



December 2021
Knights of Columbus Newsletter
Council 9096
Apple Valley, MN
www.kcapplevalley.org

Upcoming Events

- **12/21 Council Meeting Mtg 730pm**
- **12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day**
- **12/19 Pancake Breakfast w Santa**
- **12/19 Church Decorating 315pm**
- **12/31 End Christmas poster contest**
- **1/15-16 Cinnamon Roll fundraiser**
- **1/16 Begin Novena for Life 9 days**
- **1/23 Pancake Breakfast**

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Chaplain

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Grand Knight Report – by Steve Lorenz
Please read this month's newsletter and please carve out a little time for our meeting on December 21st. We will be less business and more social and we strongly encourage you to bring your spouse or significant other. And bringing a dish to share is also encouraged. Please RSVP to me, so we can figure out how many to expect.

Also, please read both Archbishop Hebda's letter and the article on membership. Growing our council is everyone's responsibility.

Vivat Jesus

Fraternally

Steve Lorenz GK

Apple Valley Council 9096

4 PRINCIPLES
4 REASONS

CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY PATRIOTISM

MINUTES OF KC COUNCIL 9096 APPLE VALLEY, MN

Date: November 16, 2021

GK Steve Lorenz called to the council meeting to order at 7:30 with opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 19, 2021, meeting were approved as published. **MSA**

Chaplain's Report: None

Grand Knight's Report: Thanks to all our volunteers who have made this year's fundraisers run smoothly and successfully. There was a discussion to maybe have 6 business meeting and 6 social events per year. No action was taken; item was tabled. Also, considering that both the officers and general meetings tend to be attended by the same people, it was recommended that our council revert to a single meeting, with officers meeting being called by the GK on an as needed basis. **MSA** Meetings will continue to be at 730pm.

Treasurer's Report: report as of 10/31/21 MSA

Checking \$ 9,097.84

Money Market \$10,010.66

Due to the pandemic, the loss of fundraising income and unpaid dues, our checking account is down about \$9,000 since this time last year.

Approval to pay the bills: No unbudgeted bills presented for payment.

Financial Secretary's Report: Review of membership stats. Total membership remains at 150. FS Andy Howard recommended that 2022 dues remain at \$40. **MSA**

Communications: None

Membership/Applications/Transfer/Retention. Requirements this year is based on intake only, no offset for suspensions. Our goal is 7 new members. Despite our membership drive efforts in September, we have yet to recruit one new member.

Program Director's Reports GK Steve Lorenz

- Program Director's Appointments for Fraternal Year 2021/2022
 - Faith: Jerry Kuennen
 - Family and Council: BJ Bertram
 - Life: Dave Commerford
 - Community: Andy Howard
- Reports
 - Family – BJ Bertram that there are enough volunteers to decorate the church for Christmas on December 18th
 - Community – no updates this month
 - Faith For the past 4 years our RSVP seminarian support has been going to John Utecht, who is now in his final year before ordination. We should continue to support him this year, but we will not receive the RSVP rebate from Supreme for him since is "maxed out" of the RSVP program.. The RSVP program (Refund Support Vocations Program) is a featured Faith in Action Program towards earning the Columbian Award and Star Council Award. To participate this fraternal year, we must support a new seminarian. This additional seminarian support is non-budgeted and requires a council vote. The council receives a \$100 refund from Supreme for our \$500 support. **MSA at October meeting.** Jerry Kuennen will coordinate with the seminary at St. Thomas for a new seminarian. (Point of order: although approved in October this item was tabled at the November meeting. It should not have been. Both John Utecht and a new seminarian were approved in October, making the "table" motion moot).
 - Life – Dave Commerford will check out Feed My Staring Children service opportunities.

- Rich Ehalt is coordinating the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest with RS staff.

