June 2026

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

5/31 – Rosary 10am Chapel

6/6 – COR Session

6/6 – Bingo

6/16 – KC Meeting at Risen Savior. 7pm Rosary, 7:30 meeting

6/22 – Blood Drive

8/18 - Family Picnic, 6:30 Risen Savior

8/26 – Father Malek picnic

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Knights of Columbus Council 9096:

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Brothers,

As we approach the end of the 2025/2026 fiscal year, I note that our schedule is just as full as ever. Besides the Family Rosary on May 31st, we have both a COR Session and another Bingo Night on Saturday the 6th, followed by a Council meeting on the 16th, followed by a Blood Drive on the 22nd., not to mention the food drive, etc etc etc. We are a very busy Council, aren't we?

I am truly amazed at all the accomplishments of this council, records set in Food on the First deliveries, Von Hanson" Brat and Hot Dog sales weekend as well. All of you can be very proud of your work and service to our community. The big thing for this month's meeting will be the election of new officers, who will be inducted at the July meeting. I hope that you will all be able to attend both of the meetings. We have some very important things we need to accomplish at each one of them as we wind up one year and start the next.

The July meeting will be a special one as we induct the new officers and say goodbye to those stepping down from their current positions. For this meeting we are inviting wives and family members to the meeting so all can see the installation of new officers followed by a small party, celebration, with Subway (or something similar) party trays and beverages for the social gathering following the induction. Prior to the induction of officers we will hold a BRIEF business meeting, followed by an even shorter break to set up for the induction. I do hope that you will encourage your wives and children to attend this meeting, they put up with us being tied up or off doing our KofC stuff so much of the time - it is our chance to show them we appreciate their sacrifice as well as give them a chance to see some of what we do.

Lots of things are happening - check out the balance of this newsletter for information of the family picnic as well as Fr Malek's annual picnic and perhaps a few additional items.

Vivat Jesus!
"Chuck" Woodward
Grand Knight

KC Apple Valley-Risen Savior Council 9096
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026

7:30 PM: Meeting Agenda

- Meeting Call to Order by **Chuck Woodward at 7:30 pm**
- 25 Brothers were present
- Opening Prayer – **Father Matthew**
- Pledge of Allegiance – **Chuck Woodward lead**
- Chaplain's Message - **Fr. Matthew**
- Introduction of Guests – Nathan Sterner, Leo and Fabian Yaklin (Insurance)
    - Had an exemplification for Leo. Nathan is already a 3rd degree knight.
- Grand Knights Report - **Chuck Woodward. Prior minutes moved seconded and approved**
    - July meeting will be induction of new officers. It will be a short business meeting and wives and kids are invited for the induction of new officers. We will have Subways and refreshments. Motion seconded and approved.
    - Had an exemplification for Leo
    - We need to work on budget for coming year. Let Koffi, Chuck or Steve know if there are changes to your program. The meeting will be May 30th, 10am at the church (*** since minutes this was changed to June 1st 7:15pm)
    - Sign up for refreshments being passed around
- Treasurer's Report (No motion required) - **Steve Lorenz**
    - The end of April checking balance was $21,506 with money market of $21,466, but have written a few checks since that date.
    - Steve will be working on budget in next 10 days to get ready for June 1st meeting
    - Overall, we are very strong financially.
    - Jenny will be the treasurer of Ladies Auxiliary. Seconded and approved.
    - Update checks disbursed and account balances. 3 deposits and 6 checks going out, so balance will go down

- Financial Secretary's Report - **Andy Howard**
    - Membership status. As of 5/1, we have 152 members, 104 associates with 5 inactive and 43 are insurance only. 50 honorary life members,
        - Russell Dunn transferred in.
        - Ordered more placemats for Pancake breakfasts. Really nice.
        - $2,280 in dues (56 members); $415 Honorary Members; $230 RCIA; $265 Sr Par; $315 Prolife; $650 State Raffle; $190 Council Discount
        .
    - Dues Status – No significant updates on member dues' status since February, unfortunately, which means over 1/3 of the members are still unpaid. We sent an email blast reminder. It takes a lot of time/costs a lot to mail out multiple notices to pay due.

