



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

According to the calendar, Spring is here. When I look out the window, I am reminded that living in Minnesota means that it might not look like what we think Spring should look like. Our Easter pictures may have snow in the background. However, we have a lot to be thankful for even with the snow. We are not done with COVID, but we have for the most part returned to normal. We are not at war, but we were able to support the efforts for relief in the Ukraine with a very generous donation. We supported our parish during Lent by having the Holy Hour after the Stations of the Cross and we showed episodes of The Chosen. A big thank you to those that helped by leading the Rosary and leading and participating in the discussions after watching the episodes of The Chosen.

We also completed our last Pancake Breakfast at Sacred Heart in Wilton. The outstanding attendance and donations will allow us to donate an additional \$550 to seminarians. We still have more we can do. Please take some time, if you have time, to help with the rib dinner on Saturday, April 23rd.

As we reflect on our baptismal promise, I ask us to also reflect on why we joined the Knights of Columbus. I encourage you to continue to help in ways you can and to encourage those you know that are not Knights, to join our great organization that does so much for so many.

Thank you stepping up and being a Knight.

I wish all my Brother Knights and your family's a Blessed Easter!

Vivat Jesus,

Randy Lipsky, Grand Knight

**WHEN YOU HEAR
GOD'S VOICE TODAY,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business



Dad's Day Bowling

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Bemidji Bowl

(3455 Laurel Dr. NW; Bemidji)

Bowling... Bonding... and Pizza!

For more information or questions, please feel free to contact us at: bemidjiallprodads@gmail.com www.AllProDad.com

Brother Knights, I wish to thank all of the Brothers Knights that volunteered their time and efforts to help make this council year's Pancake Breakfasts a success. Thank you for going out to Wilton and helping with the breakfast there. Profits from that breakfast go to the Diocese of Crookston Seminarians. We took in almost \$700.00. Gratitude goes out to Sacred Heart Parish for their help in making this breakfast a success. It was with great joy to work with such great Brother Knights! Thank you! Daniel J Shea Chairman

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

Diocesan Safe Environment Certification is necessary, **EACH YEAR** for all members of the Knights of Columbus who actively participate in youth-related activities on parish property.

Training offered online at: <http://www.crookston.org/secertification>. Paper copies of the training module are available at the Parish Office and School Office. Questions regarding Safe Environment Training/Certification contact:

Kris Jensen, kjensen@stphilipsbemidji.org

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH Dan Shea

SK Dan Shea has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 48 years. In that time Dan has served as a District Deputy, the Faithful Navigator of the Pope John Paul II Assembly, and the Financial Secretary of our Council 1544. He has also served as an insurance agent and been responsible for recruiting many members including our current Grand Knight. He currently serves as the Faithful Admiral of the Pope John Paul II Assembly, leads the Rosary, and has served outstandingly as the Chairman organizing fellow Knights and helping for our 2021/2022 Pancake Breakfasts. Dan's contribution to the Church, to the Knights of Columbus and our local community have gone above and beyond the norm and we are pleased to recognize him as our April Knight of the Month.

Council Meeting Thursday, April 21st Can't be in person? Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83490087549?
pwd=dnhCU2F6Wk5nQnRyMzlmVUpOTjlWQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83490087549?pwd=dnhCU2F6Wk5nQnRyMzlmVUpOTjlWQT09)

Direct Dial: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 834 9008 7549 Passcode: 554395



BBQ RIB DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd 4:30 to 7:30 PM



We still need a number of Knights to help with this event. We need help from 4pm—8pm, and then from 7pm—9pm for clean-up. Look for e-mails and reply to Ron with when you can help. Spouses and older kids can help. Call or text Ron at 556-5712 or better yet e-mail him at: rjarel@paulbunyan.net to volunteer.



PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Saturday, April 16th

Once each month, on the third Saturday, from 10 to 11AM, we will gather at the Planned Parenthood office to pray for the end of abortion. Please join us!

UPCOMING DATE: May 21st

SPRING SOCIAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th

Join us on Saturday, April 30th at the Bemidji Town & Country Club for our Spring Social and members appreciation dinner. Postcards will be mailed out soon with full details and reservations are required. For more info contact:

Bob at 766-6028 or Ron at 556-5712



SUNDAY ROSARY

Each Sunday, the Knights are responsible for leading the Rosary after the 7:30 am Mass. Please join us to pray the Rosary Together. If anyone wishes to help lead or be a sub, please contact me.

Dan Shea 218-760-6616
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Financial Secretary Report

Dear Brother Knights:

Membership stands at 241 members. We have six who have not yet paid dues and expect to retain those gentlemen. If you know of a good candidate, let the Grand Knight know or tell them to check our website. Randy's contact info: (218) 760-7024.

Alternately text keyword: "Join1544" to (218) 496-8961 and they will get a link to the membership page of the Supreme website. To answer the question, "Why should I?" My response would be: "It's a great way to put your faith into action with service to your parish and your community with a great group of likeminded Catholic men that do good works."

The council is heading into the busy season as we prep for the return of the Rib Dinner, Spring Social, Highway Cleanup, All Pro Dad events, Golf & Steak Fry, election of officers, and the 21st Annual Walleye Classic on June 11. Many hands are needed, please help where you can. Information on these many events can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thank you to the many Knights that have assisted in Lenten services, at the Stations of the Cross/Holy Hour and Adoration on Fridays and the Tuesday night showing and discussion of The Chosen, a bible-based TV series on the life of Jesus. Much appreciation to Mark Studer who organized and recruited help for both and to those that assisted.

The State Convention is coming up. I will be attending and will have a full report at the June meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Bofferding

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For Your Information & Convenience
Use our Council Website !

Note, our council website, www.kofc1544.org lists all upcoming council events. Please bookmark the site for future reference.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFERS LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE!



Here are some stats that are daunting:

Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70% chance of needing some type of long-term care services and supports in their remaining years. Women need care longer (3.7 years) than men (2.2 years). One-third of today's 65 year-olds may never need long-term care support, but 20 percent will need it for longer than 5 years. If you have had a loved one who needs care, you know how difficult it can be financially as well as emotionally for all parties involved. The premiums for a good policy may not be as high as you think. The biggest problem I see is that PEOPLE WAIT TOO LONG TO ATTAIN COVERAGE! All of us will lose our insurability to pass underwriting scrutiny at some point. We know not when or how.

Call today to see if Long Term Care Insurance makes sense for you.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Pat Dolan, Field Agent
(701) 730-5203

Upcoming Events

Saturday	Apr 16 th	Prayer at Planned Parenthood
Sunday	Apr 17 th	Easter Sunday
Thursday	Apr 21 st	Council Meeting
Saturday	Apr 23 rd	BBQ RIB DINNER
Saturday	Apr 23 rd	All Pro Dads
Saturday	Apr 30 th	Spring Social
Thursday	May 5 th	Board Meeting
Thursday	May 19 th	Council Meeting
Saturday	May 21 st	Prayer at Planned Parenthood
Tuesday	May 24 th	Highway Clean-up
Thursday	May 26 th	Golf Outing