



## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is doing well as we head into summer. It was great to go to the Knights of Columbus State Convention this past weekend and hear the Supreme Knight's message. He shared some great news about the order. There have been 1500 ultrasound machines placed in the United States and 50 of those have been donated in the state of Minnesota alone. He also shared that we have raised over 16 million dollars for the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Our council donated \$2,500 towards that.

He also outlined that the Knights stand for truth and stand for life and outlined five areas we need to focus on. The five areas are family, strengthen men, recommitment to being the right arm of the church, witness to charity and membership growth. We also had the pleasure of having Bishop Cozzens lead us in Mass on the closing day. His homily echoed that he sees that Knights play a critical role in what we do for the church. He is looking for us to help with the Eucharistic Revival and be leaders within the church.

I hope to see everyone at our June Council Meeting. I pray that you all have a great summer and look forward to working with you at the hot dog stand.

Vivat Jesus,

Randy Lipsy, Grand Knight

### **Council Meeting Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Can't be in person? Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87945469448?pwd=TWk3Qms2Q2Z5TVhCZTdvdL1cwTDM0Zz09>

Direct Dial: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 879 4546 9448 Passcode: 877364

## WALLEYE CLASSIC RAFFLE TICKETS

My sincere appreciation to everyone who has already sold and returned your raffle tickets and money. For those of you who have yet to do so, per the State Gambling Control Board, all raffle tickets, whether sold or unsold and raffle money need to be returned by Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. You may return everything in the mail, drop in the Sunday collection basket or drop off at the parish office. As a last resort, you could also bring them to the council meeting on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your cooperation is appreciated and saves me a great deal of time. Any Brother Knight selling 20 tickets or more will have one ticket (in their name) purchased and entered into the K.C.W.C. drawing on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, for every 20 tickets you sell, you will also have a red ticket entered into our council incentive drawing, which is being held at the council meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be ten tickets drawn, each worth \$100, (\$1,000) total. *Those members who qualified for other incentives will be contacted following the tournament.* If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Terry Belanger—KCWC Raffle Chair

### 2021-2022 OFFICERS

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| Grand Knight        | Randy Lipsy     | 760-7024     |
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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

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

Training at: <http://www.crookston.org/secertification>. Paper copies of the training module are available at the Parish Office and School Office. For questions:

contact Kris Jensen, [kjesen@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:kjesen@stphilipsbemidji.org)

## KNIGHT OF THE YEAR MARK STUDER

Each year we select a fellow Knight that has been a faithful man of virtue. This year we select Mark Studer as that person. Mark serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan and distributes communion at the hospital. He serves on the scholarship committee. He leads the Rosary on Sundays. He is a religious formation teacher. He works on the Walleye Classic team and helps with our newsletter. He recently helped with the Stations of the Cross and lead the discussion for the series "The Chosen" during Lent. Lastly, he even took Father Christon driving. His work and dedication to our parish and our council is why Mark is our Knight of the Year.



## PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

**Saturday, JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>**

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 all summer, Mark your Calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month.

**UPCOMING DATE: JULY 16<sup>th</sup>**

## Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic

**Save the Date—June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

**The Million Dollar of Donations**

Many shifts need to be filled, from set-up to tear-down.

**LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!!**

Please help us make our goal! **VOLUNTEER TO HELP.**

Any questions, please call John Marcum (320) 293-515

## HOT DOG STAND HELP NEEDED

June 11 Walleye Classic

July 16 & 17 Art in the Park

July 30 Woodcarvers Festival ~ Blackduck

Contact Ron Arel [rjarel@paulbunyan.net](mailto:rjarel@paulbunyan.net) or 556-5712

## Upcoming Events

|          |                      |                                |
|----------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thursday | June 2 <sup>nd</sup> | COUNCIL MEETING                |
| Thursday | June 9—11            | WALLEYE CLASSIC                |
| Saturday | June 11              | All-Pro Dads                   |
| Saturday | June 18              | Prayer at Planned Parenthood   |
| Sunday   | June 19              | Eucharistic Revival            |
| Saturday | July 16              | Prayer at Planned Parenthood   |
| Saturday | July 16              | Hot Dog Stand -Art in the Park |
| Sunday   | July 17              | Hot Dog Stand -Art in the Park |
| Saturday | July 30              | Hot Dog Stand -Woodcarvers     |
| Saturday | Sept 15              | Next Council Meeting           |



## Financial Secretary Report

The MN Knights of Columbus State Convention was held May 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> at Breezy Point Resort in Nisswa. Officers attending were GK Randy Lipsy and myself.. The state officers were elected and Dan DeCrans, brother of our Pastor, Fr. Bill DeCrans, was elected State Deputy - the top position in the state.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly addressed the delegate and exhorted Knights to be "Good men doing Godly things." His four talking points were:

**Knights help strengthen families-spiritually and financially  
Knights can strengthen men.**

**Knights need to recommit to be strong in church.**

*(Our parish is need of more people to step up to be Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, & Lectors, we heard this from Fr Bill.)*

**Knights can expand our witness to charity.**

The convention closed with Mass celebrated by our own Bishop Andrew Cozzens who challenged Knights to find 15 minutes per day to read scripture *(he suggested reading John's gospel, chapters 13-17, over and over and that has enough to pray on for a long time!)* "You can't pray all the time if you don't pray sometimes."

Later, at the closing session, he asked for help from the Knights for the Eucharistic Revival - which begins in Bemidji on June 21<sup>st</sup>. More information at <https://www.crookston.org/revival> Our Council and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly will be participating.

June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> is coming up fast, many hands-on deck for the Walleye Classic will be needed. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this great tournament! Bring any sold and unsold raffle tickets to the meeting on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Vivat Jesus

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## What Will Your Legacy Be?

We all have one when we leave this earth, a spiritual legacy, family legacy, financial legacy and more. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus can help with all of these. Benjamin Franklin said "If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write something worth reading or do something worth writing." Good advice for sure. I can't help with the spiritual or family legacy, but I can help you with the financial part. Last week I helped a recent widow filing the paperwork for his K of C Life insurance and she said something I'll remember for a while. She said "I told my husband if he leaves me a widow I will be sad...but if you leave me a **poor** widow, I will be mad!" This lady has a great sense of humor, and the member did live a long and seemingly full life, but he also had the foresight to leave her the amount of life insurance that she will be able to live out her days in dignity and comfort and not be forced to rely on her family or the state.

Not all of us get to live to a ripe old age, my Dad was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma at age 55 and battled it for 5 years until leaving my Mom a 60 y/o widow. Thank God he had always been a believer in Life Insurance as that was almost 23 years ago and now my Mom will be 83 next month. She never married again, which is more common than you would think and she has been able to live with dignity and worked if she wanted to, not so much because she had to. So, Benjamin, I guess my own Dad's financial legacy is worth writing about because I just did! Call me to help with **your** financial legacy. Vivat Jesus!

**Pat Dolan, Field Agent (701) 730-5203**

## 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. If anyone wishes to help lead or sub please contact: Dan Shea (218) 760-6616, danielshea@paulbunyan.net