February 2025

Knights of Columbus Newsletter
Council 9096 Apple Valley, MN
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Upcoming Events

2/3 9am Food on the First Pickup
2/8-9 Cinnamon Roll Sales
2/16 930am Pancake Breakfast
2/18 7pm Rosary @ RS
2/18 730pm Council Meeting

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Brothers,

Valentine's Day in modern culture is a day of celebrating love through flowers, candy, cards and perhaps an intimate dinner. We know as Catholics that there is a Saint Valentine and February 14 is his feast day in the church. But who was Saint Valentine and why does it matter? His exact identity is a bit of a mystery because several different legends are associated with his name.

The most popular story ties him to the Roman Empire during the reign of Emperor Claudius II in the 3rd century. One version of the story is that Valentine was a priest or bishop who secretly married couples in defiance of an imperial decree that young men should remain single to be better soldiers. Claudius II believed that unmarried men made better soldiers because they weren't emotionally attached to families. Valentine, however, continued to perform weddings for lovers, and eventually, he was arrested and executed for his defiance. He was later canonized by the Catholic Church.

Another version of the story involves Valentine helping Christians escape from Roman prisons, where they were tortured. It's also said that before his execution, he healed the jailer's blind daughter and sent her a note signed "From your Valentine," which is where the romantic aspect of Valentine's Day may have originated.

Even Pope Gelasius, in 496, said that Valentine's life is known only by God so perhaps who the Saint was we celebrate is less important than the importance of celebrating love as a Christian.

Love comes from the human heart. Our heart is our connection to God in prayer. The Catechism teaches us that the "heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of human reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully (2263)." In Matthew 22, Jesus tells the Pharisees that the greatest commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul and all your mind" and goes on to say the second most important is to "Love your neighbor as yourself". In Matthew 15, Jesus uses the words of Isaiah to call the Pharisees hypocrites and says, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me". In explaining this to his disciples he says that "what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts…." In other words, we need to guard our heart and ensure our prayer is not just words we recite but a deep connection in our heart to our creator. It is what is in our heart that matters, and our heart can be evil or it can be love.

I hope all of us use the feast day of St. Valentine to reflect on what is in our heart and how we connect with our God through the depth of our heart. I pray we all grow to love our God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors. The work you do as Knights shows this love of God and love of neighbors.

And, of course, on February 14, don't forget to get your sweetheart some flowers or candy!

	Vivat Jesus! Tim Blodgett, Grand Knight

KC Apple Valley/Risen Savior Council 9096
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024

