



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Lent is just around the corner and March 5th is Ash Wednesday. Lent is an opportunity for Knights to to grow their faith so we can be better husbands, fathers, friends and coworkers. It is a perfect time to add time for prayer, go to confession and to make an effort to learn something about our wonderful Catholic faith. Instead of giving up something this year, I am going to make Cor meetings a priority. I'd love to see you there too!

Save the Date – The KC board has decided to have the “Steve Johnson/Ron Arel Rib Dinner on April 12th. We will have to beg Fr Blume for leniency and forgiveness for the cooks on that Friday. I know there is some sampling that goes on to make sure our ribs live up to the Knights special standards. Also, the Knights Spring Social will be held on April 26th.

I know everyone will be asking you about when the Raffle tickets will be out! You can tell your friends, family, and neighbors that the Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic raffle tickets will be available on or before the March council meeting (March 20th). The KCWC committee has chosen a beautiful boat this year from Ray's Marine so tickets should sell themselves. Plus, there will be more buzz than usual because it is the 25th anniversary! Thank you for supporting our biggest event of the year. Watch for more information regarding this topic over the next month.

We have a great night planned for you on Thursday, February 20th. We will be donating money to the Northwoods Pregnancy Center and staff will give a talk about the strong work they have been doing. Plus, Joe is working on a delightful meal. I look forward to seeing you at the council meeting!

Vivat Jesus!

John Marcum, Grand Knight, Council 1544



EVENTS CALENDAR

Check the Council 1544 Website for any changes/additions/deletions

Sat, Feb 15; 10 AM	Prayer for Life at Planned Parenthood
Thur, Feb 20; 6 PM	Rosary, Dinner, Council Meeting
Sun, Feb 23; Noon – 2 PM	District Free Throw Contest, School Gym
Thu, Feb 27	4th Degree Meeting; Ole's Supper Club
Sun, Mar 2; 8:30 – 11 AM	Pancake Breakfast to support Seminarians
Mon, Mar 3; 5:30PM	KCWC Board Meeting
Wed, Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
Thur, Mar 6, 6:30 PM	Regional Huddle Meeting for Officers at St Philip's
Mon, Mar 10; – 6 PM	KC Board Meeting – St Philip's
Wed/Thur Mar 12 & 13	Cor Meeting – Men of the Word Bible
Saturday, Mar 15; 10AM	Prayer for Life in front of Planned Parenthood
Thur, Mar 20; 6 PM	Rosary, Dinner, Meeting Raffle Tix distribution
Sunday, March 30	5th Sunday Ministries at 9 AM Mass
Tues, April 1	Applications due for HS Scholarships
Friday, April 25th	School Gala – 8 Tickets available!
Saturday, April 26th	Annual Rib Dinner

2024-2025 OFFICERS

To contact officers, click their name on the website and send them an email.

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Financial Secretary
Chancellor
Treasurer
Recorder
Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
1 yr. Trustee
2 yr. Trustee
3 yr. Trustee
Chaplain

John Marcum
DJ Bakken
Joe Bofferding
Joe Czapiewski
Gerald Daly
Mark Froelich
Jake Hodapp
Brad Arel
Andrew Lankowicz
Bernie Marshall
Terry Belanger
Daniel Shea
Randy Lipsky
Fr. David Blume



Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. continuing with February meetings

(Feb 12 & 13) we will be working with a Men's Bible Study called Men of the Word. **Talk to DJ Bakken** for more information: (218) 556-2338 or foresterdj@hotmail.com

PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Saturday, February 15th

Once each month, on the third Saturday, from 10:00 to 11:00AM, we will gather at Planned Parenthood to pray for the end of abortion. Please join us all year round, Mark your Calendars for the 3rd Saturday every month.

JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR LIFE

INSURANCE AGENT REPORT

When life gets Real

Recently I was visiting with the wife of a member, and it was one of those times when the conversation gets what we call "Real".

What I mean is that things are serious, and actions are being taken that are life altering. The reason things got "Real" that day is that she had to put her 73 y/o husband in the nursing home as she was no longer able to care for him. Yes, now we must put a sharp pencil to the finances to see how this is going to be paid for and how this woman is going to carry on for perhaps another 20 years. Thankfully they do have a Long-Term Care policy that will cover the lion's share of the bills for his care. This was a Godsend.

I think back on this sometimes-tearful conversation with this kind lady, and we mostly spoke of her husband, their careers, their children and grandchildren and the ups and downs of life.

The one thing that did **not** come up was the premium for the long-term care policy. No one ever brings this up at claim time. During the sales process this is usually the #1 hurdle, and of course it is human nature not to want to pay for something intangible. Something not "Real", at least at that present time.

Yes, folks, things will get "Real" for all of us at some point.

Call me to see if I can help you prepare for this moment.

Vivat Jesus,

Pat Dolan, Field Agent



Pat Dolan, FICF
Field Agent

Phone: 701-730-5203
patrick.dolan@kofc.org

Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance

Protecting Catholic families since 1882.



FEBRUARY FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

As of 2/10/2025 we have collected dues for 78% of our dues paid by members. I appreciate this! The donations coming in so far: Pennies for Seminarians (\$1,282) & Jim Campbell fund (\$777) – these monies are used by the State Council for education expenses of Seminarians and Priests. Student Loan Fund (\$777) & HS Scholarships (\$1,367) and Wheelchair Mission (\$912) make up the balance. \$1,390 has gone into the MN Foundation Raffle, we'll get back \$695 which goes into our donation budget. Maybe this is the year we get a big winner in #1544!

It looks like we will have enough for 3 - \$500 Scholarships for Catholic HS students. Contact Anna Paola in the career services office or call Mark Studer. For additional educational funding, consider the MN KC State Student Loan Fund. Amounts are now \$4,000 for all years at a 3.75% fixed rate. For more information call 952-873-2213. This program has been going on for over 55 years and does offer loan forgiveness if the student goes into a religious vocation.

Council #1544 offers their condolences to the families of Cyril Murphy and Ralph Smith. We regret that we only recently found out Cy died in December of 2023. Ralph died on February 3, 2025. May they rest in peace.

Next up the 25th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic. Registration is open for the anglers and Terry Belanger is working hard to prepare for the raffle. This year's boat is a 2025 Lund Angler Sport – full windshield with a walk-through to the front – and a 60HP Mercury motor with a Shoreland'r trailer from Ray's Sport & Marine. Keynote: the boat will NOT have the trolling motor and graph. We will make sure all marketing materials are updated with current information.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Bofferding—Financial Secretary
joeboff@gmail.com | (218) 556-0651



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Tim Kassa was chosen as the February Knight of the Month. Tim has been a cornerstone of our council for years. He is active in our parish, council and 4th degree. His quick humor and generous acts are traits that don't go unnoticed if you are around him. Tim is another example of a strong Catholic role model. Thank you, Tim, for all you do to make the Knights and our parish great!

CONGRATULATIONS TIM !!

25th Annual Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic



Saturday, June 14, 2025

**Lake Bemidji and The Sanford Center
2025 Important Dates:**

Mar 20th - Council Meeting and Raffle Kickoff – tickets remain at only \$10ea. !

Jun 12th – Setup

Jun 13th – Rules Meeting

Jun 14th – Tournament Day at The Sanford Center

Many hands will be needed, watch for details.

To volunteer, call **Phil Hodapp (218) 766-0527**

On-going:

Sponsorship Sales - do you know of a business that would be a good sponsor?