



Knight Worthy News



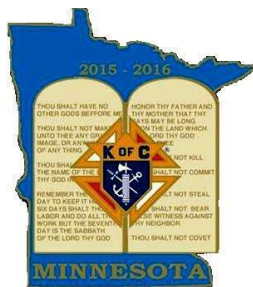
Queen of Peace Council #5296, Elk River, Minnesota

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March

March means St. Patrick’s Day, corned beef and cabbage, green beer, shamrock shakes and Lent. We should use the opportunity presented by Lent to develop a closer relationship with God. That can come by spending more time in prayer, studying the Bible or (as we are familiar) giving something up. Don’t lose sight of the fact that the purpose of Lent to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ’s suffering, sacrifice, death and resurrection.

We are into the process of electing officers for 2019-2020. 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 a specific position, we will cast votes as needed. Please take the time to consider if you can serve the council in one of these key roles. Remember, you must be at least a Third Degree Knight to be an officer. We have at least two positions to fill, so please consider taking on a new role with our council.

We have our annual membership blitz on the weekend of March 9-10. All Knights are being asked to wear something promoting the Knights of Columbus to Mass on that weekend (shirt, jacket, cap, etc.). The goal is to get men who are interested in the Knights to be able to identify us and ask questions of us with the ultimate goal being to have them join our organization.

Our membership banquet is March 17 at the Carousel in Big Lake. New venue, but the food should still be outstanding. Cost is \$25 per person unless you are new to the Council since the last banquet. New members and their spouses do not have to pay. Social hour at 3:00 with dinner at 4:00 and a program to follow. Please join your fellow Knights for this annual event.

Also, this note from Ray Dixon regarding can pop tab collection:

Once again, the Minnesota Knights of Columbus councils are collection can pop tops to support the Ronald McDonald houses of the state. Currently there are five Ronald McDonald Houses in Minnesota – one located in Rochester at the Mayo Clinic and the other four in the Twin Cities. These houses provide a comfortable and caring home-away-from-home that keeps families together and reduces stress during a child’s serious illness. This includes providing home-cooked dinners every night, family-friendly activities, private rooms, accredited K-12 schooling, and much more. Collecting pop tabs is a simple and easy program for our council to participate in. We will be collecting the first two weekends in May. They will be turned in at the 2019 State Convention. They will be weighed and the council with the highest weight per member will be classified as the winner (number of council members based on July 1, 2018 membership). At the 2019 State Convention Banquet, the winning council will receive a traveling trophy to display until the 2020 State Convention. Thanks for your participation in this activity. Ray Dixon, Past Grand Knight.



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

History has been made, we just got through the snowiest February in Minnesota history and the 4th snowiest month of all time for our area with a whopping 39". I know many are a bit tired of "All" the snow and snow removal, but I would like to think that this is all part of God's plan. He will provide us with what we need. Moisture for the crops, the exercise that comes with its removal, many snow related sales for businesses who have struggled in recent years and the beauty of it as it is falling and laying a white blanket on the landscape. Who are we to question his plan?

Lent will start this week with Ash Wednesday. With that will come many local fish fries on Friday nights, some of which are Knight sponsored and I would encourage you to support. However, I also encourage you to take some time this Lenten season for reflection and preparation before the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter. A few ways may include reconciliation, or the REBOOT program coming in April.

You should have received your mailed invitations for this year's Membership Banquet by now and I would encourage everyone and spouses to join in this enjoyable evening event recognizing council and individual accomplishments over the past year, what should be a good dual special speaker and a nice meal. Please make sure to RSVP as soon as possible.

We will be implementing some social media advertising in the form of Facebook. If you are savvy with this I would like to talk to you. Please contact me at 612-859-3860

I would also like to take a moment to congratulate Rich Schultz on the February Knight of the month. Rich put in a lot of time on the new crucifix and the free throw contest recently. Thank you Rich.

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



Chaplain's Message

When we give a deep thought to the problems of the world, we realize that selfishness is the most of all the problems and troubles both individual as well as world-wide. Christ being a revolutionary brought drastically a new approach to solve the problems. The answer of Jesus to all the problems looks simple but profound. He calls us to love one another as much as we love ourselves, if not more than ourselves. This love is a genuine love, a love that embraces both our friends and enemies alike; this love went upto the point of his death on the Cross, though He did not deserve such a death. He died on the Cross for the sake of corrupt and dishonest people, for the sinners and saints alike. His Death and Resurrection brought the humans closer together.