- **Meeting called to order by Tim Blodgett at 7:28pm.**
- **Opening Prayer - Tim Blodgett lead prayer for Jeff Konkel and Bill Kelly.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance Brothers**
- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (motion required) Seconded and approved.**
- **Chaplain's Message - Fr. Mathew unavailable.**
- **Introduce Guest(s) if any - No Guests.**
- **Grand Knight's Report Tim Blodgett**
    a. **Plan for Tootsie Rolls**
        i. **Last year produced $1,933 in income. Went through 3 cases last year and sold to one business outside of church.**
        ii. **Budgeted $1,800 this year. Per Steve, we should make $1,400 at Risen Savior. We can do up to 5 businesses with estimated earnings of $3,500.**
        iii. **Phil volunteered to lead the program with Steve's mentorship this year.**
- **Treasurer's Report (NO motion required) Steve Lorenz**
    a. **Update checks disbursed and account balances.**
    b. **YTD Status vs budget.**
        i. **Need to be ready for semi-annual audit by Feb 15th. Will give status then.**
        ii. **Full year audit is in August.**
        iii. **Steve estimates we are on budget.**
    c. **Bills not previously approved (unbudgeted) for approval (motion required).**
        i. **SEEK award (Sam Nolan) $300 approved. He is going to split with Drew M.**
    d. **Venmo Update – Bill Nelson –**
        i. **Venmo (along with PayPal, ApplePay, and credit card) is setup.**
        ii. **QR Code and instructions are printed and in filing cabinet downstairs.**
        iii. **Money transferred nightly to bank account.**
- **Financial Secretary's Report Andy Howard**
    a. **Membership Status –**
        i. **Current membership includes 109 associates, 46 insurance and 5 inactive for a total 160.**
        ii. **Gained honorary lifetime member.**
    b. **Unpaid Dues Status (2024) $0 balance due.**
        i. **Affiliate Member Status- Total will go to 152 because 8 are moving to another affiliation.**
- **Membership Report – Cameron Hoppe.**
    a. **Balloting of Candidates for Admission or Transfer (motion required) if any – No Candidates**
    b. **Update on membership efforts vs goal. Have gained 2 of our budgeted 9 for year.**
    c. **If you have people who want to join, send them to www.Kofc.org/join/ is all that it takes. They will need your member number (or mine 4568533) and our council number 9096. The free membership code is blessedmcgivney (not case sensitive).**
    d. **Chuck reported that it is easy to show candidates how to apply for membership with a smartphone. Tim will demonstrate this at next meeting.**
- **Program Reports**
    a. **Life Terry McCall**
        i. **Another cinnamon roll sale is scheduled for Jan 11th and 12th. Terry sending signup sheet around.**
    b. **Faith Jerry Kuennen**
        i. **Next Family Rosary is Sunday Dec 29th in chapel at 10am chapel after 9am mass.**
        ii. **No pop tops have been turned in lately, although Jerry has quite a bit in garage. Need to remind folks to use jar for this.**
    c. **Community Bill Rabe – No updates**
    d. **Family/Council BJ Bertram**
        i. **We went over 5000 lbs in food purchases so council will receive $500 reward.**
        ii. **Need to make sure that we get in early for scheduling of events with church administrator.**
    e. **Documentation Chuck Woodward**
        i. **Alot of reports coming in and council will have a complete database of instructions for all volunteer activities.**

- **Other Reports**
  a. **Spaghetti Dinner 1/21 Steve Lorenz**
     i. **Advertised in the bulletin and KC newsletter. Brothers are encouraged to bring significant other and a guest with their significant other.**
  b. **Event Chairs Updates last held events; status of upcoming events (if any) and need for volunteers**
     i. **Pancake Breakfast December 15 review, Volunteers needed for January 19 – Cameron Hoppe**
        - **It went very well. Grossed $1,016 before expenses.**
        - **Overall, pancake breakfast fundraising is positive.**
        - **Cameron sending signup sheet around for next breakfast. Specifically need help with 2nd shift.**
     ii. **Cinnamon Roll Jan 11/12 - Terry McCall**
        - **Another cinnamon roll sale is scheduled for Jan 11th and 12th. Terry sending signup sheet around.**
  c. **Fourth Degree – No one in attendance.**
  d. **Insurance - No one in attendance.**
  e. **District Deputy Steve Lorenz**
     i. **Meeting was Dec 6th – 8th in West Mpls.**
     ii. **The supreme delegate was there and had interesting message. Stressed pushing us to be better Catholics, fathers, ect. Also, recommended Brothers to investigate the Catholic Watchman organization.**
     iii. **Top issue was membership. We are at 2 of 9 budgeted for year.**
  f. **Other/Miscellaneous - Steve Lorenz**
     i. **Scholarship Raffle. $10 a ticket and $1,500 in prizes. We will be selling through the beginning of April with awards on April 15th. Funds will be used for mission trip. Steve is looking for help in selling.**
- **New Business**
- **Old Business**
- **Grand Knight's Summary**
- **Closing Prayer: Fr. Mathew – Father arrived and lead in closing prayer.**
- **Motion for Adjournment Adjourned at 8:05**
- **Next Meeting: 1/21 Spaghetti Dinner. No general meeting. Great opportunity to bring a potential member.**
- **Social/Refreshments**

Monthly Meeting Refreshment Schedule
Monthly Meeting is conducted in the Risen Savior Church
Bays 1 & 2 on the Third Tuesday of each Month Rosary 7pm, Meeting at 7:30 PM

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

KC Meeting Date	*Name*	*Telephone Number*
February 18, 2025 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Bill Nelson	612-704-6424
March 18, 2025 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Terry McCall	612-849-4930
April 15, 2025 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Cary Kangas	612-437-9333
May 20, 2025 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Bill Rabe	612-940-2792
June 17, 2025 Tuesday 7:30 PM	Jerry Kuennen	952-200-6364

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, 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.

