day | |
| 17-19 | KC MN State Convention | Arrowood, Alexandria |
| 23 | Admission Degree 6:00, Officer's Mtg 7:00 | St. Andrew Room 3 |

June

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| 9 | Blood Drive | St. Andrew Gymnasium |
| 13 | Mille Lacs Fishing Launch Trip 6-10pm | St. Andrew |
| 16 | Father's Day | St. Andrew Room 3 |
| 20 | Installation of Officer 6:00 (Mass, Supper) | St. Andrew |
| 27 | Admission Degree 6:00, Officer's Mtg 7:00 | St. Cloud Room 3 |



Service Anniversaries

April

55 Years
Gene Zappa
45 Years
Auge Keller
40 Years
Ray Dixon
20 Years
Chris Calvert

May

60 Years
Lloyd Barthel
35 Years
Stan Steuter
5 Years
DJ Walentiny
1 Year
Joel Alfveby
Mike Bauer
Leo Grotte
Austin Solors

June

30 Years
George Klaers
10 Years
Tim Rissman



Wanted:

GOOD MEN TO JOIN OUR BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATION FOR FAITH, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP IN SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY. ASK A MAN TO JOIN TODAY.

* Check out our Council Website at www.elkrivernkofc.org