2021/2022 Columbian Award/Star Council Progress

Columbian Award 4 needed in each category			
Faith	Family	Community	Life
RSVP Pending	Consecration to the Holy Family	Helping Hands- driving seniors,	Pregnancy Choices Good Father Program Pending
Rosary Program	Food for Families	No Neighbor Left Behind (FMSC pending)	Pregnancy Center Support MCCL
Baptism Roses	Keep Christ in Christmas Pending	Hospice Support –Lady of Peace	Special Olympics (tootsie roll) Pending
Novena for Life Pending	Family Week (August)	Scholarship program Pending	March for Life @ Rosemont HS Summer 2021
	KC Family Mass and Reception	NNLB Feed My Sheep Pending	
	Easter Bingo	Turkey Bingo	
		Christmas Church decorating	
Bold = counts as 2			
McGivney Award: Members 0/7 Founders' Award: Insurance Webinars 0/2			

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4th Degree Report: No report

District Deputy Report: None

Field Agent Report: None

Old Business: Dave Peterson brought the 2022 scholarship raffle tickets. They will be included with our dues billings for calendar year 2022. They are \$10 each. There are only 500 of them and our breakeven is 350 for awards and the 2 scholarships.

New Business: BJ Bertram brought up having Masses offered for Fr. Denny; **MSA** for 7 Masses (@\$7 each). Steve Dahl suggested the council replace some kitchen supplies that have been broken or lost. **MSA** for up to \$250.

Good of the Order: .

Grand Knight's Summary

Closing Prayer: “Before proceeding with the closing prayer, let me ask: Does any brother knight know of a member of this council, or brother of the Order, who is sick or in distress”? (Names are omitted for privacy),

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment
The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm. Social time followed.

Next Meeting **December 21, 7:30pm at Risen Savior**

Refreshments/Social: Jerry Kuennen

Recorder: Dan Hinds

Monthly Meeting
is conducted at Risen Savior Church Basement on the Third Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 PM

KC Meeting Date	Name	Telephone Number
December 21, 2021 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Jerry Kuennen	952-236-7523
January 18, 2022 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Bill Kelly	612-419-9269
February 15, 2022 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Todd Laubach	612-590-8631
March 15, 2022 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Andy Howard	952-917-9959
April 19, 2022 Tuesday 7:30 PM	OPEN	
May 17, 2022 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Open	
June 21, 2022 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Roy Tangeman	319-360-2756

Your Refreshment Guidelines:

- \$50 Monthly Refreshment Budget (Please bring receipts to KC Meeting to be reimbursed).
- Use your own cooler.
- Bring 20 to 24 Beers, 12 Pop, and 4 Water.
- Bring snacks to share such as peanuts, chocolate, crackers, cheese, etc.
- The refreshments and snacks that are left after the KC Meeting 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

Knights of Columbus December 19 Pancake Breakfast with Santa



The Risen Savior Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake, Sausage and Fruit Breakfast on December 19 (Sunday) from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Risen Savior Resurrection Hall. Treat your family to a delicious breakfast and some Christmas Cheer.

After the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, Santa will visit and hand out candy canes to your children and grandchildren. In addition, your favorite Christmas Carols will be played on the piano.

At the Pancake Breakfast, the Knights will have raffle tickets for sale to be used to fund Risen Savior High School Scholarships.

If you are interested in volunteering for a short shift at the Pancake Breakfast, please contact Steve Dahl at (612) 987-9521 or at jsdahl@comcast.net.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



This month, on December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This feast celebrates that the Blessed Virgin, from the first moment of her conception, was kept free of original sin! The feast originated in the Eastern Church in the 8th Century, and it began to be celebrated throughout the world when the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854. The Lord kept the Blessed Mother free from original sin to prepare her to be the Mother of the Savior. He was free from sin, and he would be born of a woman free from sin. December 24 & 25, Christmas, celebrates that God became man, the Mystery of the Incarnation, to give us salvation.

