

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Eric Novak.

Great job on Gilman Days! It was a success. Thank you for helping for Gilman Days and the family picnic. Everyone had a fun time at the Rox game Sunday July 27th. We had 11 servers and a total of 22 who attended. We got a little wet but the game was over before the hard rain.

Our council could receive \$500 from Supreme just for signing up 4 new members by the end of September. I encourage everyone to work on getting a new member.

I would like to remind everyone that the start time of our monthly meetings will change in October. Beginning with the rosary at 7:15pm and meeting to follow at 7:30pm.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,
Eric Novak, Grand Knight
Tel: 320-309-6250

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Eric Novak welcomed members attending the Aug 4th meeting. Thank you to Brother Knights that helped clean and repaint the float. It was a good job and looked nice for Gilman Days parade. All raffle tickets were sold for Gilman Days. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets. Thanks to the volunteers for each part of the Gilman Days activities on July 26th.

Thank you was received from Birth Line for the \$250 donation. Reminder to all members that the annual camperee will be held August 22 – 24 in St Cloud on east edge of St. Cloud.

Sunday morning, August 3rd council members helped push VA residents in wheelchairs to Sunday morning mass, thanks volunteers. These residents really appreciate our assistance.

Council treasurer, Al Sobania reports the balance of the general fund is \$17,641.97.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Brother Doug Novak announced there is a plan to have a 1st degree before the end of September. September 30th is the end of the first quarter of the Fast Start Membership Program. Councils can gain financial awards for meeting their membership goals. Gilman council's goal is 4 new members.

We still have a number of members who haven't paid 2014 dues. If you've been contacted reminding you owe \$30 annual membership dues, please send your check to: Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329. The fall major degree will be held 10:00am October 18, 2014 in Foley.

Youth: Rae Ann Athman spoke to the council of her experience at the Steubenville Youth Conference. She related that it was a very good experience and thanks the council for assisting with the donation toward her expenses.

David Lieser youth chairman reported that there were 22 Tri-Parish mass servers and guests attending the St Cloud Rox's baseball game on Sunday, August 3rd. There was a catered picnic lunch served outside of the ballpark at 4:00pm. Members were thanked for driving the servers to St Cloud.

Church: Volunteers are asked to assist in the church cleaning at St Joseph Parish in Morrill for their centennial celebration on August 16th.

St. Elizabeth's parish is having a hog roast for their handicap ramp. Watch parish bulletin announcing the date. On Sunday September 28th will be dedication of the handicap ramp at St. Elizabeth's Church.

Reminder to everyone, please signup for the Traveling Statue of Mary in your home. Contact Doug Novak at 387-2382. Nonmember families are also welcome, pass the word around.

Council: Jamie Ranweiler reminds council members of Annual Tractor Fun Run on August 23rd beginning in SS Peter and Paul Church parking lot in Gilman at 9:45 am. Lunch and games at St John's Lutheran hall in Ramey at 11:00am. All are welcome – bring your lawn chair.

FAMILY PICNIC

The annual family picnic was held on August 17th at the Gilman Community Park. Council provided beverages and 4:00pm meal with pot luck dishes from families of the council. Invitation was open to your family, deceased member's wives and guests. There were door prizes and games for the children. Thanks to donators and those attending.

Community: Saturday August 23rd is The 7TH ANNUAL TRACTOR FUN RUN. Starting time is 9:45am in the Gilman Church parking lot, lunch at 11:00am at Ramey Church Hall. Join in the tractor games and activities that follow, as a spectator or a participant. Any questions: contact Jamie at 968-8048. Proceeds from this project support a local charity of this community. Everyone is welcome.

Annually the council supports the need for youth school supplies, a \$200 donation was approved to Cross Center for this purpose.

Family of the Month: Brother Knight, Robert Schyma Family was awarded the August 2014 Family of the Month. Congratulations to the Robert Schyma Family and thank you for your support of the church, council and community.

Knight of the Month: Brother Knight, Thomas Baron was awarded the August 2014 Knight of the Month. Tom has set a very good example of a worthy brother knight serving his council, parish and community. Thank you, Brother Knight Tom.

Pro-Life: Rob Stay chairman that a local student, Richard Fitzpatrick has volunteered as a member of FOCUS fellowship of catholic university students.

In the past our council supported FOCUS programs. The council approved a \$150 donation.

Brother Knight David Lieser announced that the \$200 donation made toward Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency was much appreciated. An additional \$50 was approved. This made the total donation \$250, which is then matched by another organization.

GILMAN DAYS

Results of the Gilman days July 26th activities reports that 1,500 raffle tickets were sold and netted the council \$9,246.25. Top sellers were Richard Mastey, Doug Novak and Dale Novak. Income at the food stand was \$3,168 and bingo stand was \$693 and air castle \$319. Thanks to everyone donating and volunteering their time. Winner of the Polaris ATV was Donette Beck of Ramey.

DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE

District Deputy Jamie Ranweiler brought notice to officers and members the upcoming district fall initiation October 18, 2014 in Foley. The Supreme Council has a membership program FAST START which enables council to gain a financial bonus if they meet their membership goals. The council was encouraged sign up new members and hold their regular 1st degrees.

A new insurance agent will soon represent this area; meantime contact Jim Szczech General Agency at 252-7173.

.Meeting jack pot was presented to Brother Knight, Rob Stay. Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Brian Pietrzak, who **was not present** to collect the \$35 prize.

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

Next meeting – 8:15pm September 2, 2014