



NEWSLETTER: January, 2025

Grand Knight's Notes

Brothers:

Happy New Year! As we begin this new year, let's reflect on our accomplishments and be proud of the good work we have done for our parish and our community. We have given support to the unborn and their parents through donations to Mary's Choice and Her Health Women's Center. We have provided coats for kids to keep them warm. With funds from our tootsie roll drive, we have supported organizations that enrich the lives of individuals with special needs. We have provided resources to our parish for youth and family programs. We have supported students and staff at our Mater Dei School. We have supported our diocesan seminarians. We have supported the Carmelites and the retired religious. We have provided funding for Catholic Radio & sponsored the broadcasting of our 9:00 Mass at Nativity to reach those who cannot make it to Mass due to illness or lack of transportation.

Without all of your work, none of this would have been possible. Thank you all for your dedication to our council, our parish, and our community. Together, let us make 2025 a year of faith, unity, and action.

Vivat Jesus!
Jamie Koob
Grand Knight

Brother Knight Don Stevens spearheaded a joint project between our Council 5660 and the St. Serra Club of Siouxland to provide care packages to our diocesan seminarians. "Council 5660 sent letters to all of the Knights of Columbus councils within the Diocese of Sioux City requesting consideration of a donation to support and show appreciation for the seminarians within the diocese," said Stevens. Out of 43 councils in the diocese, 23 provided financial support for the project.

The money received was given to the St. Serra Club of Siouxland for packages to be sent in time for semester tests. The packages, which included gift cards, snacks, and other items were sent to each of our 9 seminarians as well as

Father Travis Crotty, our diocesan vocations director and Father Shane Deman, diocesan director of seminarians.

Thank you Don for all of your work on this worthwhile project!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan 14th: Monthly Meeting and Dues & Barbecue
- Jan 25th: Soup Supper at Nativity from 5 to 8 benefitting Her Health Women's Center
- January 29th: Pancakes for Mater Dei students and staff during Catholic Schools Week
- February 2nd: Parish Cone park Event

Summary of KC 5660 Business Meeting: December 12, 2024

Grand Knight Jamie Koob called the meeting to order. Minutes were read. Motion to approve was made by John Vogel with a second by Bryan Hansen. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Gregg Perrault. Motion to accept the report by John Vogel with a second by Pat McAleer. Motion carried.

Financial secretary Pat Hinrichsen gave the financial report. Reported that we raised \$1722 on the burrito breakfast. After expenses \$634 will go to the Carmelite Nuns and \$634 to the Retired Priests fund.

Grand Knight Jamie Koob reminded us all to focus on our faith this Christmas and thanked us all for our help throughout the year. He also wished us all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Discussions were held on the January fundraiser. It was decided to hold a soup supper on January 25th from 5 PM to 8 PM at Nativity. All those with culinary skills are welcome to create a soup and bring it to the event. Funds will go to help pay for a new ultrasound at Her Health Women's Center.

A second reading on a donation to the Knights of the Altar was held. A motion by Pat McAleer and a second by John Vogel. Motion passed to donate \$5000 to this cause.

January 14th will be the Blues, Dues and BBQ meeting beginning at 6 PM at IC.

It was reported that we raised \$2567.81 from the Tootsie Roll drive with proceeds split between Mid-Step Services, Camp High Hopes, Stars Riders, Disabled Rollers, Miracle League and the Sioux City Knights. After further discussion, there was a motion made by Bryan Hansen with a second by Gregg Perreault to round the total to each group up to \$450. Motion passed.

The 50/50 winner was Ricardo. The Pot of Gold was won by Pat Hinrichsen, who was present to win.

Prayers for illnesses of family and friends, the passing of Father Topf, the unborn and the good of the order. Meeting adjourned.

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MEETING AGENDA @ IC, 1/14/2025

- Prayer and Pledge**
- Roll Call**
- Minutes from Last Meeting**
- Chaplain's Message**
- Lecturer**
- Grand Knight's Report**
- Financial Secretary Report**
- Treasurer's Report**
- District Deputies Report**
- Unfinished Business:**

- Deputy Grand Knight
- State Bowling - March 8th and 9th in Peosta, IA
- Soup and Sandwich Supper - Saturday, January 25th serving 5 to 8 at the Nativity Parish Center. Proceeds will go to Her Health Women's Center to put towards a new ultrasound machine.

New Business:

- February Breakfast for the Diaconate Scholarship Fund
- Pancakes for students and staff during Catholic Schools Week - Wednesday, January 29th at Nativity and IC Centers
- Upcoming Parish Events:
 - Cone Park - Sunday, February 2nd from 2:30 to 5:30. Discounted tickets can be purchased for \$10 at the parish office.
 - Then Feed Just One - Wednesday, February 26th from 4 to 8:15 at the Nativity Gym. You can get more information and register for the event at materdeisc.org.
- Any new items to discuss...

- 4th Degree Report**
- 50/50 Drawing**
- Pot of Gold drawing**
- Prayers for those in need**
- Closing Prayer**

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Council Officers

Grand Knight: **Jamie Koob**
Deputy Grand Knight: this could be **YOU!**
Chaplain: **Fr. Brad Pelzel**
Financial Secretary: **Pat Hinrichsen**
Treasurer: **Gregg Perreault**
Chancellor: **John Vogel**
Recorder: **John Jackson**
Warden: **Ron Isaacson**
Lecturer: **Deacon Dennis Brockhaus**
Advocate: **Dennis Kluver**
Outside Guard: **Wayne Burnham**
Inside Guard: **Merritt "Skip" Hoelker**
3 Year Trustee: **Brent Richter**
2 Year Trustee: **Jerry Steen**
1 Year Trustee: **Pat McAleer**
District Deputy: **John Staiert**

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- Current membership stands at 235 as of 1-13-2025.
- Any member who needs to pay his dues for 2025 may send his payment to Pat Hinrichsen, 5216 Wellington Ct., Sioux City, IA 51106. Make checks payable to **KC 5660** for \$35. Unpaid dues come out of our savings, reducing ability to fund projects.
- See Matt Seuntjens for K of C life or long term care insurance needs: 712-880-1188 or matthew.seuntjens@kofc.org

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Be sure to follow our council's Facebook page:
KofC #5660 Mater Dei Parish, Sioux City, IA

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**Someone asked you to join the Knights.
Have you asked someone lately to join?**