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Knights of Columbus Newsletter
Council 9096 Apple Valley, MN
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Grand Knight Report

Upcoming Events

3/2 & 3/3 Recruiting Weekend
3/9 630pm Easter Bingo
3/17 KofC Pancake Breakfast
3/19 7pm Knights Rosary @ Risen Savior
3/19 730pm Council Meeting

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Dear Brothers,

March! The beginning of meteorological end to winter. Did we have a winter? This time last year we were still saying no more snow, please!

If my calculations are correct, we have met the requirements for Supreme's Founders' Award. This is important. This is the attendance requirements at the Fraternal Benefits Events (FBE) held throughout the year. We are on track to meet the requirements for the Columbian Award. As of now, the only thing standing in our way to achieve Star Council is membership. We only need 2 more! Please just don't think someone else will do it. Rather, you be that someone! And, yes, you may get rejected, but you may just touch a nerve on a potential candidate, young father, grandfather, single guy, friend, neighbor, college buddy, relative/in-law, new RCIA Catholic, etc. Just invite them. "Has anyone ever invited you to become a Knight? Well, I'm inviting you now. "But I don't have time." Can you spare an hour – a year?! Have them go to kofc.org/join, use our council number 9096, your member number as referral (or mine 4568533), no insurance referral, the sign-up free code is blessedmcgivney (not case sensitive). I will get their information and get back to them. Please pray and think about this and to quote the Nike commercial, "Just do it!" If you get 3 members before June 30th, you will get a sturdy KC "battle" rosary (you must use your membership member in the sign-up process).

This will be my last year as Grand Knight. The presumed incoming GK, Tim Blodgett, (subject to election in June) will need to fill a slate of officers, program directors, and event chairs. If you plan to take on an officer role on the succession ladder, keeping your present director role (Faith, Family/Council, Community, Life), if you are ok keeping your role as an event chair, let Tim or I know. His info is on the front page of the newsletter. If you are resigning from any role, it is especially important that we identify your successor asap.

Vivat Jesus!
Dan Hindes, Grand Knight

4 PRINCIPLES
4 REASONS

CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY PATRIOTISM

KC Apple Valley/Risen Savior Council 9096

Meeting Agenda

February 20, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order by GK Dan Hindes -- Meeting Started at 7:32 pm
2. Opening Prayer (for the fallen Burnsville police officers and fire dept medic and their families, as well as for police Sgt. Medlicott who survived but might be questioning why he survived but the others did not.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (motion required) -- Minutes approved unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message - No message today due to prior engagement by Father Matthew
6. After discussion to change the March meeting date, the consensus was to NOT change the date. It will still be 3/19.
7. Self introductions and Introduce Guest(s)
8. Grand Knight's Report
 - a. Convention & Delegates 5/3-5/5 Breezy Point--1st offer to those interested in 2024/2025 officer roles.
 - b. Delegate registration deadline and hotel registration deadline is 3/31.
 - c. Early convention = early State Submission Deadline Award 2/28
 - d. Need a volunteer or more to contact newer members, just to stay in touch.
 - e. Correspondence received -- Thank you letters from Pregnancy Choices and Feed My Starving Children
9. Treasurer's Report (NO motion required)
 - a. Update checks disbursed and account balances.
10. Financial Secretary's Report
 - a. Membership Status
50 members have paid dues, about half of the total. Cards are available for those who have paid dues.
 - b. Unpaid Dues Status (2024)
 - c. Affiliate Member Status
 - d. Bills not previously approved (unbudgeted) for approval (motion required)--None.
 - e. IRS form 990N status and reminder
 - f. Reports due February & March
 - i. Semi Annual Audit - Done
 - ii. Campaign for People with intellectual disabilities – Tootsie Roll Order Form – Done
 1. Need for volunteers – contact Steve Dahl
 2. Locations--See entry 13a--Report from Steve Dahl
 - iii. State Council overall programs entry form – due 2/29
 - g. Tootsie Roll order form has been completed--volunteers will be requested at March meeting.
11. Membership Report (**Tim Blodgett**)
 - a. Balloting of Candidates for Admission or Transfer (motion required) -- Admission approved unanimously.
 - a. Jules Koumedjro
 - b. Bill Nelson
 - c. Terry Ford
 - d. Francis Igbo
 - e. Craig Walters
 - b. 1 prospective member in waiting
 - c. March 2nd and 3rd will be annual membership drive.
12. Program Reports/Status towards Faith In Action Columbian Award Requirements
 - a. Life **Terry McCall**
Thanks to those who participate in cinnamon roll sales.
There will be one more cinnamon roll sale in April.
Ultrasound for Pregnancy Choices -- Please send checks to Pregnancy Choices noting ultrasound and council number.
As men we're called to ask our elected officials to support life
We are about \$5000 away from Ultrasound machine goal.
 - b. Faith **Jerry Kuennen**
Family Rosary is delayed to April 7th due to Easter Sunday on 3/31
June Habitat for Humanity volunteer build opportunity is being planned.
 - c. Community **Bill Rabe**
Roadway cleanup signs have been put in place. Council is now responsible for Southcross behind the Parish
Blood drive March 27th from 11am to 5pm at Risen Savior parish. Reservation required.
Easter Bingo March 9th 630 pm -- 15 volunteers needed -- Permit is still in process.
 - d. Family/Council **BJ Bertram**
Today is the last day for ordering shirts and caps
Scholarship will be awarded May 19th at 9am mass
Volunteer is needed to set up Von Hansen fundraiser or to hand off the award.
KC Family mass scheduled for October 6th at 9am
13. Other Reports
 - a. Last held events--no updates
 - b. Upcoming Events--**Steve Dahl** -- Tootsie Rolls

