



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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

### Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

November is upon us. With that brings cooler temps, snow, the beginning of the holiday season, Thanksgiving and deer hunting season. I would like to wish all the hunters a fun, safe and successful season. Even if you are not successful, I encourage you to take a moment to look around and enjoy all the things of nature that God has given us.

Sadly I have to report that our memorial mass/brunch was canceled this year due to a lack of a chair person for the event. I hope this can be avoided in the future.

Weekends in October were busy for us with our pumpkin sales going on after all the masses throughout the month. I would like thank everyone who helped out with this event from the coordination to hauling them around each weekend and being there to sell after each mass. All of the pumpkins were gone and our efforts netted over \$1500 this year which will go to support our seminarians. Also this past month we had a breakfast, a blood drive and our fall membership blitz which brought forth a few prospects and a Form 100. GOOD JOB GUYS!

Congratulations to Clayton Talbot on being the October Knight of the Month.

Blessings

Doug Kraus

Grand Knight

### Council Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
3rd – Pancake Breakfast	1st – Bowling Special Olympics	9th - Admission Degree
7th - Admission Degree	7th - Christmas Potluck	9th - General Council Meeting
7th - General Council Meeting	8th – Blood Drive	12th – Nativity Tear-Down
21st - Officer's Meeting	8th – Pancake Breakfast w/Santa	12th – Pancake Breakfast
30th – Nativity Set-Up	12th – Admission Degree	12th – Free Throw Contest
<i>*Christmas card sales after all masses November 23<sup>rd</sup> thru December 8<sup>th</sup>*</i>	12th – General Council Meeting	16th to 19th – Ice Fishing Trip
	19th – Officer's Meeting	23rd - Officer's Meeting
		25th – Spaghetti Dinner

### Completed Events from October

**Membership Blitz** on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

We handed out over 20 informational packets to prospects. Thank you to Keith and Bob for leading this event.

**Pancake Breakfast (Pro Life)** on October 13<sup>th</sup>

TBD

**Blood Drive** on October 20<sup>th</sup>

We received 17 units of blood

## **Upcoming Council Events**

**Pancake Breakfast (Missions)** on November 3rd from 8am to 12pm in the St. Andrew Cafeteria

**Admission Degree** on November 7th at 6:00pm at St. Andrews in Room 3.

**General Council Meeting** on November 7th at 7:00pm (6:30pm Rosary) at St. Andrews in Room 3.

**Officer's Meeting** on November 21st at 7:00pm at St. Andrews in Room 3.

**Nativity Set-Up** on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Time TBD.

## **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**

Clayton Talbot is our Knight of the month. Clayton has been a member for the last few years and has really stepped up and helped out where ever needed. He can be found at many of our different events and has begun chairing some as well. If you see Clayton, congratulate him and thank him for all he does.

## **Faith Based Opportunities**

### **Breath of Life Prayer Group**

Fr. Dave Pivonka, via DVD, sharing the power of the Holy Spirit. Join us in prayer, discussion and personal testimonies. All are welcome. Bring a friend and Bible. Next Meetings are October 25, November 8, December 13 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Meeting Room #3 - Door C. Contact: Eva Jahnke 763-257-7109 or

[evawrite@gmail.com](mailto:evawrite@gmail.com)

**Families in Need for Christmas (via St. Michael Catholic Church)**

Christmas season is a good time for us all to take a moment and reflect on the many blessings that we have received from God. There are a lot of hurting and struggling families within our own community that need a little help. If you know of needy a family in the area please let me know.

The family will be helped with food, presents, etc. to make their Christmas brighter. There are also families needed to sponsor those families in need. Sharing your blessings with someone less fortunate is a wonderful way to be a witness of God's great love for us and for you to have a more memorable Christmas. Please pray about sponsoring a family in need this Christmas season.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be organizing the efforts again this year. If you know of a family in need or if you would like to help make Christmas a little brighter for one of these families. Please contact Lisa Bursey at 612-309-6769 or email [lisadbursey@charter.net](mailto:lisadbursey@charter.net) for more information.

**Men's Welcome Retreat (via St. Michael Catholic Church)**

Save the date! The Men's Welcome Retreat (CRHP) is March 28th-29th, 2020. Contact Deb Jan at 763-807-7286 if interested. All men 18 and over are invited!

## Council Officers

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### Council Website and Facebook Page

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**[WWW.ELKRIVERKOFC.ORG](http://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](mailto:keithcyrilbistodeau@gmail.com).

Also, if you would like to join our KC Companions of Christ Email chain please send your contact information to Keith Bistodeau at [keithcyrilbistodeau@gmail.com](mailto:keithcyrilbistodeau@gmail.com).

### 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.