



October 2025

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

10/5 - Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Mass

10/7 – Feed My Starving Children Event

10/25 – 10/26 – Cinnamon roll sales

11/1 – Turkey Bingo

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Brothers,

First things first! I wish to thank Tim Blodgett for taking charge and running the September Council Meeting for me. I was in Houston, Texas attending a family reunion which had been in the planning stages for a few years.

This coming Sunday (5 October) at the 9 o'clock service is our "Knights of Columbus Family Mass" at Risen Savior. The 4th Degree Honor Guard has been requested to attend, as has our brother knights from the Spanish speaking council. All knights and their families are asked to sit in the first six rows of the center section at the church for the service. Following the service, there will be donuts and refreshments served in the Bays. Please plan on attending.

There is another schedule change we have had to make. The annual "Turkey Bingo" which was originally scheduled for 8 November had to be changed to 1 November due to changes made in the Parish scheduling calendar. "All Saints Day" (November 1) was the only available day on the churches schedule we could switch to and still have the event in November. This change did create a few legal hurdles that had to be contended with - dealing with licensing for Bingo, but Bill Rabe was able to take care of the changes - even though it did involve some "red Tape". Nice work Bill!

As most of you may know already the "Church of the Risen Savior Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is a valid, existing operating unit at the parish. The formal induction of officers and the formation of the unit occurred in September. Attended by several state officials and family members. They are up and running and already have planned their first event at the parish. On Saturday 11 October, they will be conducting a "Bake & Craft Sale" before and after both the 4 PM and 6 PM Masses. I believe that this organization will be a great addition to our parish, and I hope that all of you will pray for their success and support their efforts. Maybe you can encourage your spouses and their lady friends to check them out and maybe, join their ranks.

Looking at the calendar it appears that we are now back into one of our busy times of the year with Family Mass, Pancake Breakfast, Cinnamon Roll sales, followed by the Turkey Bingo coming up one right after the other. It is amazing looking at all this Council accomplishes thanks to all of you. I have been involved in several volunteer organizations over the years, but seldom have I seen such dedicated volunteers. Gentlemen, I salute you for your service, your efforts and your dedication to the parish, the community and to our faith. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!
"Chuck" Woodward
Grand Knight

KC Apple Valley-Risen Savior Council 9096

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025

7:30 PM: Meeting Agenda

- Meeting Call to Order by **Tim Blodgett** at 7:30 pm
- Opening Prayer – **Brothers** prayed “A Family Prayer” handed out by Tim
- Pledge of Allegiance – Lead by **Tim Blodgett**
- Chaplain’s Message - **Fr. Matthew was not in attendance**
- Introduction of Guests – New Brothers introduced themselves.
 - **Mike Ellard** is from North St. Paul. He graduated from U of M in Business Education. Worked at Thompson Reuters for 38 years. Been at Risen Savior for 6 years.

- Grand Knights Report - **Chuck Woodward** was not in attendance. Tim Blodgett presided.
 - Minutes seconded and approved.
- Treasurer’s Report (No motion required) - **Steve Lorenz**
 - We have an end of August checking balance of \$10,297 and money market of \$20,991.
 - \$68 in interest earned
 - There are a couple of outstanding checks.
- Financial Secretary’s Report - **Andy Howard**
 - Need tootsie roll proceed amounts from Phil. He should have this soon.
 - A check of \$400 from KOC-Supreme is going to Pregnancy Choices.
 - Bills not previously approved (unbudgeted) for approval (motion required) - No update
- Membership Report – **Tim via Andrew email.**
 - Update on membership efforts vs. goal. We have 6 of 9 recruits already in the first month. 3 away from our yearly quota.
 - If we can recruit 2 more members, we will be entered in a Supreme Council drawing for \$1500
 - Membership status. As of 9/1, we have 154 members, down 1 due to a withdrawal.
 - Dues Status – No update
 - Affiliate Member Status - No update