Cub is closed, to be replaced with Dollar Tree
 Planned fundraising spots are Ace Hardware, Dollar Tree, and Risen Savior
 Pancake Breakfast will be March 17th -- Please let Steve know if you'll be there.
 Pancake and Tootsie Roll Chairs will be needed for next year.

- c. Fourth Degree
 Discussion regarding Minnesota Vets Home Bingo. Currently 4th degree spends \$100 per event along with 6-10 volunteers. Should/Could our council do the same? Chuck Woodward will get more information and bring it back to the council.
 District deputy -- Nothing to report.
- d. Insurance -- Not present
- e. Other/Miscellaneous -- None

14. Old Business

- a. Reminder that Lent is an important time to grow our faith.
- b. Reminder of upcoming exposition of the Holy Eucharist every Friday 930am – 7pm; Holy Hour at 6pm First Friday Mass too.
- c. Joint effort with Watchmen KC's encouraged to attend next meeting 2/28. 630pm light meal/social followed by presentation and prayer. Contact/RSVP https://risensavior.org/catholic-watchmen_ or Dan Hindes if you are not on their mailing list.
- d. Spaghetti dinner -- Thanks to Steve and Julie and all the volunteers who helped. It was a great event!

15. New Business

We are halfway through the year. It is not too early to begin planning for next year's officers, program/event chairs. We need brother knights to step up. Lots of training and mentoring is available. See Dan Hindes!

16. Good of the Order --

17. Grand Knight's Summary

18. Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer (RECORDER do not name)

19. Motion for Adjournment @ 830pm

20. Next Meeting: 3/19

21. Social/Refreshments

Respectfully submitted by Cameron Hoppe, Recorder

Monthly Meeting Refreshment Schedule

Monthly Meeting is conducted in the Risen Savior Church
 Bays 1 and 2 on the Third Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 PM

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

<i>KC Meeting Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>
March 19, 2024 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Koffi Koumedjro	612-245-4932
April 16, 2024 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Andy Howard	952-917-9959
May 21, 2024 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Roy Tangeman	319-360-2756
June 18, 2024 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Jerry Kuennen	952-236-7523

Your Refreshment Guidelines:

- \$60 Monthly Refreshment Budget (Please bring receipts to KC Meeting for reimbursement).
- Use your own cooler.
- Bring 20 to 24 Beers, 12 Pop including diet coke for Father, and 4 Water.
- Bring snacks to share such as peanuts, chocolate, crackers, cheese, etc.
- The refreshments and snacks that are not consumed are yours to take home
- Our KC Newsletter will list the person responsible for the monthly refreshments.
- If you cannot fulfill your monthly assignment, please contact another Knight on the schedule.

Food on the First Results

As part of the Risen Savior Food on the First Program. our Knights of Columbus Council delivered

1050 pounds of food to the Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf from Risen Savior in February.

Since July 1, 2023, our council has delivered 7849 pounds of food to the Food Shelf.

UltraSound Update – Pregnancy Choices

Together with 5 other South of the river Councils we are continuing to raise funds for a new ultrasound machine at Pregnancy Choices. Steve Dahl coordinated the last ultrasound drive over 10 years ago. The goal is \$15,000 which will be matched by Supreme. Our Council goal is \$2500 with \$1,845 received to date. You can still send a check to Pregnancy Choices, 15010 Glazier Ave., Suite #104, Apple Valley, MN 55124. Mark on the memo line 'Council 9096 – Ultrasound'. This will allow us to get matching funds.

Thank you to all who contributed to another successful Cinnamon Roll sale for AIM (Always Intentional Man) started at Pregnancy Choices by Luke Spehar. We netted another \$778 this month. Our final sale is April 13 & 14. Funds from it will help cover the overall shortfall of funds in the annual KC budget.

