

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Eric Novak.

January is Pro Life month. Again this year we will have "Roses for Life" sale at all the parishes on January 24 and 25th. The Pro Life donations will be given at the February meeting.

Our Pork Chop Bingo will be February 15th in the Gilman church basement at 1:00pm. A workers list is included in this bulletin. Workers please find a replacement if you are unable to attend.

February 18th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Let us make this a special time to deepen our prayer life and draw closer to our Lord. Let us make a commitment to pray for peace in the world.

April 18th there will be a major degree – 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The Milaca-Foreston council will be sponsor of the degree at the St. Louis parish hall in Foreston, please work on getting new members signed up to our council.

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Eric Novak read communications from deceased member's wives thanking the council for the gift baskets they received at Christmas time. Council treasurer, Al Sobania reported general fund balance was \$9,867.58.

Members were informed that a group of members visited the VA hospital in St. Cloud on December 28th. Brother Knights pushed wheelchairs for the residents to attend Sunday mass. Thank you to those that were able to attend, volunteers are always welcome, please join us.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Brother Doug Novak expressed the need for new members. 2015 membership dues billings were sent out. Paying on time makes the record keeping job much easier. Please send your check (\$30/year) to: Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329. James Brown is the latest honorary life member of our council. Congratulations to James for maintaining his membership. Forty-five honorary life members have made \$275 in donations supporting the grotto project. We thank these worthy knights for being so generous.

If you missed paying your 2014 membership dues, include it with your 2015 dues.

Youth: David Lieser youth chairman announced the six 1st & 2nd place winners of the youth "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest project. There were 88 students of the faith formation classes that participated from area parishes and of St. John's area school. Cash awarded amounted to \$230 to all the winners. The first place winning posters will be sent to the State Council competition. Thank you judges and David for making this project a success.

Community: February 21st is the annual mens conference at Collegeville. Our council will cover the registration fee for those desiring to attend. Contact Grand Knight or Doug Novak, Financial Secretary 387-2382. The council contributed \$40 toward the Mens Conference advertising.

Grand Knight thanked members and guests for making the December 28th Holy Family Event a success. There were around 80 present to enjoy the horse drawn trolley rides and the pot luck lunch that followed. Three door prizes were presented by the council.

Vocations: Pray for our seminarians and encourage them to continue with their studies

toward the priesthood. Members are asked to write to the individual seminarians. A complete list of seminarians is an insert of The Visitor, diocesan newspaper.

Council: Council donated \$40 to each of the Tri-Parishes for masses of council members sick or in distress.

Pro-Life: Roses for Life sale will be Jan 24 & 25 at the Tri-Parishes. Members are asked to volunteer handing out the lapel roses and accepting the donations.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Paul and the March for Life at the State Capital on January 22nd.

A MCCL petition against abortions went around for members signatures.

District Deputy

District Deputy, Jamie Ranweiler announced there is a district meeting January 11th at 6pm in Foley. Membership is to be discussed along with upcoming programs. Officers and chairman are requested to attend.

If you have insurance questions before a replacement agent is appointed to our area, feel free to contact Jim Szczech General Agency at 252-7173.

Meeting jack pot was presented to Mike Wertish.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Joe Czech who **was not present** to collect the \$25 prize.

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

Next meeting – rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm, February 3, 2015

PORK CHOP BINGO Feb 15, 2015

The annual pork chop bingo will be held in Gilman Church Basement at 1:00pm on Feb 15th. The members listed are asked to be present for the following duties:

Callers: Rich Zimmer and Con Urbanski

Card sellers at the door: Doug Novak and Tom Gapinski

Card sellers at the tables: Steve Kummet, Mark Rymer, Ben Novak, Jerry Stawarski, Matt Novak, Justin Brenny, Chad Barthelemy, Adam Bonovsky.

Door Prizes: Mike Gadacz and Jeremiah Dahler.

Kitchen & servers: Jim Brown, Quentin Novak, Greg Thell, Scott Thell, Ken Janson, Scott Baron, Tom Baron, Chad Baron, Nickolas Kapsner, Pat Mastey, Jesse Sobania, Jerrod Rudniski

Members are reminded to find their own replacement if they can not make this event. Thank you for your participation.