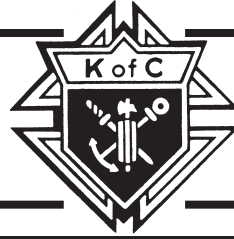


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Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 21 starting at 7:00 PM.

Many items of interest will be discussed...

We hope you will join us for the business meeting and the fellowship that follows...

BROTHER KNIGHTS

I pray you are all having a fruitful Lenten season. As we spend time in prayer and fasting during this penitential time, let us not forget to include our Priests and Bishops in our prayers. Lent helps us to focus our lives on God and align our wills with His. Take this time to think of where your will is not in alignment with God's and through prayer and fasting may His Grace empower you to make the necessary changes. There is a lot of information in this newsletter so please do read it all. We continue to have much to discuss at the business meetings so I encourage you to attend as often as you can.

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight, Steve Sellars

NOTES FROM LIFE DIRECTOR PHIL CHENIER

Negatives for the ERA Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution
The following statement was written by the Minnesota Catholic Conference Catholic Advocacy Network. We must stop this amendment. We went through this years ago in the 1970s with a U.S. Constitutional Amendment and not enough states passed it fortunately. The Minnesota legislature is trying to start it up again for our state. Here's some of the bad features that it would force on us. Contact your representative and tell them to vote NO on this.

S.F. 37, the so-called "Equal Rights Amendment" is a proposed state constitutional amendment that would prioritize "gender identity" over religious freedom in the eyes of the law. The new language proposed for the amendment would also enshrine the right to abortion and remove "religion" and "creed" as protected against discrimination. What does this mean for the average person of faith? If the ERA is passed by the legislature and approved by voters at the ballot box, religious freedom would take a backseat to gender ideology. Potential outcomes of this erosion of rights include:

- Expansive abortion access with little room for sensible safeguards
- The forced compliance of medical professionals to perform abortions and gender surgery.
- More taxpayer-funded "gender-affirming care"
- The decline of women's sports
- Mandated pronoun usage that attacks freedom of speech
- Potentially increased legal action against faith communities and schools that reject gender ideology and abortion, including the loss of state funding

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

March 4.....Food Rescue, Hastings Family Service, 10 AM
March 14.....Food for Kids packing, 10 AM
March 21..... Council Meeting, 6:30 pm Officers
7:00 pm Business Meeting, SEAS, Seton Hall
March 31.....Easter Sunday

APRIL

April 1.....Food Rescue, Hastings Family Service, 10 AM
April 7..... Pancake Breakfast, SEAS, Seton Hall
April 11.....Food for Kids packing, 10 AM
April 18..... Council Meeting, 6:30 pm Officers
7:00 pm Business Meeting, SEAS, Seton Hall
April 20..... Scholarship Raffle and Dinner
April 26.....SEAS School Spring Fling
April 27-28.....Tootsie Roll Drive, Walmart, Coborns, SEAS Church

MAY

May 3-5.....Minnesota Knights State Convention. Breezy Point Resort
May 4.....Highway 55 Ditch Clean Up, 8:00 AM SEAS
May 6.....Food Rescue, Hastings Family Service, 10 AM
May 9.....Food for Kids packing, 10 AM
May 16.....Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Officers
7:00 pm Business Meeting, SEAS, Seton Hall
May 20.....Scholarship Awards Night at Hastings High School
May 22.....Feed My Starving Children 7-8:30pm

DID YOU PAY YOUR

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP DUES??

Check your membership card and if you have paid your dues, it should read "Dues paid through December 31, 2024". Contact the council financial secretary if you have not sent in your \$35 for 2024.

40 CANS FOR LENT PROJECT

The Hasting Knights of Columbus Council is inviting their members, and SEAS parishioners to participate in the 40 cans for Lent Drive. Participants are asked to donate a can of food daily during the 40 days of Lent. The food will be donated to the Hastings Family Service food shelf. The cans can be brought to the KC business meeting on March 21, or dropped off, at the SEAS church, in a tub near the west doors. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please make your check payable to KC Council 1600. Remember "When they were hungry you gave them food to eat"

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Setup begins at 6:30 AM. Serving will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cleanup begins after the last person is served. We can use you help throughout the morning. Please call one of the following to volunteer your help.

Sausage preparationDayton Robinson, 651-437-5102
Pancake FlippersSteve Sellars, 651-468-1668
Egg CookingGreg Brady, 651-437-7291
Sausage Cooking..... Dave Peterson, 651-235-7706
Dining Room..... Gary Wynia, 651-247-7363
Kitchen Help/Clean Up..... Greg Kasel, 651-480-2227
Cashier Al Teuber, 651-437-6340

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE & DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

Our annual Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Raffle and Dinner will be held on Saturday April 20, 2024 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in the Mother Seton Hall. Social hour begins at 5PM, dinner served at 6PM and the raffle drawing starts at 7PM. The proceeds from the raffle will be used for our annual Hastings High School scholarships. This year we will be giving out 2 - \$1000 scholarships to 2 - Hastings High School seniors. Since 1985 we have given scholarships totaling over \$45,000. We only sell 180 tickets to this event. The cost is \$25.00 for the raffle ticket and \$20.00 for the meal ticket totaling \$45.00 per person. The meal will consist of Pork Roast and Chicken Marsala, Potato, Vegetable, Salad and Rolls. Included also are some adult beverages and setups. You may bring your own wine and hard liquor. The raffle prizes are 3 - \$500, 8 - \$50, 7 - \$20 and 18 - \$10. For tickets please call Dick Cragg 612-812-8190, Lin Dillon 651-274-2937, Andy McCoy 612-987-2315, Dayton Robinson 612-382-5696, Dave Peterson 651-235-7706 and Greg Kasel at home 651-480-2227, cell 612-245-7951 or work at 651-437-6400. If you have purchased tickets in the past you should be contacted by the person that sold them to you last year, if not call Greg Kasel. For more information call Greg Kasel at home 651-480-2227, cell 612-245-7951 or work 651-437-6400. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE, APRIL 27-28

Your council and brother knights will give out tootsie rolls on Saturday, April 29 at Walmart and Coborn's. Also on Sunday April 28, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church after the masses. Donations will be accepted and given to agencies serving People with Intellectual Disabilities. When you are contacted, say yes to helping distribute tootsie rolls and accepting donations.