Knights of Columbus Supreme matches the amount given locally for the ultrasound. The total cost of the machine is \$30,000. Supreme matches dollar for dollar what you give. It's not too late to contribute. Send a check today to Pregnancy Choices, 15010 Glazier Ave., Suite #104, Apple Valley, MN 55124. Mark on the memo line 'Council 9096 – Ultrasound'.

DID YOU GET YOUR ONE HOUR?

This is directed towards our newer members, not the consistently involved brother knights.

If I am the brother knight who got you to join the KC's, you probably remember me telling you that the time commitment is only 1 hour a year. First let me reassure you that no one is keeping track. We all have busy schedules and commitments. To those who might be wondering "what can I do?", let me offer some suggestions. If you are interested but don't know how to volunteer, each newsletter article has a contact person listed, OR you can contact me and I will forward your information. Here we go...

Attend a meeting, help on cinnamon roll weekend, help at a pancake breakfast after Mass, Spring bingo, Von Hansen's weekend hot dog sales, Special Olympics Tootsie Roll drive, check-in calls with certain members (not a dues related call).....

Life Involvement

While we as KC's don't take sides with political parties nor candidates, as men we are called to be heard as individuals. The current leaders in power in Minnesota have passed the most pro-death laws in history. They have codified abortion up to birth and are now considering legal euthanasia. MN is even more radical than China and North Korea.

One of the most powerful ways to enact change is to meet personally with your elected representatives in the State Legislature. Writing letters is second best. Emails are third best. One challenge is that the current Legislature is trying to limit personal contact with those whom they govern. In the past you could just show up at the Capitol and they would see you. They now are pushing for appointment only. This may sound reasonable but is actually just another way not to allow your concerns to be heard.

If any brother Knights would like to join me at the Capitol to express your concerns, contact me at mccalltery@yahoo.com or 612-849-4930.

Eucharistic Revival



Eucharistic Revival: This is a reminder that we are still in the 2nd year of the Eucharistic Revival in the Parishes. Please keep learning all you can about the Eucharistic. and go to Mass and Adoration as much as you can. Also, please pray for the success of the Eucharistic Congress coming up in July. As Knights, we need to be leaders in our own parishes by attending Mass and Adoration and helping your priest to promote the Eucharistic Revival and Congress. Keep on praying for the success of both! Vivat Jesus! State Deputy Dan DeCrans.

High School Senior Scholarship Fundraiser

The Knights are once again selling Raffle Tickets to fund our High School Senior Scholarship and to help cover some of the cost of the 2024 Youth Mission Trip. We will be selling the tickets throughout January, February, March and the start of April. The tickets are \$10 each and you will have a chance to win one of ten \$100 prizes or the grand prize of \$500. Look for the tickets before or after church and during our pancake breakfasts or send me an email. The raffle drawing will be held during our April 16th Council Meeting. Need not be present to win. Best of luck! Steve.Lorenz65@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus High School Senior Scholarship

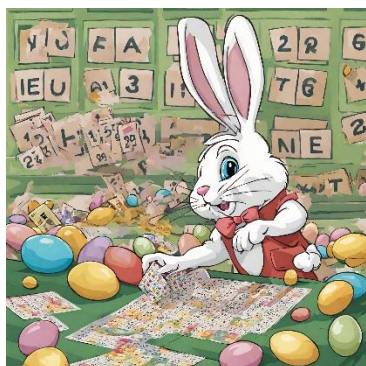


HEADS UP: Our Risen Savior Council will be sponsoring one \$1000 scholarship for our Risen Savior High School Seniors. The students will be able to apply for the scholarship from April 1 to 30, 2024. Our April KC Newsletter and the Risen Savior Bulletin will contain the information required for filling out the scholarship application. If you have any questions, please contact B. J. Bertram at (952) 435-8461.

March 2nd and 3rd KC Recruiting Weekend

The Council will hold our recruiting weekend on March 2 and 3, at all Masses. Volunteers are needed to greet parishioners and talk about our mission and brotherhood. Please reach out to Tim Blodgett tblodgett@yahoo.com if you can help.

March 9th KofC Easter Bingo



Risen Savior's annual Easter Bingo night will be held at 6:30pm on March 9th, 2024. Funds raised go to various charities supported by the Knights of Columbus, including Pregnancy Choices, Our Lady of Peace, Burnsville 360, and the Council's annual scholarship. Along with Bingo the Knights will be serving hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and soda.

Volunteers are still needed! Please contact Bill Rabe at (612)940-2792 if you can help!

