



# March 2025

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

- 3/3 9am Food on the First Pickup
- 3/16 930am Pancake Breakfast
- 3/18 7pm Rosary @ RS
- 3/18 730pm Council Meeting
- 3/30 10am Family Rosary
- 4/5 630pm Easter Bingo

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### Knights of Columbus Council 9096:

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Dear Brother Knights,

As we embark on the holy season of Lent, I want to take a moment to reflect on the significance of this time in our faith journey. Lent is not just about giving up something but about drawing closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time to renew our spiritual lives and strengthen our commitment to the principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

This season challenges us to look inward, to confront our weaknesses, and to grow in holiness. It reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice Christ made for each of us. As Knights, we are called to live our faith in action. Our charity—whether in the form of time, talent, or treasure—becomes even more meaningful during these 40 days as we share Christ's love with those in need.

### Prayer: Strengthening Our Connection with God

The first pillar of Lent is prayer. Prayer helps us to deepen our relationship with God and listen to His guidance. This is also a perfect opportunity to pray for our fellow Knights, that we may continue to support each other in our shared mission. Our council hosts a family Rosary on March 30 at 10:00am in the chapel.

### Fasting: Offering Our Sacrifices

Fasting isn't just about giving up food; it's about making space in our hearts for God. When we fast, we give up something that holds us back from fully dedicating ourselves to God's will. Let us use this time to make room for greater acts of kindness and selflessness, remembering that our sacrifices are small in comparison to Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us.

### Almsgiving: Serving the Less Fortunate

Almsgiving is at the heart of our Knights of Columbus mission. During Lent, we are reminded to give generously, whether it's through financial contributions, volunteering our time, or offering our talents to those in need. I am proud of the ways our council has already made a difference in the community, and I know that this Lenten season will provide more opportunities for us to serve.

### A Call to Action

As we move through this sacred season, I encourage all of you to reflect on what you can offer this Lent. What commitments can we make as individuals and as a council to draw closer to Christ? Consider volunteering for one of our events during Lent that you haven't before.

Together, let's make Lent a time of renewal and growth, both in our personal faith and in our service to others.

May God bless you and your families as we walk this Lenten journey together.

### Vivat Jesus!

Tim Blodgett, Grand Knight

KC Apple Valley/Risen Savior Council 9096

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025

- Meeting called to order by **Tim Blodgett** at 7:31pm.
- Opening Prayer **Fr. Mathew**. Presided in prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance **Tim Blodgett**. Done
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (motion required) **Tim Blodgett**. Seconded and approved
- Chaplain's Message **Fr. Matthew**
  - a. Thanked the Brothers for help with events and our presence in the parish.
  - b. Recommended that we embrace Lent Season giving thought and actions to our spiritual lives. Maybe we add a spiritual practice.
- Introduce Guest(s) if any **Welcome Deacon Randy**
  - a. Wrapped fall semester at seminary.
  - b. Seminary took January time to pilgrimage Greece and Turkey. Walked the footsteps of St. Paul and visited Orthodox monasteries. Traveled to Istanbul and Antioch near Syria where St. Paul was probably ordained. Read scripture passages at these places.
  - c. May 31<sup>st</sup> ordination at Cathedral of St. Paul.
  - d. Doesn't know where his assignment will be until ordination. Probably Spanish speaking parish since he is fluent in Spanish.
- Grand Knight's Report **Tim Blodgett**
  - a. SEEK 25 Thank You – Sam Nolan and Drew Mulcahy
    - i. Both sent their appreciation for our funding. Plan to come and share their experiences.
  - b. Thank you to Steve Lorenz and all volunteers who helped with our Spaghetti dinner in January
    - i.
- Treasurer's Report (NO motion required) **Steve Lorenz**
  - a. Update checks disbursed and account balances
    - i. \$7,089 checking balance. 4 checks and 5 deposits. \$20,529 money market balance.
  - b. YTD Status vs budget
  - c. Bills not previously approved (unbudgeted) for approval (motion required)
    - i. All expenses are covered
    - ii. Pancake breakfasts have been falling short.
    - iii. Cinnamon doing ok, but not as good as past.
    - iv. Both decreases are probably due to lower mass attendance because of weather.
- Financial Secretary's Report **Andy Howard**
  - a. Membership Status –
    - i. Please pay your dues if you haven't yet
    - ii. As Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 102 associate, 45 insurance and 5 inactive members. 48 honorary included in that.
  - b. Unpaid Dues Status (2025)
  - c. Affiliate Member Status- 53 of 95 dues have been paid.
    - i. Steve council bill for 105 <see phone pic for details>
- Membership Report – **Cameron Hoppe**. No updates. Maybe do the ministry minute to recruit new members
  - a. Plan for Ministry Minute and recruiting at masses.
  - b. Balloting of Candidates for Admission or Transfer (motion required) if any
  - c. Update on membership efforts vs goal.
  - d. If you have people who want to join, send them to [www.Kofc.org/join/](http://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).
- Program Reports **Chuck Woodward** Received some more documentation from BJ on business scholarship work.
  - a. Life **Terry McCall**
    - i. Thanks for making the Cinnamon Roll sale a success this past weekend. Snow on Saturday hurt but Sunday was good. Our Latino brother Knights helped again by selling 26 packs at their Mass. \$1,485 revenue with \$785 netted \$700 this weekend. We have netted nearly \$3,000 YTD.
  - b. Faith **Jerry Kuennen**
    - i. Family rosary scheduled for March 30th 10am after mass in chapel
    - ii. Question came up on whether we should pursue Knights of Columbus Cor program. Per Tim, "We have catholic watchman. Maybe we should merge with Cor"