HIGHWAY 55 CLEAN UP ON SATURDAY, MAY 4

Please meet on the west side of SEAS Church at 8:00 am. Remember to bring gloves, hat, sun glasses, bug spray and wear a pair of work / hiking boots. Contact Andy McCoy (612-987-2315) or Dayton Robinson (651-382-5696) to volunteer.

BROTHER KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS

March

1st	Larry Noble	11th	Louis Plevell
3rd	Leonard Fox	13th	William Biskupski
4th	Neil Matsch		Ronald Guck
5th	Douglas Kimmes	14th	Gerald Kasel
11th	Michael Steinke		James Gubloff
23rd	Robert Fremngen		Bruce Guck
29th	Bradley Guck	15th	Kevin Klukas
	Victor Teuber	16th	Daniel Gardner
30th	Christopher Makowske	20th	Glen Madland
		24th	Andrew McCoy
			Chuck Conant
			Curtis Mages

April

1st	Alois Feidt	25th	Paul Johnson
5th	Jack Morais	26th	Michael Slavik
6th	David Brunner	30th	James Kranz
9th	William Olson		

MARCH-APRIL YEARS OF SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

60+ Years

Ronald Guck
Paul Castner
William Biskupski
John Smyrski

50+ Years

Glen Madland
Richard Fuchs
Robert Angell
Edward Savoie
Gregory Brady
Jerome Bambenek

40+ Years

Raymond Knoll
David Brunner
Gary Wynia

20+ Years

Todd Spaeth
David Vouk
David Belongia
John Gelhar
Steven Sellars
Douglas Verbout
Larry Monhaut
Joel White
Michael Slavik

30+ Years

Dayton Robinson
James Gubloff
Larry Noble
Terry Fuchs
Lawrence Carpenter
Peter Gleich

10+ Years

Fr. David Hennen

5+ Years

Shane Loesch
Joseph Wilger

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023 - 2024

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

Our Council will have the election of officers at our meeting on Thursday, May 16th. The following officer positions are up for election. Please see the synopsis of officers' duties below. We really need some of our younger members to step forward to help. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your council and help determine the direction we will go in the future. It is time to have some fresh faces and new ideas! We have had some of our members filling the same positions for several years. The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for officers for our next fiscal year. All the positions listed below are open for election this year. The only qualification is you must be a 3rd Degree Member. We will be taking nominations at our May 16th meeting, with the election of officers following immediately afterwards.

Please consider volunteering for any of these positions. Contact Grand Knight Steve Sellars (651-468-1668) or any of the officers listed in this bulletin and let them know you are interested! Thank you for your help!

Duties of Council Officers

Grand Knight
The Grand Knight is responsible for the welfare of the Council. He presides over council meetings, acts as ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the State and Supreme Council.

Deputy Grand Knight
The Deputy Grand Knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a council meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight will preside. He is Chairman of the Council's retention committee.

Chancellor
The Chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interest in council activities.

Recorder
The recorder is similar to a court reporter or secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence.

Treasurer
The treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the Grand Knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

Advocate
The Advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Orders Charter, Constitution and Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting, and Robert's Rules of Order.

Warden
The warden is the "watchdog" for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial examinations, he will appoint and supervise guards.

Inside and Outside Guards
The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

Board of Trustees
The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the council, and the grand knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and with the deputy grand knight serve on the council's retention committee. During council elections, only a three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two- and one-year trustees, respectively. Trustees need to be a Past Grand Knight.

DIRECTORY OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Grand Knight Steven Sellars, 651-468-1668
Deputy Grand Knight Brady Cysiewski
Chancellor Gregory Kasel
Chaplain Fr. David Hennen
Chaplain Emeritus Fr. Martin Siebenaler
Financial Secretary Jerry Bambenek, 651-437-4546
Treasurer Dayton Robinson, 612-382-5696
Advocate Brady Cysiewski
Warden William McDonagh
Recorder Andrew McCoy
Inside Guard Douglas Riles
Outside Guard Dennis Clark
Three Year Trustee Gary Wymia
Two Year Trustee Tony Jurgens
One Year Trustee Keith Slavik

FAITH IN ACTION DIRECTORS

Program Director Gary Wymia
Faith Director Ron Novomy, 651-437-9164
Family Director Bill McDonagh, 651-437-6635
Community Director Andy McCoy, 612-987-2315
Life Director Phil Chenier, 651-480-0533

Knights of Columbus Field Agent

Jeff Woolsey
Phone: 651-252-4540
Email: jeff.woolsey@kofc.org

1600 BUILDING CORPORATION: The Board includes six members elected by the membership, plus the Grand Knight. Board members serve for a three year term. Current board members are Doug Launmeyer, Curt Mages, Greg Kasel, Ron Novomy, Tony Jurgens, Gary Wymia and Grand Knight Steven Sellars.

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