Jesus is the reconciler of different factions of the humans. The revolution proclaimed by Jesus is unique without any self-interest and personal gain. His love towards mankind was completely unselfish. What motivated Jesus in his revolution was his unselfish love which was a power within him, but in the eyes of the world it was considered to be a weakness. If only we have love, then we will be able to do something to solve the problems and this love on our part should be ready to give everything and do anything without any personal gain. Such a love will help us to become victorious with Christ. The invisible power of love within us will help us to do small things to change the world what come may on our life-journey. During this season of lent, let us keep in our hearts the selfless love of Christ and try to love and serve others without counting the cost.

Vivat Jesus!



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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



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

Completed Events



Pancake Breakfast

We had another successful and well attended breakfast. We were able to make a nice donation towards helping to defray the cost of the Stubenville retreat. Next up is the March breakfast



Blood Drive

The recent blood drive was very successful. We had a goal of 21 units and collected 24!

Upcoming Events



Pancake Breakfasts

When: Sunday, March 10, CAER
 Sunday, April 14, 5th Grade Graduation
 Sunday, May 5, Vocations

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



Membership Blitz and District Bowling Tournament

The Weekend of March 9th-10th is the spring membership blitz. We are very short of our goal, so a committed effort is needed by all. The number one reason we don't have more Knights is because no one specifically has asked someone to become a Knight. Take a moment and ask someone if they will become a Knight. You may be surprised by the answer.



Membership Banquet

Our annual membership banquet is Sunday March 17 at the Carousel in Big Lake. Social hour at 3:00 with dinner at 4:00 followed by a program. Cost is \$25 per person; all Brother Knights who have joined since the last banquet are free. Contact Tom Hallaway, 763-441-7140, with questions.



Birthdays

March

1	Marble Wood
1	Dan Eck
2	Robert Mord
2	William Mord
3	Robert Ebner
3	Scott Reller
6	Jerry Banken
10	Dave Alfveby
10	Jacob Benz
10	Weston Kolles
12	Ron Blaha
18	Ronald Ebner
18	Lloyd Barthel
18	Jake Holthaus
19	Dan Brant
20	Richard Corbin
22	Ralph Heib
22	Robert Burley
25	Kellen Boerger
25	Colton Varner
26	Peter Busch
27	George Moulds
28	Harry Stevens
28	Evan Griffiths
29	Greg Loidolt

April

8	Phil Dahlheimer
8	Keith Grassel
8	Ed Stevens
8	William Guertin
12	Dennis Ebert
15	Robert Vandenberg
16	Lawrence Vorderbruggen
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



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 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

March: Rich Schultz

Rich was a major part of the huge success of this year's free throw competition. Rich used his connections within the youth basketball organization to bring in 18 participants. Easily the best showing in many years. Thanks Rich!



Special Note

This section is usually reserved to meeting a Knight. Even though there is a Knight to meet this month the following note is from the Trustees and this note has precedence for this month.

I learned a long time ago, that the more you put into something, the more you get out of it. Are you a Knight who joined the Knights of Columbus and are still waiting for some of the "benefits" and a sense of membership? Here is your opportunity to get involved and reap the benefits of membership and commitment.

We are looking for several Knights to become Officers in the Queen of Peace Council. Having served as a Council Officer for many years has paid dividends I never would have expected. From the deep friendships, to a stronger commitment to the satisfaction of knowing that I am able to help serve both my Church and my fellow Knights.

All it takes is that first step (volunteer) and you will never regret your decision to become more involved in the Knights of Columbus. Many hands make light work!

If you are interested or have questions, please contact me at 612-805-1846 or Ray Dixon at 316-706-7751

Vivat Jesus
SK James Witzman, FDD, PGK, PFN
Queen of Peace Council Trustee



Council Calendar



March 2019	
9-10	KC MN State Membership Blitz
10	Council Pancake Breakfast - CAER
14	Council General Meeting - 7:00 pm (Admissions Degree 6:00 pm)
16	District Major Degree - District 43
17	Council Membership Banquet
28	Council Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm
April 2019	
11	Council General Meeting - 7:00 pm (Admissions Degree 6:00 pm)
14	Council Pancake Breakfast - 5th Grade Graduation
14	Council Memorial Blood Drive
21st	Easter Sunday
25	Council Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm
26-28	Council Tootsie Roll Drive



Service Anniversaries

March	April	May
60 Years Stan Kalvestran	55 Years Gene Zappa	60 Years Lloyd Barthel
35 Years Gary Kolles	45 Years Augie Keller	35 Years Stan Steuter
10 Years Joel Kolles	40 Years Ray Dixon	5 Years DJ Walentiny
1 Year John Thole	20 Years Chris Calvert	1 Year Joel Alfveby
Paul Nelson		Mike Bauer
Mike Bjorkedal		Leo Grotte
Tom Faue		Austin Solors
Bob Koehler		



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