



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

I hope all is well with you and your families. I read a ray of hope that things are either slowly returning to "normal" or that we are learning to live with COVID. In the latest edition of Knightline, "the first in-person Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage since 2019 is scheduled for this coming May." If you have never heard about this awesome program that is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, I encourage you to read the February 7th Knightline and click on the video. They also provide a link to sponsor a warrior should you feel moved.

Thank you to all the Knights that participated in the March for Life and to those that helped with the soup and sandwiches after the event. Thank you, also to the Knights who volunteered to help make calls to the returning anglers for the Walleye Classic. During both events I heard many thanks and other good things about our group of men in the Knights of Columbus.

We are just a few weeks away from the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We will have even more opportunities to serve with pancake breakfasts, leadings the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent prayer at Planned Parenthood and perhaps growing in our faith. Thank you stepping up and being a Knight.

Vivat Jesus,

Randy Lipsy

Grand Knight

Dad's Day Sledding Party

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



ALL PRO DAD.

**Social Hall, St. Philip's &
Library Park**

Sledding...Bonding...Hot Dogs...and Prizes!

(Drinks & Refreshments served afterwards)

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

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March for Life Rally



On Saturday, January 22, around 150 men, women, and children gathered in front of the Beltrami County Courthouse for the annual Bemidji March for Life. Following an invocation by Gregg Claypool for an end to abortion, marchers walked with signs to downtown Bemidji and back to St. Philip's Church where lunch was served by our council. During lunch participants were inspired by testimony from Father Michael Arey from our parish.

The event, along with the Washington D.C March for Life, has been held since 1974 as a peaceful protest to the Supreme Court Roe v Wade decision of 22 January 1973, legalizing abortion in the United States.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Brother Knights,

I am happy to announce that I am serving your council as Field Agent as of January 1. A little history, I was a Field Agent in the Fargo area beginning in 1995 and in 2014 became General Agent for ND and later part of NW MN. We had some wonderful years there raising our 3 sons and serving our Brother Knights.

Fast forward to 2021, my wife LuAnn and I decided to move to the land of lakes and trees and step back into the role of Field Agent.

I am currently assigned to 9 councils in the lakes country, and of course 1544 in Bemidji. I am really looking forward to serving your council, you have a lot of great things going on and it is a testament to the leadership that you have.

I've always said it and still believe it, we have the best products in the industry, and the best group of folks to offer them to our Brother Knights and families.

Please call me with any questions,

Vivat Jesus!



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Walleye Classic Report

June 11, 2022



We will be sending each Knight two books of raffle tickets in March. The top prize will be a 1650 Lund Boat with a 50 HP Mercury motor and Shoreland'r trailer along with the usual cash prizes. This is a bigger boat and motor package than we have offered in the past. The KCWC has partnered with Ray's Marine and agreed to chip in money this year to offset the cost of the bigger package. Again, this year we will share the boat's location so you can sell tickets next to the top prize. As in the past, we are offering incentives for those Knights who sell 20 tickets or more.

Thank you for selling these raffle tickets. This is by far the biggest fundraiser of the year for Council 1544. It has become important for the many nonprofit groups we support as well. Last year, the KCWC donated \$68,800 to 11 groups. This year we hope to break the 1-million-dollar mark donated from the Kraus Anderson/KCWC's 21-year existence. Raffle ticket sales and the support of our sponsors, including Ray's Marine, Acme Tools, Honda, and Milwaukee Tools, has made this possible. Your support is truly appreciated by the many who benefit from this work.

Any questions - John Marcum 320-293-4515 or bowhunterjohnm@gmail.com



Walleye Classic Grand Prize



**2022 Lund Angler 1650 SS with
50 hp Mercury ELPT 4-Stroke
Outboard Motor and
2022 Shoreland'r Bunk Trailer.
\$26,853.⁷⁴ Value!
Plus, 19 other Cash Prizes!**

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____



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GRAND PRIZE – 2022 Lund Angler 1650 SS
with 50 hp Mercury ELPT 4-Stroke Outboard
Motor and 2022 Shoreland'r Bunk Trailer **Retail Value \$26,853.74**
2nd Prize – \$1,000 Cash • **3rd Prize** – \$500 Cash
4th Prize – (2) \$250 Cash Prizes
5th Prize – (15) \$100 Cash Prizes



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Drawing to be held 5:00 p.m. at the south shore of Lake Bemidji at Tournament HQ on June 11, 2022. The winners will be announced at the conclusion of the tournament.
This raffle is sponsored by the Bemidji Knights of Columbus, license #X-34998. All proceeds will benefit Bemidji Youth Baseball, Bemidji Special Olympics, the Knights of Columbus, the Bemidji High School Fishing Team and other local non-profits. Winners are responsible for any applicable fees or taxes. Need not be present to win.