- Membership Report – **Bill Rabe**
    - Community to keep road clean. Andy volunteered to do that.
    - Sign up for Bingo going around.
    - Coates for kids. 3rd year for it. Ordering deadline will be determined at end of month budgeting meeting.

- Program Reports: **Koffi Koumedjro**.
    - Life - **Terry McCall** –
        - Done with cinnamon rolls and raised a bit more than in past. Thank you to parish going out in. Net $3,502 this year. Historically we have raised more than $21,000
        - Becky Hanel from Pregnancy Choices will join us at our June meeting to thank us for all the Knights do for life. She will discuss a new program to combat the abortion pill and the 20th Anniversary Gala for the Center on Oct 1.

    - Faith - **Jerry Kuennen**
        - Rosary last day of May 31st 10am Sunday

- Community - **Bill Rabe**
  - For the next Bingo, June 6, it has been decided that doors will open at 6:30pm and Bingo start at 7pm.
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- Family/Council - **Tim Blodgett**
  - COR: June 6th is the next one. Dorthy Day room at 9am.
  - Summer picnic will be in August. If have any suggestions, see Tim Blodgett.

- Other Reports
  - Event Chairs – No news
  - Insurance – Fabian Yaklin assigned. 952-807-3313
  - Chuck: Scholarship and missionary trip. BJ handing out information on the scholarship program. Winner was a lector at our church who had a lot of hours volunteering in the church. 5 applicants, up from 1 last year. Program has been going on for 41 years with $40,000 given in scholarships. BJ to give article for newsletter. $800 for youth mission trip in June in Rapid City.
  - BJ: Von Hanson fund raiser
    - Set record of $1,650 beat and beat 2023 year by $50.
    - VH supplies all food and drink and we split the till. And we get all tips. $400 in tips this year.
    - Thank you to all volunteers. We have been doing 27 years and historically have made $22,000.
  - Chuck: Picnic at Fr. Malek place. Need a date.
    - Electing officers in June and officer installation in July.
    - Family picnic is August 18 instead of KC meeting.
    - Decided on Tues July 28th at 6pm was the consensus.
  - BJ: 20,000 # this year for Food for Family food shelves. 4,000# in November was a record. Key reason is Fr. Malek mentioning at mass.
  - Phil: Tootie roll sales
    - Raised about $2,900.
    - $10 a bag is asking price for remaining tootsie rolls.
    - Chuck to take some for picnic.
    - Thanks for all volunteers and good help from our Latino Knights.
    - Andy: We need exact numbers next month and then determine exact charities money should go to.
  - Fabian: Took a selfie to send into state.
    - Screen all companies making investments
    - Use bishop list of companies we should not invest in (e.g. abortion, gambling, ect) to be in-line with the Catholic faith.
    - Can work with Knights regardless of income.
- 8:27 adjournment.
- Next Meeting – June 16 meeting at 7:30 pm. Rosary at 7pm.
- Social / Refreshment

2025 / 2026 Council Refreshment Sign-Up Sheet

KofC Meeting Date	Name	Telephone
March 17, 2026	Bill Nelson	612-704-6424
May 19, 2026	Phil Sterner	612-751-2973
June 16, 2026	Terry McCall	
July 21, 2026	Mike Gangelhoff	

August 18, 2026	KC Family Picnic	
September 15, 2026		
October 20, 2026		
November 17, 2026		
December 15, 2026	Andy Howard	
January 19, 2027	KC Lasagna Dinner	
February 16, 2027		
March 16, 2027		
April 20, 2027		
May 18, 2027	Koffi Koumedjro	
June 15, 2027		
July 20, 2027		

Council Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month. (Rosary at 7PM - Meeting at 7:30PM)

Refreshment Guidelines:

- $60.00 Monthly refreshment Budget (Please bring receipts to meeting for reimbursement)
  Use your own cooler.
- Bring 20 ~ 24 Beers, 12 Pop, and 4 water.
- Bring snacks to share (ie peanuts, chocolate, crackers, cheese or chips, etc)
- Items not consumed are yours to take home.
- The newsletter will list individual responsible for monthly refreshments.
- If unable to fulfill your monthly assignment please contact another knight on the schedule.