March 17th KofC Our Lady of Peace Pancake Breakfast



The Risen Savior Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake, Sausage and Fruit Breakfast on March 17th (Sunday) from 9:30 AM to 12:30PM. Treat yourself and your family to a delicious breakfast in the Risen Savior's Resurrection Hall. The pancake breakfast proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Peace hospice in Saint Paul.

If you would like to volunteer for a short work shift, please contact Steve Dahl at (612) 987-9521 or at jsdahl@comcast.net.

Build the Man Spiritual Opportunities

The greatest of all the opportunities is the weekly ability to take some time to drop in and visit Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, on Fridays from 930am (after the 9am Mass) to 7pm. In the last hour at 6pm there is a Holy Hour with Benediction.

Of course, there is our pre-meeting Rosary usually at 7pm.

And there is the Catholic Watchmen. Some might feel that we are in competition with them, but we are not. Nor is it meant to be a recruiting event (of course unless someone comes up to us and asks about the KC's). Right now the Watchmen are following the KC video presentations of "Into the Breach." When this series is complete, there are other KC materials which we might suggest, but it is the Watchmen facilitators who make the decision. Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday (next is 3/26). Their meetings start at 630pm with a meal and social time, followed by a presentation and discussion, followed by prayer. They are usually done by 830pm. Several KC's are already attending Watchmen. Why not you?!

Speaking of Watchmen, please click here for info on the upcoming Archdiocesan Men's Conference, March 23rd at St. Joe's in Rosemount.

[Mens+Conference+2024_flyer.pdf \(archspmmainite.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Missed Opportunities

Do you remember or have you seen the cereal commercial, "Let Mikey Do It"? Sad to say that's what has been happening in our council. We are 159 members, all in different stages and commitments in life. But our volunteerism sometimes seems to reflect that commercial's attitude. Don't get me wrong, what we do is great – we win awards for what we do, but have we become complacent.

There seems to be not a recent event where we have had to go out for last minute volunteers. To those who answered the call right away or after the email blast, thank you. You made it happen. But due to lack of volunteers, we have let some programs die, and we have missed the opportunity on others.

Coats for Kids

Soccer Challenge

Free Throw Contest (we used to do this)

Christmas Poster Contest (we used to do this)

March for Life (our summer participation is unorganized and sparse – we don't do anything for January)

Special Olympics event participation (some members do individually)

KC Wheelchair Program

Other local opportunities

Now is the time to start the planning for some of these events. Now is the time to take on a new challenge, or to be a co-leader. "Just do it"!

We have an immediate need for 2 event chairs (can be co-chaired): Pancake Breakfasts and Tootsie Roll Drive. Both are needed after June 30th, but training is immediately available!

Eucharistic Pilgrimage



Brother Knights, The Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage will be starting here in Minnesota May 17th - 18th at the Sanford center in Bemidji. Sunday, May 19th, the Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin at Itasca State Park (Headwaters of the Mississippi) and wind its way through Minnesota, leaving Minnesota on June 7th for Wisconsin on its way to Indianapolis, Indiana. There are many areas where the Minnesota Knights of Columbus have been asked to help with this Pilgrimage — starting with Mass at the Sanford Center on Saturday, May 18th. The 4th Degree has been requested to provide an Honor Guard and escort Eucharistic Ministers as they distribute Holy Communion. On Sunday, May 19th, we need over 100 Knights to assist with Mass at Itasca State Park. With attendance expectations of 3,000 - 4,000 people, help will be needed with parking, ushering (everyone is asked to bring their own chairs — ushers will be directing them where to set up their chairs to keep everything orderly), and 4th Degree Honor Guard to escort Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Communion. After Mass, the Eucharistic Pilgrimage will start with a procession to the Headwaters where the Bishops will bless the Mississippi River. From the

Headwaters, they will process the Eucharist to the east entrance of the park, where the Eucharist will be motored to Laporte. There they will process the Eucharist one mile to St. Theodores Church where a prayer service and Adoration will be held. We need people to sign up for Adoration and 4th Degree Guard. May 20th, will begin with Mass (with 4th Degree Honor Guard). After Mass, the Eucharist will continue to St. Agnes in Walker. From Walker, the procession will go to Grand Rapids. Again, we need people to sign up for Adoration and 4th Degree Guard. This will be repeated each day as the Eucharist Procession continues through Minnesota on the way to Indianapolis, Indiana. I am asking every council and assembly in Minnesota to help with whatever they can and to have their parish participate somewhere along the line in this historic event — whether it is signing up for Adoration, being part of the Eucharistic Procession, or organizing carpools for your fellow parishioners. Please go to <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/marian-route> to see the route that is going through Minnesota. The complete signup sheet should be on the State website by the middle of March. Together, as Knights, we can make this happen and show that the Knights of Columbus is a faithful and faith filled organization. Vivat Jesus!

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