



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As I write this letter, lent has welcomed us with some seasonably average to above average temperatures with many warmer days in the forecast. Maybe spring will be here early this year. Let us take a few extra minutes each day this lent to be thankful for what we have and maybe be give a little extra to those who don't have.

We have a few big events coming up in the next few weeks. First is our Membership Blitz this coming weekend. If you are available after your mass please lend a hand for 15 minutes or so to answer questions and hand out information on becoming a Knight.

Next is the degree being run on the 14th at 9:30am. It is always good to have a crowd for our new members and this will be the first time we see the new degree.

Next is the annual Membership Banquet at the Carousell Works in Big Lake again this year. Please see your invitation which was sent out last week for details. I would encourage everyone to come enjoy an afternoon with us socializing, a wonderful meal, our State Chaplin Fr. Gabriel Walz as the guest speaker and to recognize all of our achievements over the past year.

Lastly we have the moonlight bowling coming up on the 22nd. This is a fun family and friend event fundraiser for us. Bowlers do not need to be a Knight, ALL are welcome, \$20 for bowling from 12:30-4:30 includes shoes. Color pin prizes and prize ticket give a ways all afternoon. Bring a whole lane of 5 -6 people or more. Let's make this a BIG deal!

Congratulations to George Klaers on being the Knight of the Month. Well deserved

George, Thanks for all you do.

Blessings

Doug Kraus

Grand Knight

Council Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
7 th /8 th – Membership Blitz	5 th – Pancake Breakfast	2 nd – Pet Clinic
8 th – Pancake Breakfast	5 th - Blood Drive	3 rd – Pancake Breakfast
12 th - General Council Meeting	9 th - Admission Degree	14 th - Admission Degree
14 th – Major Degree	9 th - General Council Meeting	14 th - General Council Meeting
15 th – Membership Banquet	23 rd – Officer Meeting	15 th to 17 th – State Convention
22 nd – Moonlight Bowling	24 th to 26 th – Tootsie Roll Drive	16 th to 17 th – Hospitality
26 th – Officers Meeting	24 th to 26 th – Fourth Degree	21 st – Officers Meeting

Completed Events from February

Pancake Breakfast (Youth Retreat/School Open House) on February 2nd

We had a great amount of support for this event with many volunteers and a lot of support from the community. Thank you to everyone who was able to help.

Blood Drive on February 2nd

We had another solid showing of donations this month for the blood drive. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Ice Fishing from February 13th to 16th

It was cold and windy but we had a blast. There was some fishing that happened in between the socializing, which is what this trip is about every year. Thank you to everyone who came.

Upcoming Council Events

Membership Blitz on March 7th and March 8th after each Mass.

Pancake Breakfast on March 8th from 8am to 12pm in the Cafeteria with proceses going to CAER.

General Council Meeting on March 12th at 7:00pm in Meeting Room 3 Rosary at 6:30pm.

Major Degree on March 14th mass at 8:30am, 9:00am registration and degree at 9:30 all in the church.

Soup and Sacrifice on March 14th after 5pm mass. The Knights are sponsoring this meal. Watch email for details

Membership Banquet on March 15th at Carrousel Works in Big Lake. See invitation that was sent.

Moonlight Bowling on March 22nd at McPete's in Big Lake 12noon-4:30pm. Bring family and friends, fill a lane! \$20 per person, everything included. Win Prizes!!!

Officers Meeting on March 26th at 7:00pm in Meeting 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 George Klaers. George can be found at most of our breakfasts flipping pancakes, he helps run our free throw contest and he coordinates our annual launch fishing trip to Mille Lacs. If you see George congratulate him and thank him for all he does.

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.

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.

New Council Vests

Due to supply we will be offering new vests soon. They will be navy blue in color with our council emblem and your name embroidered on the front. We are hoping to have size samples soon. It is not necessary that you buy a new one or even that you have one, but moving forward this is what they will be. The cost will be \$25. Please contact Loren Volk for ordering information.

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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.

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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.