- c. **Community Bill Rabe**
  - i. Bill volunteered to bring in any Family/Council programs that BJ wants to step out of, under the Community program with him.
  - ii. Reported that Brothers clean up roads 4 times a year.
  - iii. Reminded us to report volunteer hours to Andy for Feed Starving, Habitat, ect. Some examples of Brothers volunteering hours include: 194 hrs for Habitat for Humanity, 43 blood donations.
  - iv. Jerry: Habitat planning is under way for the summer.
- d. **Family/Council BJ Bertram**
  - i. Scholarship is on for May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We will also hand out a check to the mission trip in St. Louis this year.
  - ii. BJ to bring in Von Hanson's signup sheet in March. This event is always between Mother's Day and Memorial Day and helps to pay for the scholarship and mission trip above.
  - iii. Steve is selling raffles now until the beginning of April. He is looking for volunteers to sell raffles.
- **Other Reports**
  - a. **Event Chairs Updates last held events; status of upcoming events (if any) and need for volunteers**
    - i. Pancake Breakfast February 16 review, Volunteers needed for March 16 – **Cameron Hoppe**. Not a good turnout because of weather. Volunteer list for March 16<sup>th</sup> is already full. Thanks.
  - b. **Fourth Degree**
  - c. **Insurance – March Meeting Benefit Event before our March meeting. Rosary will be at 6:30pm**
    - i. Chris, our insurance rep presented.
    - ii. He is willing to give marketing dollars giving to our council (e.g. card night, campfire in spring) to help with recruitment.
    - iii. Benefits as a Knight: Accidental death policy. If we hear of anything let Chris know.
    - iv. Cor going well in few of parishes from a recruiting standpoint. Twelve talks and small groups have helped recruit younger members.
    - v. Pop up tables for recruiting are available.
    - vi. Chris will donate pizza for 7pm meeting above for Star Council.
  - d. **District Deputy Steve Lorenz**
    - i. State meeting May 16-18<sup>th</sup>. Chuck and Steve are going to Rochester this year as council will pay room and board for two people. Attending is a good idea if you want to move up in the council.
    - ii. Tootsie rolls: Phil is chairing and is planning to sell 10 cases. If we don't sell, we can get rid of them at Fourth of July parade. Good idea to have a recruiting table when selling
  - e. **Other/Miscellaneous**
    - **Closing Prayer: Fr. Mathew presided in prayer**
    - **Motion for Adjournment at 8:26**
    - **Next Meeting: 3/18 Rosary 6:30pm, Member Benefit Event 7pm, Business meeting 7:30pm**
    - **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
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.

### **February Food on the First Results**

On February 3, 2025 as part of the Risen Savior Food on the First Program, the Risen Savior Knights of Columbus delivered 905 pounds of food to the Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf.

Since the start of the Knights of Columbus fiscal year (July 1, 2024), the Knights have delivered 7765 pounds of food to Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf.

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

### **February Life Report**

Thanks to all who make the Cinnamon Roll sale a success this month. Snow hurt us on Sat. but Sunday was good. Our Latino brother Knights helped us again by selling 26 packs at their Mass.



### **Knights Raffle Fundraiser for Senior Scholarship**

The Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets to raise money for the High School Senior Scholarship fund. The price is \$10 each. Tickets will be sold March 22-23 and Apr 5-6 after each English Mass. If you'd like to help with this effort, please reach out to Steve Lorenz [Steve.Lorenz65@gmail.com](mailto:Steve.Lorenz65@gmail.com).

### **Knights of Columbus High School Senior Scholarship**

HEADS UP: Our Risen Savior Council will be sponsoring one \$1000 scholarship for our Risen Savior High School Seniors. The students will be able to apply for the scholarship from April 1 to 30, 2025. The scholarship is based upon volunteer participation in school, community, and church activities. Our April KC Newsletter and the Risen Savior Bulletin will contain the information required for filling out the scholarship application.

If you have any questions, please contact B. J. Bertram at (952) 435-8461 or at [bertram60@msn.com](mailto:bertram60@msn.com).

### **March 16th Pancake Breakfast**



The Knights will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on March 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](mailto:cameron.hoppe@gmail.com) or Tim Blodgett [tblodgett@yahoo.com](mailto: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.