B. J. and Patty Bertram Christmas Light Display



Enjoy a 25,000 Christmas Light Display that features a 5-foot star on the house that has lights cascading to a 15-foot ground star that contains the Stable with Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. The children will enjoy seeing Santa counting down the number of days to Christmas. Rudolph, Blitzen, the Sleigh and 42 snowflakes are on the garage roof. For your listening pleasure, the Crab Tree Lights are synchronized to Christmas Music. The display has won the several Burnsville Christmas Lighting Contests. **The lights are turned on from 5:00 to 10:00. Our address is 15113 Stevens Avenue in Burnsville.**

MEMBERSHIP (don't gloss over this article – please)

Despite our efforts we are on Supreme and State lists of councils which have failed to provide even 1 new member since July 1st. New members are the lifeblood of our council, but you already know that! We have a membership intake goal of 7, just 7, new members. Please **DO** approach that son, brother, uncle, choir mate, pew mate, friend, neighbor, scout, co-worker (you get the drift – any male, at least age 18, practical Catholic) to join! It's never been easier, and it's free! Here is how it works: Have your candidate, on his mobile phone or computer, go to kofc.org/join (there is more KC info there). Complete the requested information. The free 1-year membership code is `mcgivney2020`. Our council is 9096. Enter your membership number as the sponsor. That's it! He is now an e-member KC. The next step is for **us** to get him exemplified into the degrees of charity, unity, and fraternity. You might be remembering the degree ceremonials of old; they are now streamlined and fast, about 40 minutes to complete all 3 degrees! Please pray about this and help our council grow! Any questions, contact Dan Hindes, 612-237-4794, danh1225@gmail.com. By the way, check out Archbishop Hebda's letter below.

HELP WANTED

Here are some opportunities to help your council:

- **Lecturer – not what the title implies! Arranges for occasional speakers/entertainment**
- **Chancellor: 2nd in succession line for GK.**
 - Has the duty of strengthening the members' interests in council activities.
 - Assists the GK and DGK with their duties as assigned.
 - Recommended to serve on the council's Admission Committee.
- **Membership Director: Promotes and coordinates the recruitment and exemplification of new members.**
- **Newsletter publisher**
- **Website updates (easy!)**
- **Council recorder: records minutes of council meetings and submits for newsletter**



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18 October 2021

Dear Brothers in Christ,

As we conclude the Year of St. Joseph, I know that many of you are looking for ways to grow in your faith and become more active in our Catholic Church. I invite you to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus as a means of achieving both of those goals. In the years that I have been involved with the Knights, and particularly in the years since my ordination as a bishop, I have come to appreciate the many ways in which the organization not only bears fruit for its members (me included) and their families, but also strengthens the local Church and its parishes.

Since its founding in 1882 by Blessed Michael McGivney in a single Connecticut parish, the Knights of Columbus have grown into a global organization with nearly two million members. Last year, despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Knights donated more than \$150 million to charity and provided more than 47 million volunteer hours of hands-on charitable service! It would be hard to imagine a more significant response to Pope Francis' call to "overcome our fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need."

The shared commitment to serve is strengthened by the extraordinary fraternal support that has always been a hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. While there is a seriousness in their shared purpose and priorities, most especially in their defense of life, religious liberty, and the family, the Knights always seem to enjoy each other's company. I can honestly say that I have never been with the Knights and not had a great time. It is amazing how Christ-centered men can so joyfully inspire one another to be better husbands, fathers, friends, citizens, and Catholics. I know that the Knights have inspired me to be a better priest and bishop. With that in mind, I regularly encourage our seminarians and priests to stay close to the Knights.

Given the breadth of the membership, moreover, I would suspect that any Catholic man could find himself at home with the Knights-praying with them, serving with them, laughing with them, and growing with them.

For all of the above reasons, I strongly encourage each man in this Archdiocese over the age of 18 to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of this fine organization. My experience suggests that it may be just the boost that you need-and what our Church needs as well!

With every best wish and prayer, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis