



# Knights of Columbus NAVIGATOR

DECEMBER 2023

FR. GIBBONS COUNCIL # 3657

FOREST LAKE, MN

## *Schedule of*

### *Events*

#### **Stations, Benediction and Mass**

First Friday of the  
month beginning at  
7 pm in St. Peter  
Church, Forest Lake

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday December  
10<sup>th</sup>  
Multi-Purpose Room

#### **Officer Meeting**

December 11th  
6:30 pm  
St Peters Hall

#### **General Meetings**

No General Meeting  
in December

#### **Knights Led Rosary**

@Amira Senior  
Living Forest Lake  
December 18th  
5:30pm

#### **KC Christmas Party**

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
St Peters Hall

### GRAND KNIGHTS CORNER

Brother Knights,

As 2023 comes to a close I find myself preparing for the coming of our Lord through reflection and purposeful listening.

With the speed of life and all its distractions I find it difficult to slow down and recount my blessings. It truly is the season for giving thanks and cherishing our loved ones. I encourage you to make time to say an extra prayer, give a bit more of your time to someone in need, do not rush the time with your loved ones, and sit to listen. Make this your best Christmas ever.

Thank you for all you have done this past year for our community, church and in the name of Jesus. Merry Christmas to you and yours and may you have a blessed New Year!

Scot Doboszinski



### MEET YOUR DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT



I come from a family of seven. My father is a product engineer at Husky Co. My mother is a stay-at-home mother with a part-time job. I served in the Army National Guard for 4 years and active duty for 5 years. I was a diesel mechanic and then switched to a religious affairs specialist in the Army. I left the Army in Nov of 2021. I now work full-time while going to college for law enforcement.

Originally, I was a member of St. Peters growing up while my family still lived in Minnesota. We moved in 2007 to Missouri. My brother and I decided to move back to MN last year. I made the decision to rejoin St. Peters Parish because I have fond memories while being a part of the church.

I have volunteered with the Knights of Columbus since I turned 18 and now the Deputy Grand Knight of our council. With this organization, I have partaken in service at a local food pantry, soup kitchen, and clothing distribution. I have also utilized my time to participate in fundraisers to help the homeless and struggling people and or families.

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Membership Drive September 2023



St Peters youth activities table during the KC Pancake Breakfast November 2023



Tim Mulcare and Bob Burns Turkey Bingo 2023



Lakes Life Care Donation



Tim Garry and Isaac Wiersma calling Turkey Bingo November 2023



Jon Granger and Steve Brunner Turkey Bingo 2023



Steve Mason, Julie Grand Knight Scot Doboszinski, Chrissie Lee and Steve Brunner Community Helping Hand check distribution from Turkey Bingo 2023



Turkey Bingo 2023 Big Check Presentation after turkey bingo, together over \$1300 was raised for our local Community Helping Hand food shelf



Tom Ochsenbauer St Peters School Marathon

**"In Service to one, in service to all."**



Knights in Action Pancake Breakfast November 2023

**Your Faith, Prayer and Fellowship, Save the Dates, join us.**



 **Merry CHRISTMAS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT 63  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 6TH, 2024**

**DINNER | ENTERTAINMENT | FELLOWSHIP**  
Church of St Peter Forest Lake  
Social Hour 6:00-7:00, Dinner 7:00-8:00, Raffle & Fellowship  
8:00-9:00pm

St Peters Hall \$15.00 per person.  
Bring your favorite dessert to share  
Beer and Wine, Soda/Water will be available

**RAFFLE PRIZES | CHAMBER ORCHESTRA | FELLOWSHIP W/ FUN EVENING**

Dinner Menu:  
Honey Bourbon BBQ Ribs  
French Onion Baked Chicken  
Parslied Buttered Baby Red Potatoes, Brown Sugar Glazed Carrots  
Homemade Babineau Bread

Please RSVP to Kevin Van Sloun  
651-464-5902 before January 3rd

Inspired by Jason Evert's  
book Saint John Paul the  
Great:  
His Five Loves,  
save the date for  
St Peters Men's Retreat at  
Dunrovin  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 weekend  
Look for more information  
coming out soon...



Join the St Peters Men's Group  
at Feed my Starving Children  
JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:45pm-8:45pm  
Coon Rapids Location  
Tim Garry for More Information  
or to sign up

## GOOD OF THE ORDER, PLEASE PRAY FOR US

Healing Prayer for you  
-Body, Mind and Soul-  
That God would bring you  
comfort to restore and make  
you whole. I prayed you'd be  
surrounded by His awesome  
love and healing. Dispelling all  
anxiety or pain you might be  
feeling. Finally, I prayed you'd  
be uplifted by His grace, And  
feel yourself enfolded in the  
peace of His embrace. Amen

Pray for our Religious Leaders and Brother Knights and their families.

Pope Frances, Bishops, Priests

Deacons and Seminarians

Fr. Bodin, Fr. Abbott, David Van Sloun (Kevin's Brother)

Steve Gmach, Clyde and Bonnie McCaskey

Dick and Mary Kaselnack, Bill Hanrahan, Jeanne Kropelnicki (Chucks Wife)

Sharron Hazzard (Mark's wife)

Diane Moravec (Terry's wife)

Micheal Christen

If you know of a member in need of encouragement or a card, call or text Tim  
Garry at 612-963-0674 or [tim@timgarry.com](mailto:tim@timgarry.com)

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY KEVIN VAN SLOUN

### Exemplification Coming in February

Prior to the **February** General Meeting, there will be an opportunity for new members to join the council. It is now encouraged that they join online at [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join) There is no cost to join at that time. They need to enter the council number, 3657, in the form so that notification of their registration will come to the financial secretary of the council. It would be best if proposers help them with this process; entering their membership number in the form will ensure credit for receiving a new member into the order. (Note that online members are not members of a council until they partake of the three lessons of the exemplification.) If you have any questions about this new process, please contact myself or an officer of the council. Thank you.

Fraternally, Kevin Van Sloun, FS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHER KNIGHTS

Thomas G Koezly, Michael J Houle Todd A Cina  
John E Chiasson

David H Witham, Thomas J Maslow, Kevin Engstrom  
Philip S Lucachick, Osvaldo Barron, Fran Lutz  
James H Wolske, Paul S Schmid, Brandon Ocampo

## FIELD AGENT JUSTIN VETSCH

As we approach the end of the year, and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" We remember Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace where he prays "Lord God of peace, hear our prayer...Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last..."

In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. Seems like we're busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resource office or your health insurance carrier for details.
2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.
3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute more based on the "catch up" provision? Now is the time to start making plans.
4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with rules and regulations, and each individual situation is different. I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!  
Vivat Jesus!

Blessings,

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## ADORATION HOLY HOUR



Please join your brother Knights  
Saturday mornings at 9:00am for  
Holy Hour

Contact Dan Zienty 763-280-  
0801 to join the group of  
adorers. Let's fill the chapel with  
KNIGHTS.