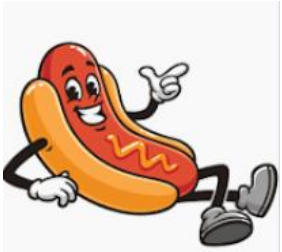
Knights of Columbus High School Senior Scholarship Winner

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Apple Valley Risen Savior Knights of Columbus Council is proud to announce the 2026 winner of their $1000 scholarship for our Risen Savior High School Seniors. The scholarship was based upon participation in extracurricular school, community, and church activities. **The winner was Cory James Ecker,** a School of Environment Studies High School Senior, and his parents are Tammy and Brian Ecker. The Scholarship was presented at the May 17 Risen Savior 11:00 AM High School Senior Mass by our council's family Director, Tim Blodgett. All the scholarship applicants should feel proud of volunteering over 13,000 hours towards different extra-curricular school, community, and church activities during their high school years. Since 1986 and for 41 years, the Knights have awarded a total of 90 scholarships to our Risen Savior High School Seniors.

In addition, the Knights presented a $800 check to the Risen Savior Faith & Youth Formation Director, Rae Ann Konkol, to help fund the June Risen Savior Youth Ministry trip to Rapid City, South Dakota.

Von Hanson May 16/17 Weekend Record Results



During the weekend of May 16 and 17, our Apple Valley Risen Savior Knights of Columbus Council worked the Apple Valley Von Hanson Hot Dog & Brat Stand and *we earned a record $1,657.* This amount is approximately $50 over the previous record that was set in 2023.

Since 2000 and over the last 27 years, our council has earned $26,284 at the stand. The money has been used to help fund 57 KC Scholarships for our Risen Savior High School Seniors and the money helps to partially fund the Risen Savior Youth Mission Trips.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to our 30 Knights who volunteered to work at the stand. Our council has also mailed a THANK YOU letter to the Apple Valley Von Hanson Store for allowing a different charitable organization to run their Hot Dog and Brat Stand each weekend.

Family Bingo

Saturday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m.
Resurrection Hall

You're invited to Risen Savior Knights of Columbus Family Bingo! Join us *on Saturday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Resurrection Hall* for an evening of family fun. Win exciting cash prizes while enjoying a friendly atmosphere. We'll have a variety of tasty concessions available for purchase, including hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and beverages. Bring the whole family for a chance to win big and create lasting memories. We look forward to seeing you there!

At-a-Glance:

- *Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; games start at 7:00 p.m.*
- Bingo game packets consisting of 2 tablets, 10 sheets each (3 games on each sheet, total of 20 games, and 1 single game sheet)
- Free Hot Dog with bingo card purchase
- Price (adults): $20/person
- Price (child): $10/person
- Price (family, 2 adults, 2+ children): $50/family
- Prizes: Cash prizes depending on games played
- Food: hot dogs $2/each
- Soda, chips, pop corn, bottled water: $1/each

Contact: Bill Rabe, w.rabe@frontier.com

Upcoming COR Session at Risen Savior

All Knights are invited to participate in our next COR Session on Saturday, June 6, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Dorothy Day Room at Risen Savior. Our May session will focus on *Family* and will include prayer, a short video, reflection and discussion. Come to strengthen your faith and support fellow brothers in living Catholic values.

Tim Blodgett
tblodgett@yahoo.com

Blood Drive

BURNSVILLE COMMUNITY
BLOOD DRIVE

give blood, give life

Church of the Risen Savior
Monday, June 22, 2026
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Red Cross is facing a critical blood shortage. Your donation can save lives. Please consider donating blood at our upcoming drive. Every pint makes a difference. Sign up today! By appointment only: visit www.redcrossblood.org, enter Sponsor Code RISENSAVIOR or scan this QR code, which leads directly to the blood drives at Risen Savior.

Come give blood June 1 through 28 for a $15 Gift Card emailed to you, plus a chance to win a $7.5K prize. See rcblood.org/June. 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800– 733-2767)

Three generations of Knights

Phil Sterner with his son (Nathan) and father