

St Felix and St Agnes Knights of Columbus Council #881, Wabasha Minnesota



Charity Fraternity Unity Patriotism

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday December 2, 2025, St Felix School

Opening: GN Kruse opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:48 pm.

Prayer: Special Intention: Families in need in Wabasha Kellogg community. The rosary was prayed with the Sorrowful mysteries.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by members present. The official business meeting opened at 6:48 PM.

Attendance: Ken Kruse (GN), Mike Marx, Ed Wertz, Bill Allaire, Dan Schaefer, John Arens, Bill Hager, Patrick Derleth, Mike Marx, and John Anderson.

Roll Call: Grand Knight; Deputy Grand Knight and Chancellor (positions vacant), Recorder; Warden, Secretary, Lecturer, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Trustee 1 year.

Agenda: A motion was made to amend, which was second for approval and the motion carried (MSA).

Minutes of October minutes were distributed earlier. Patrick reviewed the highlights. MSA.

Chaplain: No report.

Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Position Open

Treasurer Report: Larry Stenzel was traveling, and no report was made. GK Ken mentioned the checks written for recent expenses: pancake breakfast bills and the like. A full report of October and November will be prepared for the January meeting.

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Membership and Officers Report: GK Ken reported the Trey Boyle has joined #881. Congratulations Trey! Exemplification opportunities in Wabasha and at St Marys University Winona were discussed. Ken explained the revised process now has all three (3) ranks steps performed together. As to venue, the officers decided to invite Trey Boyle to the Winona exemplification event with #881 members attending. Patrick will contact the SMU KC group for their January 2026 event, typically on a Monday evening.

Committee Reports and Programs: Faith In Action – Coats for Kids: A three-page report about the program was reviewed for the officers. A copy is attached.

The officers were supportive of continuing to program in 2026 with successfully provided 96 winter coats to the community directly and in partnership with the Wabash County Department of Public Health (Tammy Fiedler RN Director) throughout the month of November. Ken thanked Leland for recruiting the volunteers, the participants and Jeani Tentis for providing the knit hats.

Hospitality Sunday with the KC staffing is December 7th with John Wolfe and Kurt Lineweaver at St Felix.

Fourth Degree – None

Insurance Agent: None

District Deputy: None

Old Business: Special Olympic- Dan Schaefer and Bill Hager report on the Sunday November 16th bowling event at the casino. Buck Gosse also participated. All enjoyed the event and felt the joy of being with the athletes. A suggestion was made to reserve earlier so #881 can volunteer on Saturday when the Wabasha and Lake City residents bowl.

Rosary- A volunteer is still needed to lead the rosary at the 4:30 PM Mass at St Felix.

Nativity Set-Up: The nativity set was placed on December 1st. Thank to Bill Hager, Buck Gosse and others for putting it up.

Grand Knights Report:

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A baptism certificate was awarded to a new member of the parish: Porter James Boyle, grandson of Kirk and Ann Linneweaver.

Open officer positions: None

New Business for Officers:

- a) Death of a KC Member – Ken and Bill Allaire lead the discussion about how a death of a member is communicated to the KC hierarchy using form 100. Communication with the funeral director and family is timely. If the family of the decedent wishes to have a rosary at the visitation, or not, fellow Knights should arrange with the funeral director and participate. Recent member losses included Mike Ryan and Roger Wise.
- b) Affiliate Status: the officers discussed the intended use of Affiliate status and the process for members who are not attending, participating, or paying annual dues.
- c) Knights of Columbus and Wabasha County Serra Christmas / New Years party will again be on Epiphany Sunday: January 4 at 4:00 pm at St Agnes Hall. Sandra and Bill Allaire have invited Fr Marty Schaefer of IHM Seminary to speak. This year Knights and spouses for Lake City and Plainview are all invited. Bring a dish to pass. A variety of beverages are provided.
- d) The council discussed other community programs offered to local KC group, including a free throw contest and a hockey challenge. The members present thought the free throw contest would be doable with the gym.
- e) Next KC pancake breakfast is January 11th. The funds raised would be to support the seminarian from Lake City: Tim Kajawa.

Good of the Order and Closing Prayer Intentions for Bradd Busch recovery and a more civil society for immigrants.

Adjournment: 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Schaefer