January Food on the First Results

On January 6, 2025 as part of the Risen Savior Food on the First Program, the Risen Savior Knights of Columbus delivered 1145 pounds of food from Risen Savior to the Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf.

Since the start of the July 1, 2024 Knights of Columbus fiscal Year, the Knights have delivered 6858 pounds of food to the Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf.

The next Food on the First pickup will be at 9am on February 3rd at Risen Savior.

February Life Report

Cinnamon Rolls – Our next sale is the weekend of Feb. 8 – 9.

Thanks to all who volunteered Jan 11 & 12. We had to turn away 4 men because we had such a great response to help. We ordered even less than usual but snow on Sunday, and those of us trying to cut back on sweets in January left us with 52 packs unsold after the 11 AM Mass. Yours's truly was nervous but GK Ceasar and the Latino Knights came to our rescue. They sold out the remaining packs after the 1PM Mass. They're amazing to watch sell the rolls.

This is the second time in this fiscal season that the Latino's have helped. We split the sales with them. It's been a good way to start a relationship with our Latino brother Knights, and a fun experience.

Columbia – We have a nice article in the January/February Knights of Columbus magazine on page 12 titled 'The Hearts Beat On'. It describes the work we did with 5 other Councils, the assembly, and a ladies auxiliary to raise over $23,000 which was matched by the Order's Culture of Life Fund to acquire a new ultrasound machine for Pregnancy Choices Life Care Center in Apple Valley.

The Knights are fast approaching 2000 ultrasound machines donated to save lives and create families. This was the 56th machine donated by the Minnesota Knights. Paul Laursen from the Lakeville Council ghost wrote the article.

Pregnancy Choices lost $180,000 in state funding (about 25% of their budget) after a one seat majority in the Minnesota Senate in 2024 allowed the DFL controlled state legislature to cut long standing grants to Pregnancy Resource Centers. These cuts came after a historic $17.5 billion budget surplus and as the state increased government spending by nearly 40% over the next two years to pay for other programs."

If brothers want to help get our politicians back on the life track. Below is what I sent to Rep Keala Berg in response to her latest email update. Our Knights are welcome to copy and paste a similar email to their rep.

"Ms Berg,

Will you be paying the taxpayers back for the days you have chosen not to work? Why are you supporting Planned Parenthood out side your district? You voted to de-fund Pregnancy Choices in Apple Valley which cares for women and children
in our Senate District.

Regards,

Terry McCall, Burnsville"

February 8th and 9th Cinnamon Roll Sales

The Knights of Columbus will hold Cinnamon Roll sales before and after the 5pm, 9am, and 11am masses on February 8th and 9th. Donations are a free will offering.

Proceeds benefit Pregnancy Choices, Our Lady of Peace Hospice, and other Life activities. If you have twenty to thirty free minutes to donate to help with these worthy causes, please consider volunteering. If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to Terry McCall mccallterry@yahoo.com

February 16th Pancake Breakfast

The Knights will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on February 16th in Resurrection Hall. A freewill offering of $5.00 will be the suggested donation. These events are important gathering times for our Parish community. No one is turned away for inability to donate. Generous donations from attendees have not only covered all the food and other supplies, but also allow our council to support scholarship programs, seminarians, Coats for Kids, other activities that benefit our community. If you have one or two hours to donate to these causes please consider volunteering to help with one or more pancake breakfast.

If you'd like to volunteer please reach out to Cameron Hoppe cameron.hoppe@gmail.com or Tim Blodgett tblodgett@yahoo.com.

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.