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Knights of Columbus Newsletter
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Upcoming Events

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Brothers,

As usual, I find that I must start this report with a single word - WOW! Where to start, Pancake Breakfast, Bingo, Lasagna Dinner, Cinnamon Roll Sales, or Food on the First - so many great activities, it is difficult to choose but I must select one so let it be Food on the First. When I arrived at the Church on Sunday the 25th, the Parish Administrator approached me and asked if we could get the accumulated food collections out of the church as all the storage space had been filled up "again." What a tremendous group of parishioners we have. With thanks to the parishioners and to you my brothers, many people in our community are not going hungry. Another fantastic month for a much needed and respected activity of our Council.

Unfortunately, the weather in Minnesota during the month of January has not done much to promote any of our activities but as Minnesotans, we just keep plugging along and do what needs to be done and still find some time for fellowship and fun. This year's "Spaghetti Dinner" (ala "Lasagna Dinner") put on by Steve and Julie Lorenz, with some delicious support by the newly formed "Ladies Auxiliary" was a big success with approximately 60 people are present in sub-zero temperature weather. Though cold and wintry outside - inside it was party hearty. Many thanks to Julie, Steve, The Auxiliary and others who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.

The Pancake Breakfast event also showed a bit lesser turnout due to the weather, but as usual "Tim's Team" was present and the food was hot and tasty for all those who attended. I don't think I ever heard a single complaint about this event from anyone who has attended it - young, middle-aged or old folks – like me. Nice work guys – you all make "Aunt Jemima" proud.

On Friday 16 January, we rolled out the trial of the Knights of Columbus Family Bingo. Again, the weather was a factor. As I drove to the church in near "white-out" conditions with strong winds and very cold temperatures, the thought crossed my mind all I would find is a bunch of brother knights sitting around and eating hot dogs all night - BUT we did have about 50 people show up for the inaugural of the program.. We learned some things and some changes will be made to the program but overall, everyone appeared to enjoy the evening. Isabel Beltran, from the Ladies Auxiliary called the numbers in both English and Spanish and did a marvelous job, according to several participants. The biggest problem, besides the weather, was the time required to get in 30 games so one of the changes will be to cut back to around 20 games, bringing the required time to about 2.5 to 3.0 hours to complete the evening. Having joint English and Spanish speaking players seemed to go well, and cash pay-outs also seemed to be much appreciated - several winners returned to their seats waving their cash prizes in the air. Bill Rabe will be discussing the program and suggested changes at the March Council meeting.

The Cinnamon Rolls sales on the 24th started off the month with a little drama in that Terry called saying he would not be able to handle it this month due to personal problem, so I started looking for a replacement for Terry, (how can anyone replace Terry), but finally Terry Called back and said he could handle it after all. I suppose most of you heard my sigh of relief at that news.....maybe not - but it was there. The day came and

Terry was there with his crew, so even though I had not heard the results yet - I have no doubts that the event was a major success - as usual. I think that about covers the first month of the new year. It has been busy, a lot has been accomplished, there is still a lot that has yet to be done but we have the best team out there to get it done. One thing we need to do is try to bring in more new members let's all try to bring in one new member each this year to solidify the future of our Council.

Vivat Jesus!
"Chuck" Woodward
Grand Knight

Knight of Columbus COR Session: Building Brotherhood and Faith

Join Us for a Morning of Spiritual Growth and Community

Upcoming COR Session at Risen Savior

The Knights of Columbus invite all Knights to participate in our next COR Session, a morning dedicated to fellowship, faith formation, and personal growth.

What Is COR?

COR, which stands for "Heart" in Latin, is a Knights of Columbus initiative aimed at helping men strengthen their faith, develop virtuous friendships, and support each other in living out Catholic values. Through prayer, discussion, and reflection, COR sessions offer a welcoming space to grow both spiritually and personally.

Session Details

- **Dates: Saturday March 7th**
- **Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM**
- Location: Dorothy Day Room, Risen Savior

If you have any questions about the session or the COR program, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Blodgett at tblodgett@yahoo.com.

February 15th Pancake Breakfast



The Risen Savior Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake, Sausage and Fruit Breakfast on February 15 (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 various Pro-Life Organizations such as the Apple Valley Pregnancy Choices Life Center and the Minnesota Citizens Concerns for Life (MCCL). Your continued support is important and appreciated. At the Pancake Breakfast, the Knights will provide you the opportunity to win money by purchasing raffle tickets 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 Tim Blodgett at 952-215-2453 or at tblodgett@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus - 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 2026 Youth Mission Trip. We will be selling the tickets following Masses in Jan, Feb, Mar and Apr. 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 or send me an email. The raffle drawing will be held during our April 21st Council Meeting. Need not be present to win. Best of luck!

Steve could use help selling tickets. Please contact him if you can help at Steve.Lorenz65@gmail.com

February 17 Deadline to Order Knights of Columbus Cap and Shirts



Don't be left out! Our Knights of Columbus Council is in the process of ordering caps, short and long sleeve Polo Shirts, and Dress Shirts. Everything will be the same maroon color as our current Caps and Shirts. If you are interested in purchasing a cap and/or shirt, please fill out the ordering form that was sent with your 2026 membership dues notice. **The ordering deadline is February 17, 2026 at the Monthly KC Meeting.** For your convenience, there will be ordering forms at the February 17 KC Meeting. You may also receive an ordering form by emailing B. J. Bertram at bertram60@msn.com or calling him at (952) 435-8461. You will be contacted in March/April informing you when and where to pick up your order.

Food on the First Update



On January 26, 2026, as part of the Risen Savior Food on the First Program, the Knights of Columbus delivered 1,584 pounds of food to the Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf. Since the first of the year, 3,028 pounds of food have been delivered. **The January 3,028 pounds of food is a tremendous amount when you realize the January monthly average is 1,225 pounds of food!** Since the start of the Knights of Columbus Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025), the Knights have delivered 11,938 pounds to the Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf.

During these troubling times, the Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf has seen huge demands for food. It is great to see how our parishioners have responded to the people who are reliant of the Food Shelf.

B.J. Bertram

Cinnamon Roll Update

A big thank you to all who made this past weekend's **Cinnamon Roll sale** another success. Cold, but the Parish responded well. Total revenue was \$1725, and our **net for Life was \$910**. We received nice support from the Latino community. Their attendance numbers are down at the 6PM and 1PM Masses with all that's going on, but they helped us sell all the remaining rolls.

A special thank you to the following Knights:

Son Le for help picking up rolls on a cold Sat.

4PM Mass: Bill Rabe

9AM Mass: Chuck Woodward, Don Kotula, Dick Salvatore, Dave Hutton, Mike Liebel, and Mike Gamgelhoff

11AM Mass: Koffi Koumedjro, Bill Kelly, and Steve Lorenz

1PM Latino Mass: Carmen and Gerardo Marin

The MCCL March for Life

The MCCL March for Life was held on a very cold Jan. 22. The annual MN March for Life marks the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade abortion decision; it has been held each year since 1974.



MCCL's legislative agenda, introduced during the day's program, included a bill to protect against coerced abortions—whether through trafficking, violence, or abortion drugs.

This year's March for Life comes as abortions in Minnesota have risen more than 35% over the span of just three years. In 2023, DFL lawmakers enshrined **abortion-up-to-birth** in state statute and repealed (among other longstanding protections) the Woman's Right to Know informed consent law and the Positive Alternatives program that provided support to pregnant women and new mothers. Pregnancy Resource Centers lost funding used to save babies.

Vivat Jesus,
Terry