



St. John's Messenger

"SPREAD THE WORD"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL 4797
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DATES TO REMEMBER

PROJECT DATE

Sept 10-11 Fall Festival
Sept 12 - Road Clean Up
Sept 17 - 3M Steak Fry
Sept 18 - 1st Degree

OTHER DATES

September 7 – KC Meeting 7:30pm
September 21 – Officers Meeting 7 pm
Sept 25 - St. Boniface Fall Festival

Membership Blitz!

We are in the middle of a membership blitz this fall! Anyone who brings in a new member between now and October 31 will get their annual dues for 2012 waived. We will also waive all dues to new members for 2011 and 2012. New members also get a free dinner for themselves and their wives at the KC Christmas party. First degrees will be held on Sunday nights this fall at 7:00 pm. Dates are set for September 18, October 9 and 30. Start looking for new members now! If you need some ideas on who to recruit, come to one of our meetings. I have a church pictorial directory marked up with who are members and who are not. Our goal is to get 20 new members. We can do it!

Fall Festival

The KC's are having a food booth at St. A's Fall Festival again this year. If you want to help, call Mark Lewandowski. If Mark has already filled the shift you are interested in then call the Church and sign up to help one of the other areas of the Fall Festival!

Grand Knight's Message:

Father Meidl is starting a new Welcoming Committee for the parish. He has asked for representation from a Knight on the committee. If you are interested in helping to find more ways for our parish to be welcoming, please give Father Meidl a call. He'd be glad to have your help!

KC Polo Shirts

You may have seen the classy red KC polo shirts that your brother Knights wear for different functions. Perhaps you've wondered how to get one. Wonder no more. If you would like to order a red KC polo shirt give Mark Lewandowski a call or come to the next meeting.

Road Clean Up

The next road clean up is set for Tuesday September 12th. If you would like help out and have some fun fellowship give Mike Heinen a call.

KC Picnic Shelter:

Reservations for the KC picnic shelter are coming in! Cost is \$5 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please give Mark Lewandowski a call if you wish to rent this out and to check availability.

KC Websites:

If you're looking for more information about the KC's, you can check out the Supreme website at www.kofc.org
Also, you can check the Minnesota state website at www.mnknights.org

Check out our Council's website at:

<http://www.kchutch.org>

Thanks to Tim Haas for putting it together for us.

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Electronic Newsletter

Sign up, as many other Knights have, to get this newsletter sent to your email. Send me an email at pieps@mediacommb.net to get switched over. It will save the council postage and help the environment. Lets be the best stewards of our environment that we can. Thanks to those that have already responded.

Catholic Minute:

Why Preserving Marriage Matters

from www.minnesotaformarriage.com

Marriage from the Perspective of Faith
David Blankenhorn, president of the Institute for American Values and a self-described liberal Democrat, said of marriage, "[M]arriage is a gift that society bestows on its next generation. Marriage (and only marriage) unites the three core dimensions of parenthood – biological, social and legal – into one pro-child form: the married couple. Marriage says to a child: The man and woman whose sexual union made you will also be there to love and raise you. Marriage says to society as a whole: For every child born, there is a recognized mother and father, accountable to the child and to each other."

Fundamentally, same-sex marriage advocates propose to shift the marriage paradigm away from what definition of marriage is best for society – especially for children – and squarely onto the desires of the individual adults who seek to marry. Under a genderless definition of marriage, the interests of children – and therefore society's intrinsic interest in marriage – is eliminated entirely. Only the wishes of the two adults in question matter.

When a court or a legislature adopts a genderless definition of marriage, legal experts warn (and actual experience from other states and countries confirms) that there will be profound consequences for society. Those people who refuse to accept this redefinition of marriage will be punished by the law. Churches and

religious organizations can lose their tax exemptions and be forced to abandon their core moral principles or face punishment. Individuals, small businesses and groups will be subjected to lawsuits and regulatory action if they refuse to condone the "new" understanding of marriage. Perhaps most profoundly, children at a very young age will be taught in school that marriage is between any two adults, no matter what they have been taught at home, in church or in their ethnic traditions. Under the law, those who believe otherwise will be treated as the legal and moral equivalent of bigots

KC Insurance

Two areas that can be challenging in today's economy are keeping more of what you earn and how to affectively pass on a business. To address these issues another field agent and I have invited Lynette Golly, a retirement specialist, and John Peterson, an attorney, to give a presentation. They are specialist in these fields and are educated in the current tax laws. They have worked with small and large businesses. Find out how to make the laws work for you. The presentation will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church 606 Elm Ave, Waverly, MN. It will be on September 15th at 7:00 P.M.

This should be an informative evening, if you have any questions please contact me at dennis.-dunne@kofc.org or call me at 320-224-2587. You do not have to be a member to attend.

God Bless,
Dennis Dunne, FIC

As always it is an honor serving the Council as your Grand Knight. Thanks to everyone that is able to volunteer their time for our projects. And thanks all of the members, just being a Knight helps our parish and our community. Ask someone to join us!

Yours in Christ, Eric Piepmeier, Grand Knight