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

9/15 – KC Meeting at Risen Savior. 6:30pm

9/19 – COR Session 9:00am

9/20 – Pancake Breakfast

9/27 – Holy Family Prayer Event 9:00am

9/27 – Fall Festival 2:30pm

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Grand Knight Report

Brothers,
I am honored and humbled to begin serving as your Grand Knight. I want to thank Chuck Woodward for his leadership, dedication, and steady service to Council 9096. His example, together with the support of our officers, directors, and members, gives us a strong foundation for the year ahead.

As we begin the 2026–2027 fraternal year, my priorities are simple: strengthen our faith, welcome new members, support our parish and community, and create meaningful opportunities for families to participate in the life of our council. Our success will depend on the talents, ideas, and willingness of every Brother Knight to take part.

September offers several ways to get involved. Please join us for our council meeting at Risen Savior on September 15 at 6:30 PM, the COR Session on September 19, and the KC Education Pancake Breakfast on September 20. These events help us grow in fraternity, serve others, and remain visible and active in our parish.

I encourage each of you to invite another Catholic gentleman to learn more about the Knights of Columbus. A personal invitation can make a lasting difference. I also ask that you share your ideas, volunteer when you can, and continue supporting one another as Brothers.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. I look forward to working with Phil Sterner, Terry McCall, our officers and program leaders, and all members of Council 9096. Together, with faith and teamwork, we can build on the council's strong tradition of charity, unity, and fraternity.
May God bless you, your families, our council, and all those we serve.

Vivat Jesus!
Koffi Koumedjro
Grand Knight

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

There was no meeting due to the Knights Family Picnic

Upcoming COR Session at Risen Savior

WHEN Saturday, September 19 • 9:00–10:00 AM **WHERE** Dorothy Day Room, Risen Savior

Join fellow Knights for prayer, a short video, reflection, and discussion focused on *Life*. Strengthen your faith and support one another in living Catholic values.

KC Education Pancake Breakfast • September 20

WHEN Sunday, September 20 • 9:30 AM–12:30 PM **WHERE** Resurrection Hall, Risen Savior

Join us for the first Pancake, Sausage and Fruit Breakfast of the fall. Enjoy breakfast with family and friends while supporting education. Proceeds will help seminarians studying for the priesthood, fund Risen Savior High School KC Scholarships, and support the KC College Student Loan Program.

VOLUNTEER Help with a short work shift. Contact Tim Blodgett at (952) 215-2453 or tblodgett@yahoo.com.

Build Membership Momentum Early

From Steve Lorenz

Worthy Financial Secretaries,

A healthy and sustainable council continually welcomes new men, develops future leaders, and strengthens its ability to serve the parish. That is why membership growth should begin early in the fraternal year—not become a final push next spring.

The Invite and Grow: Membership Workshops have been created to help councils put this priority into action. These are practical, hands-on sessions where council leaders will develop prospect lists, strengthen their invitation skills, plan church or event drives, and leave with clear next steps for follow-up and CUF Exemplification.

I strongly encourage every council to have its Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Membership Director, or another key leader attend one of the workshops being held September 14–20.

REGISTER If your council has not yet registered, reserve your place at the Invite and Grow workshop here.

This is an opportunity to build momentum early and strengthen your council for the entire year. Our state, district, and regional leaders are committed to helping every council succeed. Let's work together to create a true Culture of Invitation across Minnesota.

Fraternally,
Vivat Jesus
Jesse Kosloski
MN KofC State Deputy

Support the Mother Teresa Assembly Fundraiser

From Steve Lorenz

Sir Knights and Ladies,

Our Annual Fundraiser Is Here!

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

The Mother Teresa Assembly's annual fundraiser is now underway. This is our only fundraiser of the year, and full participation helps sustain the Assembly's mission and charitable work throughout the year.

GET YOUR PACKET Fundraiser packets are $100 each. Pick yours up at the September meeting, or contact Randy Komorouski at 651-235-1674 to receive one early.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation. Together, we can make this year's fundraiser a great success!

God bless,
Randy Komorouski
Mother Teresa Assembly

Council Delivers a Record 21,776 Pounds of Food

Food for Families recognition received for the 14th consecutive year

As part of the Risen Savior Food on the First Program, our Apple Valley Knights of Columbus 9096 Council delivered **a record 21,776 Pounds** of Food to the Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf over the last fiscal year (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). This broke the previous record by over 5,200 Pounds of Food. Because we delivered over 5000 pounds of food for the fiscal year, our council received the "Food for Families Reimbursement Program" Award from the Supreme Knights of Columbus National Organization. This is the 14th consecutive fiscal year that we have received the national

14-YEAR IMPACT Council 9096 has delivered more than **198,700 pounds** of food to the Burnsville 360 Communities Food Shelf—an average of approximately 1,180 pounds per month.

Thank You to all the Knights and Spouses who helped with the Food Shelf Deliveries. A Special Thank You goes to Brother Knight (Tom Schreader) for coordinating our KC food shelf deliveries. The BIGGEST THANK YOU goes to all of the Risen Savior Parishioners who have faithfully brought food to the church on a weekly and monthly basis to make these fourteen consecutive awards possible.

Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Event

The purpose of this event is to strengthen families by inviting them to consecrate themselves to the example of the Holy Family set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council includes this event among the requirements for councils seeking the Columbia Award. Participants say the Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer for seven consecutive days, either individually or with their families. The prayer will be emailed in late September.

EVENT DATES The event begins Sunday, September 27, and concludes seven days later at the October 4, 9:00 AM Risen Savior Knights of Columbus Family Mass. Free coffee, juice, and donuts will be served afterward in the Risen Savior three bays.

Questions? Contact B. J. Bertram at (952) 435-8461 or bertram60@msn.com.

Risen Savior Fall Festival and Picnic

WHEN Sunday, September 27 • Begins at 2:30 PM **WHERE** Risen Savior

Activities include bingo games for all ages, inflatable bounce houses and children's games, and a 3:00 PM showing of the Minnesota Vikings game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Risen Savior's three bays. A free meal will be served from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

More than 500 people attended last year. Council 9096 will coordinate bingo and cook the brats and hot dogs. The Risen Savior Ladies Auxiliary will serve brats, hot dogs, lemonade, and water, while the Latino community will serve free tacos. Potato salad, beans, and chips will also be available, with beer and wine offered for purchase.

EVENING MUSIC Risen Savior Music Coordinator Kevin Rotty will provide live music from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Families and friends are invited—just come and enjoy; you do not need to bring anything.

Life Report

Steve Lorenz, Chuck Woodward, and Koffi Koumedjro presented checks to Becky Hanel and Brother Knight Life Coach Brandan.

Becky Hanel of Pregnancy Choices Life Care Center updated the council on a new program addressing abortion-pill use and supporting women who may face medical complications without in-person care.

She also introduced Brandan, a new male life coach at Pregnancy Choices and a Brother Knight.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT The council continues supporting Pregnancy Choices and AIM's Good Father Program through outreach, coaching, and community events.