- Program Reports: **Koffi Koumedjro.**
 - Life - **Terry McCall** –
 - KC Walk for Life is Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 from 10AM to 2PM. It is at St Joseph’s, 13900 Biscayne Ave. W. Rosemount, MN
 - Brian Gibson will speak at 12PM. All are welcome.
 - All pledge proceeds go to support our Life Care centers and Pro-Life education.
 - Site for information and pledges: <https://www.knightsforlifemn.org/>.
 - Diapers for Pregnancy Choices donations – contact paulaursen@yahoo.com At Pregnancy Choices and web site of mypregnancychoices.com.
 - \$400 grant from Supreme for our Council donation.
 - Gala Events: 9/21; 9/24; 9/25; 9/30; 10/2 and Walk: 10/8/25
 - Cinnamon Rolls – Need a volunteer to shadow me this year on these dates:
 - October 25/26
 - November 15/16
 - January 24/25
 - February 21/22
 - Tentatively April 24/25
 - Terry needs someone to shadow him for cinnamon rolls this year. Let Terry know.

- Faith - **Jerry Kuennen**
 - Make sure Bill Nelson sends out reminder for Feed my Starving Children which is Tues, Oct 7 at 7pm at Eagan. This email has been sent. Invite friends and family or potential members.
 - Next rosary is Nov 30th.
 - Jerry will request another seminarian to sponsor. Father Gangolith will get back to Jerry for someone in need. Per Steve, we have the budget for this.
 - Jerry and Tim will be sitting in at Mother Mary to experience a COR meeting. The state and supreme councils consider this important for all councils.
- Community - **Bill Rabe**
 - Fall cleanup on Lac Lavan is coming up.
 - There will not be another drive for Red Cross until next year. There will be a sign up in Dec for the January drive.
 - We will be doing Coats for Kids again this year. Steve has ordered 6 cases.
 - Bill will be sending out signups for volunteers. 1 or 2 volunteers are needed.
 - Bill is discussing families in need with the president of the new women's auxiliary. He is also working with Father Mathew to see how we announce this to the congregation. We want to make sure we hit families in most need. Koffi thinks we should not put in bulletin if we already have the family (s) identified.
 - Steve suggested we hit the needy in the congregation first with left overs go to Pregnancy Choices.
 - Purchasing more younger kid coats rather than infants.
 - Bingo:
 - Original date Nov 8th is no longer available, so we are going with Dec 1st even though there is a mass just before us.
 - Need 15 volunteers and Bill to send around a signup.
 - Because spring turn out wasn't good, we are going to roll back prices on cards.
 - We will just have turkeys (no hams) to save money.
 - Cash price will be \$99 to stay under government regulators.
 - If you want a turkey at wholesale talk to Bill.
- Family/Council - **Tim Blodgett**
 - Tim thanked all the Brothers for the help on the family picnic
 - Family mass on oct 5th is next event. Asking all knights to pray for 7 days including "A family prayer" we prayed above. Wear knight gear and reserve is the front of church.
 - Need some ideas for our council hosting COR (heart speaks to heart) flexible faith formation of prayer. Jerry and Tim are tag teaming as COR directors Should we have it on a week night? Should we blast out an email asking for a date that works for people? Maybe we could use "Survey Monkey"
 - Great turn out for last pancake breakfast. Made \$953 including a \$100 bill. Next pancake breakfast dates are Nov 23rd and Dec 14th with Santa
 - 4th degree was at honor guard and at Mary Mother. Will be at KC family mass. 4th degree Hispanic to join our assembly. Only one 4th degree Hispanic in cities area.
 - Per BJ FunFest updates
 - FunFest is on Sunday Sept 21st this year.
 - Games begin at 2:30pm and Knights will oversee Bingo. New game will be introduced called Pelota (Latino Bingo).
 - Already we have 5 cooks and a bingo caller, but need about 10 more people.
 - The average attendance is 400-500 parishioners. We buy and serve brats and hot dogs and run bingo.
 - Mariachi band and dueling pianos.
 - Tim mentioned that an email on September 28th requesting Brothers to say prayer with family for a week with the conclusion at family mass.

- Please contact Bill Nelson (612-704-6424) if you need anything in the newsletter or need an email blast.
- Other Reports
 - Event Chairs
 - Insurance – Still no insurance agent assigned.
 - District Deputy - Steve Lorenz. No updates
- Closing Prayer – Tim Blodgett lead
- Motion for Adjournment Seconded and passed at 8:12
- Next Meeting - October 21st
- Social / Refreshment

2025 / 2026 Council Refreshment Sign-Up Sheet

KofC Meeting Date	Name	Telephone
October 21, 2025	Jules Koumedjro	612-278-1975
November 18, 2025	Bill Kelly	612-419-9269
December 16, 2025	Andy Howard	952-917-9959
January 20, 2026	SPAGHETTI DINNER Steve Lorenz BJ Bertram	612-501-4211 952-435-8461
February 17, 2026	Bill Rabe	612-940-2792
March 17, 2026	Bill Nelson	
April 21, 2026	Rich Ehalt	952-432-5317
May 19, 2026	Phil Sterner	612-751-2973
June 16, 2026		

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.