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 Dale Johnson

Dale is our February Knight of the Month. He is a 29 yr member of the Knights and has been a 4th Degree member for the last 7 years. Dale volunteers at the Clothing Depot and has stepped into an integral role with the Walleye Classic committee. Recently he spearheaded the printing of the sponsorship brochure used to obtain business sponsors for the Walleye Classic. In his spare time, he homebrews beer, growing his own hops! Dale is willing to step up where needed and lives the tenets of the Knights: Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Congratulation Dale, our February Knight of the Month.

Council Meeting Thursday, February 17th

Can't be in person? Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87803913176?pwd=aHU2VEJWbk9hYVZUZENZcEFHYXVhZz09>

Dial Direct: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 878 0391 3176

Passcode: 016594

PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Saturday, February 19th

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: **March 19th**



SUNDAY ROSARY

Each Sunday, the Knights are responsible for leading the Rosary after the 7:30 am Mass. Please join us as we pray the Rosary Together either after Mass or before the 9:00 AM Mass. If anyone wishes to help lead or be a sub please contact me. Dan Shea 218-760-6616 daniel Shea@paulbunyan.net



PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MARCH 6th

The next pancake breakfast is on March 6th with the last one is on April 3rd at Sacred Heart in Wilton. If you are able to help please email, text or call me.

Your volunteering will be appreciated. Thank you!

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K.C. Free Throw District Contest

Sunday, February 20th

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

St. Philip's Gymnasium

Ages: 9 – 14 (Boys & Girls)

~Each participant will take 25 shots. This is for the District, which is the Council winners.



4 Knights needed to help. Please contact Ron at 556-5712



Financial Secretary Report

Dear Brother Knights:

Let us welcome the transfer members that have joined Council #1544 in the past year: Dale Johnson, John Miesen, Bernie Marshall, Christian Breczinski, Jerry Daly, Tim Caouette, and Matt Noterman. Welcome to these gentlemen, say hello when you see them!

Dues update: We are appreciative of the generosity of our members with donations to Pennies for Seminarians & Jim Campbell fund - these monies are used by the State Council for education expenses of Seminarians and Priests. We will be mailing second notices very soon, your attention to this is appreciated.

We submitted our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for 2021. Here are the results:

FAITH ACTIVITIES - Time and monies for church, clergy, and other faith activities: \$4,109 donated and 80+ man hours volunteered.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Food donations, Family formation, misc family events: \$3,966 and 600+ man hours

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Coats for kids, Wheelchair program, all youth activities, and KC Walleye classic contributions: \$50,055- and 2,500+ man hours.

LIFE ACTIVITIES - Pregnancy support, March for Life, Misc life activities: \$6,390 and 165 hours volunteered.

TOTAL: \$74,401 in Charitable Disbursements; 3,665 hours of service. The entire report is in the "Members Only" section of our website: kofc1544.org under "Council Announcements." We are very grateful that we can impact our church and community in a meaningful way.

Vivat Jesus!

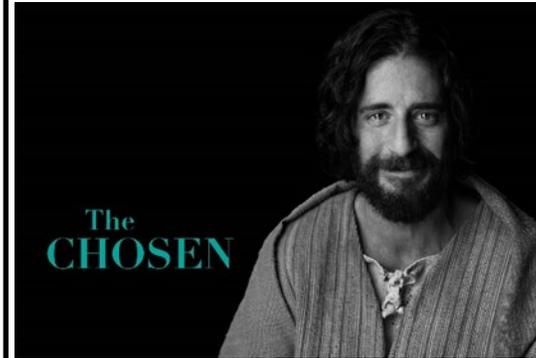
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Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to go to confession and attend at least one weekday Mass, offering it for the intention to fearlessly answer Christ's call to follow him. Second, I challenge you to participate in or consider starting the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES



Tuesdays After Mass During Lent

Various Episodes of "The Chosen" Will be Shown with a Light Snack and Discussion.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1544

Fridays During Lent

Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm followed by A Holy Hour with Adoration and Rosary

Adoration and Rosary sponsored by the Knights. We are looking for Knights that would be interested in leading this. Also, if any would be interested in being a Cantor.

Contact Randy or anyone of the council board members if interested.

Upcoming Events

Thursday	Feb 17 th	Council Meeting
Saturday	Feb 19 th	Prayer at Planned Parenthood
Saturday	Feb 26 th	All Pro Dads
Wednesday	Mar 2 nd	Ash Wednesday
Friday's	Mar 4 th -Apr 8 th	Stations of Cross & Holy Hour
Sunday	Mar 6 th	Pancake Breakfast
Tuesday	Mar 8 th -April 5 th	Mass and The CHOSEN
Thursday	Mar 17 th	Council Meeting
Saturday	Mar 19 th	Prayer at Planned Parenthood