

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brother Knights:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May you find Peace in your Heart through God's Grace in your Soul this Christmas and throughout the year.

Our council will send Visa Card to all of our seminarians again this year. Thanks Rob Stay for taking care of that and thanks Frandsen Bank for supplying the cards at no extra cost.

Thanks to all who assisted in assembling and distributing the gift baskets for wives of deceased members again this year. This is a very fulfilling project and everyone who helps really enjoys themselves.

Next month is Respect Life Month. Anyone who has any ideas on projects that we can do, other than handing out "Roses for Life", please contact myself or our pro-life chair, Rob Stay.

We will be celebrating Holy Family Sunday, December 29th, by having SLEIGH RIDES at the church in Gilman from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Lunch and pot luck snacks after the sleigh rides, all are welcome so please tell your friends and neighbors. Thank you to Doug Novak for reviving this traditional event.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,
Leo Zimmermann,
Grand Knight Tel: 320-355-2850

COUNCIL NEWS

New member Weston Lentner of S.S. Peter & Paul's Parish in Gilman was welcomed. Thank you to Ernie Lewandowski Family for decorating the Highway Grotto for Christmas. They are super supporters and volunteers.

There was a nice showing of members and wives for the December meeting and all enjoyed the wine tasting and cheese and meat trays. We appreciate the chairmen and helpers for setting this up, thank you.

Council treasurer, Al Sobania reports the balance of the general fund is \$9,415.73.

Chairman Reports

Membership: A 1st degree initiation was held on Sunday evening December 1st. Congratulations to the new members joining our council: Weston Lentner and Daniel B. Johnson.

A reminder to members: please send your check for \$30 annual membership dues to: Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329. If a member is unable to pay membership dues because of hardship and financial distress, please inform a council officer.

We have two new life time members: Jerome Gapinski and Duane Walz. Congratulations to both of you and thank you for your continuous membership.

Youth: The sleigh rides being held on December 29th are for youth and families. The sleigh rides are from 1-3pm at the Gilman church parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and stay for the pot-luck lunch that follows.

Community: Members and families that sang to the residents of the Foley Nursing Center on December 1st are thanked. You can see that the residents enjoy the visit and always look forward to our being there.

Vocations: Chairman, John Mastey reminds us to remember the meaning of Christmas. The seminarians of the diocese will receive a Christmas greeting with a \$20 gift card. Seminarians sponsored by our council, Tim Gapinski and Tom Skaja have been sent \$500 each from our vocations funds. We wish all seminarians a Very Merry Christmas.

Church: Members are asked to volunteer for a clean up and painting project for the Gilman church basement landing area which is in need of some attention. Weather permitting a future date will be announced.

Public Relations: Our council bulletin is now being published on the church website: www.sesjpp.org. This is another source to find information about our council.

Knight of the Month: Brother Knight, Dale Novak was awarded the December 2013 Knight of the Month. Congratulations Brother Knight, Dale and thank you for serving the council and for being active in the church and community.

Family of the Month: Brother Knight, Michael D. Barthelme Family was awarded the December 2013 Family of the Month. Congratulations to the Barthelme Family.

The traveling statue of Mary is going throughout the council area. Welcome her into your home and recite a daily rosary for a week. Doug Novak is the contact person for this project.

PRO-LIFE WEEKEND

January 18 & 19th, 2014 is pro-life weekend. Handing out lapel roses is again planned for parishes in Gilman, Morrill and Brennyville. We will need members to volunteer their time handing out the roses and accepting donations for pro-life.

PORK CHOP BINGO

The annual pork chop bingo will again be held on Sunday afternoon February 16, 2014. The plan is to hold it at St. Joseph's parish hall. Hopefully this will get some new faces involved in this event. Start time is expected to be at 1:00pm. Please watch notices in the church bulletin.

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY – On Sunday, December 29th, from 1:00 to 3:00pm the council has planned to have sleigh rides at the Gilman Church parking lot. We'd like you to keep this date open and join members and their families and anyone else who would like to attend an enjoyable afternoon along with potluck lunch at 3pm. A holy family statue will be presented. Check with the church bulletins for updates.

We are looking for advertisers in this council bulletin. Please let financial security, Doug Novak know if you have an interested business.

Meeting jack pot was presented to guest Betty Mastey. Door prizes were presented to: Mike Wertish, Jamie Ranweiler, Mike Gadacz, and Richard Mastey.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Bradley D. Nelson. Sorry to announce he **was not present** to collect the \$30 prize.

Remember to pray for Knights and their families sick or in distress.

Next meeting – January 7, 2014; rosary at 8:15pm.