NOTE: June '26 are still open for bringing refreshments Any Volunteers?

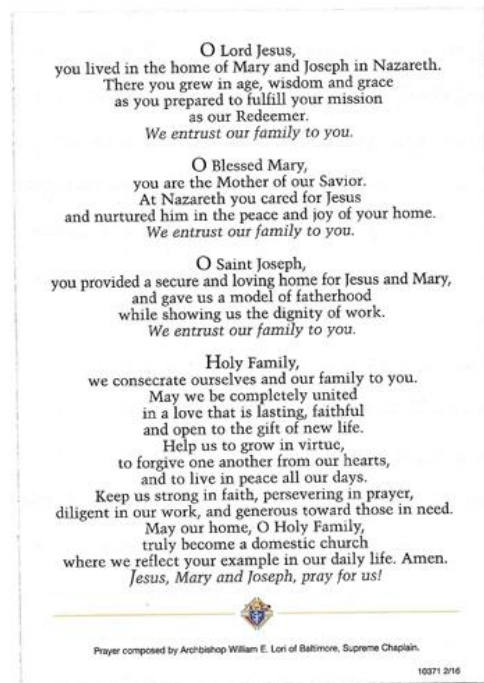
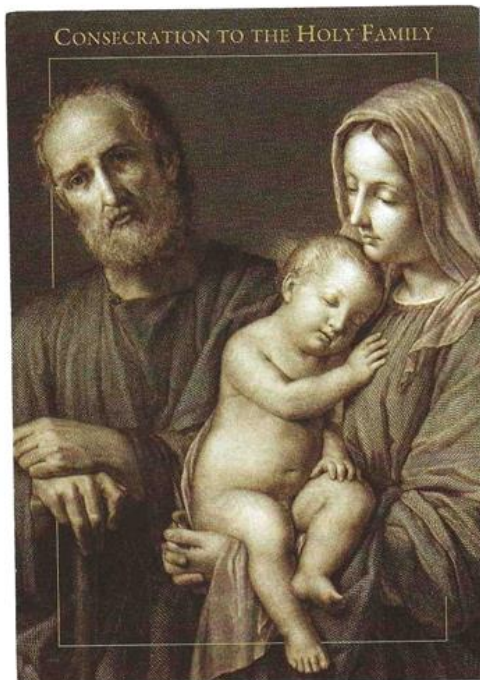
Knights of Columbus Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Event



The purpose of this event is to strengthen families to consecrate themselves to the example of the Holy Family set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has included this event for councils to be eligible for the Columbia Award. It involves saying the Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer on seven consecutive days. You will be emailed the prayer in late September. We encourage you to say the prayer alone or with your family.

The Consecration to The Holy Family Event will be **initiated on Sunday, September 28. The event concludes seven days later at our October 5 9:00 AM Risen Savior Knights of Columbus Family Mass.** Free coffee, juice, and donuts will be served after the KC Family Mass in the three bays. If you have any questions, please contact B. J. Bertram at (952) 435-8461 or at bertram60@msn.com

“Consecration To The Holy Family” Prayer Card



Feed My Starving Children Event

Council 9096 has scheduled a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) packing event on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 7 PM. The location is 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 136, Eagan, MN. All are invited to join in packing meals that will be sent to any part of the world where they are needed to provide food for hungry children! Invite you family, friends and neighbors to join us.

If you are going to participate, please sign up by next Tuesday, September 30! Invite your family and friends as well. Search the web for FMSC.ORG/VOLUNTEER, then search groups for “Council 9096 Knights of Columbus” event on October 7 in Eagan. Or use this link directly <http://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=V1Z65K>. Note that you will need to login in or create an account to sign-up. If you have problems getting it done, just give Jerry Kuennen a call at 952 200 6364. Let’s get this worthwhile service project of the ground!