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Apple Valley, MN  
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Upcoming Events

- 7/4 Independence Day
- **7/11 Monthly Meeting**
- 7/30 Fifth Sunday Rosary
- 8/18 KC Family Picnic

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*Grand Knight Report – by Rich Ehalt*

Brother Knights,

First of all, an enormous thank you to Brother Jerry Kuennen, last year's Grand Knight. Super job Jerry, thank you for your leadership and dedication.

Who is the new Grand Knight? My name is Rich Ehalt. My beautiful wife Mary and I have been married 50 years this year. We have three wonderful daughters, four fabulous grand kids and three playful grand puppies. I served in the Army and am a Viet Nam Vet.

Our family has been member of Risen Savior for 45 years. I have been a Knight for 31 of those years. Because of job commitments and other responsibilities, I have only been really active for the past five years.

Other than the perpetual goals of serving God, the church, the KC's, the community, increasing membership, etc., I do have a few additional goals:

- \* Getting MORE of our membership involved in the Council and its activities.
- \* Mending fences. If there is a personal reason why you are not presently involved, I want to know about it. Please feel free to call or e-mail me any time at [richandmary@gmail.com](mailto:richandmary@gmail.com).
- \* State Council has been putting pressure on all councils lately to bring our meetings back to the original format (head table and podium, chairs facing podium, etc.) I will attempt to bring these back in gradually.

This month's meeting is July 11 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be the Initiations of Officers and a short business meeting after. Please come out to support and meet the Knights that will be serving you.

Sorry if this is wordy, but I can assure you the future messages will be shorter.

Vivat Jesus  
Fraternally,  
Rich

# Reflection

by outgoing Grand Knight  
Jerry Kuennen

As my term as Grand Knight comes to an end, I want to say thanks to all of you who worked to make it a successful year. Sure, there were some disappointments, but lots of good things to offset them. We didn't make Star Council, mainly because we didn't meet our membership goals. We did receive the Certificate of Excellence Award from the Minnesota State Council. We have submitted our report for the Columbian Award and I am hopeful that we will come through there.

Our fundraising projects were mostly successful; unfortunately, the rains came and washed out our Von Hanson booth weekend. We were able to give support to pro-life causes, enhance the workings of our parish, and even introduce a few new things. The Pillows and Blankets project for Bridging was a success in helping those transitioning out of poverty and homelessness.

I urge you all to give your utmost support to Brother Rich as he takes the reins in the new fraternal year. Say "yes" when asked! After all, we exist for charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism!

Fraternally,  
Vivat Jesus  
Jerry Kuennen



## It's Picnic Time!

August 8th



**Mark your calendars!! August 8<sup>th</sup>** will come quickly and we want you and your families to be able to attend!

The Apple Valley Risen Savior Knights of Columbus will have a Family Picnic at the following time:

**DATE:** August 8, 2017

**DAY:** Tuesday

**SOCIAL TIME START:** 6:30 PM

**MEAL TIME:** 7:00 PM

**PLACE:** Lac Lavon Park Shelter (Corner of Lac Lavon Drive and Crystal Lake Road East)

**BAD WEATHER:** Picnic will be held in Risen Savior Church Basement

**CONTACT:** Steve Dahl- 952-892-0383

This is a fun event for our KC Members and their entire family. There is a large playground next to the picnic shelter. Please bring along potential new KC members and their families. The Knights will be serving Brats, Hot Dogs, Chips, Beer, Pop, and Bottled Water free of charge. **Please bring a dish to share.**





## Notes from the June 13, 2017 Meeting

1. Grand Knight, Jerry Kuennen, indicated that our council received the Certificate of Excellence Award for Program Participation from the State KCs and indicated thank you notes were received from the following for our donations:
  - OLP Hospice Facility
  - Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency
  - Feed My Starving Children
  - MCCL
2. Council chairman, B.J. Bertram, indicated the following:
  - Our KC council hauled 11,249 lbs. of food to the food shelf last year. Also, a summary sheet was passed around indicating the groceries that the KCs hauled starting in 2012.
  - Our council served the refreshments after the 9:00 am Mass for Father Tom's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. Father was very appreciative for the \$400 donation that our council made to him, and he was also appreciative for the help during his celebration.
3. On June 30, we can work on a Habitat for Humanity project in North Minneapolis. Participate if you are able.
4. Youth Chairman, Bob Brotzel, asked for ideas concerning involving youth from our parish.
5. Culture of Life chairman, Dave Commerford, indicated that on August 5, a Walk for Life event would be held at Eastview High School track.
6. Further discussions were held on what to do with some of our surplus money.
7. The slate of officers for our council elected for the July, 2017 to June, 2018 are as follows:
  - Grand Knight – Rich Ehalt
  - Deputy Grand Knight – Dave Peterson
  - Chancellor – Todd Laubach
  - Warden – Gary Keller
  - Advocate – Dave Zerr
  - Inside Guard – Peter Sebastian
  - Outside Guard – Mike Libel
  - Recording Secretary – Steve Lorenzen
  - Treasurer – Mick Marxen
  - Trustee #1 – Steve Dahl
  - Trustee #2 – Dan Hindes
  - Trustee #3 – Jerry Kuennen
8. District Deputy, Dan Hindes, indicated the following:
  - At the July 11 meeting, there would be an installation of officers for our council.
  - At St. Vincent de Paul in Maple Grove, there would be a Major Degree (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>) held on July 14 and a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree held on July 15.
9. Keep all individuals in need of healing in your prayers.



**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**

There will be not be a guest speaker at the July meeting but please come and participate and maybe meet someone new. There is socializing following the meeting. Meeting begins at 7:00PM.



The council, along with several family members had a great turnout for the Feed My Starving Children event on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Eagan.

We learned a great deal about hunger, had great fun, camaraderie, and most of all provided help in packaging food for children across the globe. At our



event, Somalia was the area the food was expected to be delivered to.

If you have never volunteered at FMSC, I encourage you to do so and bring your family and friends. They make it easy for anyone at any age to participate and help this worthy cause. Thanks to Dave Commerford for organizing this event.

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