



# Knight Worthy News



Queen of Peace Council #5296, Elk River, Minnesota

*“A Catholic men’s organization promoting Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism and Family”*  
Serving since 1962

June/Summer  
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## June/Summer

June has arrived and this year we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost this month. June is also the month that our Council year ends/starts and we will install officers with a mass and dinner. Summer is the season where Council 5296 “lays low”. There are few activities sponsored by our Council during summer. We have a fishing outing scheduled at Mille Lacs in June and our annual steak fry on August 3rd which will be held at Doug Kraus’ spacious estate. All are encouraged to attend the steak fry for a wonderful evening of fellowship and a great meal. Don’t be worried about the 6:00 dinner time if you attend 5:00 Mass; we’ll wait for you! Bring your own steak and one of the Council’s ace “grillologists” will cook it to order for you.

There will be no General Council meeting in June or July. We are installing officers on June 20 with a Mass and dinner. All members are encouraged to attend. A few years ago, we shortened the terms of the officers to one year instead of two years. Finding members willing to serve as officers has become increasingly difficult over the years despite the shortened commitment. Finding a Grand Knight candidate is probably the toughest. GK Doug Kraus has agreed to serve another year as our Grand Knight, please thank him for being willing to continue in this position for another year. Also, please consider becoming an officer in the future. The only additional demand on your time would be the monthly officer meeting that is held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Mike Brant was recently inducted into the Nicollet Assembly Hall of Fame! Please take a moment to congratulate him on this very noteworthy honor.

We do have a blood drive on August 11 so keep an eye out for registration information for that important event.

A noteworthy probable departure is the potential loss of Father Newton as our Council Chaplain. He is due for a new assignment beginning July 1. He has been a wonderful addition to our council and parish so please take a moment to say farewell and good luck.

Here’s to a great summer and we’ll reconvene with our next General Council meeting on August 8. Our search for a new editor in chief of the newsletter has ended successfully and Keith Bistodeau will be taking the helm. He has made mention that a newsletter is likely to be written in August so stay tuned for that. It has been fun to have been the editor of this publication for the past three years, but it’s a task that isn’t likely to be missed too much. Be safe, keep praying for stability in this turbulent world and we’ll see everyone as our Council year’s activities begin again in September with the Big Lake pet vaccination clinic.



## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

We are seeing hints of summer between all the rain, cooler weather and even some snow this past month. Most of this Memorial Day weekend was very nice around our area and I hope everyone was able to enjoy it in some way. It is nice to see the ponds, lakes and rivers filled up but I think the farmers would like a little break to get their crops planted. I encourage prayers for the timely rain (or break from it) and warm weather for the farmers this month.

May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> the annual state convention was held in Alexandria MN at the Arrowwood Resort. I had the pleasure of attending this event. You do not have to be an officer to attend, and I would encourage everyone to partake in this event sometime. This is where all the stats come out for the year, new state officers are elected and where councils are recognized for their accomplishments. It is good to hear about some of the things that other councils are doing in their communities.

If you remember the pink raffle tickets that you receive with your dues statement and are asked to buy 2 of them at \$5 each. In Minnesota we have approximately 41,000 members, at 2 tickets per member that is \$410,000. There was a total of \$185,000 sold. That means less than 1 ticket per member. As a council we get 50% of our ticket intake back. I would like to strive for 100% participation of 2 tickets per member bought next year, which would be approximately \$1,100 back to the council.

It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Knight this past year and I look forward to one more year of service. I feel that together we have done some good things and I am excited about more opportunities this coming year.

Congratulations to Kent Yoder who is the May Family of the month. Thanks for all you do Kent

Blessings  
Doug Kraus  
Grand Knight



## Chaplain's Message

We as the disciples of Jesus Christ have chosen Jesus as our Lord and have put our faith in him and we want to follow him. If we want to follow Jesus as his disciples, we must be convinced of the fact that we are in the world but we do not belong to this world. We are way - farers on our way to our eternal home. Jesus wants us that we do not amass wealth here on earth. We are to be rich but in heaven. Jesus does not tell us to be destitute but we are to be materially poor. We may keep what we need and what is over and above we should give away to those less fortunate than ourselves. Jesus says clearly where your treasure is there is your heart. It is hard to accept for those who have more than they need for a reasonable life. It is also hard for those who though poor have the only desire of becoming rich. Their treasure and consequently their trust are in their world and not in God. We will be happy if we have chosen Jesus even if we have not the wealth of this world. We should also live in the world as strangers, considering the wealth we may have amassed as rubbish and make our way home to Jesus where he lives. No doubt that we need enough for the journey but nothing more. There are so many who lack the bare necessities of life. For the people who have more than they need Jesus has a solution that is give it away. This is what Jesus expects and wants of us today. May God bless you all!

Vivat Jesus!



## Council Officers

<b>Chaplain</b>	Fr. Arockiya Newton	763-441-1483
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<b>Trustee 1 Year</b>	SK Jim Witzman, PGK	612-805-1846
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**DEFENDING:**  
Life & Family.  
**SERVING:**  
God, Church,  
& Community.

