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Our Mission Statement

“We are a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization dedicated to the values and faith of the Roman Catholic Church through our activities that promote Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.”

Greetings Brother Knights . . .

I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July Holiday.... Sherry and I and some family members took our pop-up trailer and went on our annual 4th of July camping trip to Bear Head Lake State Park up by Ely. We haven't been camping for a while, so it took some time to get back into the swing of things. We got ALL the different versions of the camping “experience” ... the first day it was hot, humid, no breeze ... and to top it off, a storm went through the day before we got there that took out the electricity ... so our electric site was not electric for the first day and a half – which meant my trusty fan would not work to keep me cool. Once the electricity came back on, some storms came through to clear out the hot humid weather and the rest of the weekend was good. I can't complain too much. It was nice to get together with my family and that's what camping is all about.

Now it's back to work and I am looking forward to being your new Grand Knight. It is an easy job, considering all that my fellow knights do for our council. I encourage all the men of our parish to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. We need new members to keep our council invigorated. As a council we do good work for our community, but with additional younger members, we could do so much more! I know we are all busy, but we should be able to squeeze out a few hours a year to volunteer for our parish and community. Let's teach our kids the importance of community service ... let them see you giving back ... it will go a long way in preparing them to be civic-minded citizens. Please pray about it and let me know if you have any questions.

God bless,
Greg Elsen, Grand Knight
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Knight of the Month

I would like to congratulate Lee Schlosser as our Knight of the Month for June. Lee has been our Grand Knight for the past two years and he has done a great job directing our council. Lee is the owner of an auto collision repair service in Rockford, and as busy as he is, he found time to be our Grand Knight. Lee is very active in the parish. He is a member of perpetual adoration and an usher at mass. Thanks Lee for your service to our council and parish! You are an example to all of us.

KC Family of the Month

I would like to acknowledge Loren & Joyce Spurzem as our Family of the Month for June. Loren has been the Financial Secretary for the Knights of Columbus for many years. As any good knight will tell you, the Financial Secretary is the backbone of the council. He's in charge of membership, correspondence, paying the bills, organizing the monthly newsletter, annual audits, and so much more. Loren keeps our council running.

Loren and Joyce give back to our community as well. Loren mows the lawn around the church grounds and also helps with mowing at the cemetery. I've seen both Loren and Joyce help at the annual cleanup day at the cemetery. Both Loren and Joyce were former members of the Saints Peter and Paul Parish Choir, and for the past year and a half, sing with that choir twice a month at nursing homes in both Maple Plain and Delano. We are lucky to have Loren and Joyce in our council and community. Thanks to you both!



KC Calendar

July 4th Independence Day

July 17th KC Membership Meeting
7:00 PM Loretto School



Happy Birthday

BRAD GRINNELL – JULY 4TH
ED SCHUMACHER - JULY 6TH
MATTHEW LLOYD – JULY 10TH

JIM RYAN – JULY 11TH
TODD ZIESMER – JULY 25TH
TOM GRINNELL – JULY 29TH



Grand Knight Notes

From our June meeting:

- Elected officers for 2018-19

- Expenses approved:
 - Lunch provided for cemetery cleanup crew
 - Cost for Grand Knight attending KC state convention
 - Officer installation reception
 - “Going Away” gift for Father Gallas