## Completed Events



### Pancake Breakfast

We held our May breakfast to provide funds for vocations and support we lend to Seminarians. It was the final breakfast until we begin again in September.



### Pet Vaccination Clinic

The annual pet clinic was held at Elk River City Hall on Saturday, May 4. Thanks to all who volunteered their Saturday morning to this effort.



### State Convention

The State Convention was held in St. Cloud from May 17-19. Thank you to all who attended and represented Council 5296.

## Upcoming Events



### Mille Lacs

The Mille Lacs fishing extravaganza is June 13. The bus will leave St. Andrew at 4:30 and should be back around midnight. Contact George Klaers at 763-441-8129 if you would like to get in on the fun.



### 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. 4pm, grilling to start at 6:00 so you will have time to attend 5:00 Mass and the grilling will not start without you! Bring a steak and a dish to share. Beverages, paper products and flatware are provided.



## Birthdays

### 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

### July

1 Bob Hurd  
 3 Michael Belanger  
 3 Brian Gardner  
 5 Phil Beckstrand  
 5 Joseph Mayne  
 9 Doug Fiedler  
 10 James Brant  
 12 Joe Weeks  
 13 Chris Haugen  
 14 Ray Bentfield  
 15 John Thole  
 21 John Fossum  
 25 Duane Gasser  
 28 Mark Voigt  
 31 Glenn Saylor  
 31 Tony Jarmoluk

### August

9 Russel Anderson  
 9 David Guimont  
 12 Jesus Guevara  
 15 Matthew Sanders  
 19 Joe Sadowski  
 19 Mark Orwoll  
 20 Dan Ebner  
 20 Matthew Welch  
 20 Richard Wynn  
 21 Steve Krick  
 22 George Dahlheimer  
 22 Craig Hemmesch  
 23 Tom Brant  
 23 Jon Grunewald  
 24 Tom Hallaway  
 25 Dan Bauman  
 26 David Forster  
 27 Tim Corpe  
 29 Kenneth Case  
 30 Jeff Brant  
 30 Gregory Crane  
 31 Ron Beckerleg



## 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...**



## Family of the Month

**June: Kent Yoder Family**

Kent and his family do many, many things for our parish. He and his kids are musicians who frequently provide accompaniment for our choirs at Mass, and Kent frequently serves as Cantor. He is also deeply involved in the Youth Faith Formation program. Thank you Kent for your efforts to build our faith community.



## Meet a Knight

This month get to know Mike Brant.

Mike Brant was recently inducted into the 4th Degree Hall of Fame. It's tough to imagine a more deserving Knight than Mike.

It's hard to know where to start with Mike when it comes to discussing his selfless commitment to the organization, our parish and our council. Mike has been a Knight since 1971 and since then he has served our council in numerous roles and has done two terms as our Grand Knight. Likewise, Mike has served the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly in roles that included being the Navigator. Additionally, he has been the District Marshall for 4 years and is on the board for Fort St. Charles (a retreat in the Northwest Angle for Diocesan Priests).

At St. Andrew, Mike has always had an active role. He started as an altar server, has taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation and served as an officer in the parish's Catholic Youth Organization. He has been a Eucharistic Minister for over 30 years and has been an usher for over 11 years.

Within our council, Mike serves as the beer garden chair for the Festival, co-coordinates our membership banquet, he helps with the Lasagna and Spaghetti Dinner, just about all breakfasts and the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Dinners that we often sponsor. He can also be counted on to pick up meat for our monthly breakfasts.

Mike and his wife Cathy were married at St. Andrew 42 years ago. Together they have 3 sons and 5 grandchildren. Mike has coached youth baseball and basketball and still plays softball. Mike also can be counted upon to take part in color guards to the tune of over 40 per year.

Congratulate Mike on this well-deserved honor.



## Council Calendar



June		
9	Blood Drive	St. Andrew Gymnasium
13	Mille Lacs Fishing Extravaganza, 4:30 bus	Lake Mille Lacs
16	Father's Day	
20	District Officer Installation/Dinner, 6:00	St. Andrew
27	Admission Degree 6:00, Officer's Mtg 7:00	St. Andrew Room 3
July		
4	Independence Day	
25	Admission Degree 6:00, Officer's Mtg 7:00	St. Andrew Room 3
August		
3	Annual steak fry 4pm	Kraus'
8	General Council Meeting 7:00 (6:30 Rosary)	St. Andrew Room 3
23	Admission Degree 6:00, Officer's Mtg 7:00	St. Andrew Room 3
September		
7	Big Lake Pet Vaccination Clinic	Big Lake
8	Pancake Breakfast - Parish Mission Trip	St. Andrew Cafeteria
12	General Council Meeting 7:00 (6:30 Rosary)	St. Andrew Room 3
15	Parish Festival	St. Andrew
18?	Pumpkin Harvest, 4:00	Tom Aubart Plot



## Service Anniversaries

**June**  
**30 Years**  
George Klaers  
**10 Years**  
Tim Rissman

**July**  
**None**

**August**  
**None**



## 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.elkriverkofc.org](http://www.elkriverkofc.org)