

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman. As the summer winds down so does a lot of our council's activities.

Gilman Days, the Rox ball game for the servers as well as the family picnic, have all been a great success again this year. I personally want to thank everyone who contributed in any way to these activities. Without your help we couldn't accomplish these things.

If you missed the picnic I encourage you to try to make it next year. You are really missing out on a great meal. Doug Novak always does a wonderful job grilling up the main dish and the fresh produce provided by Novak Veg. Farms was enjoyed by all. Thank you Doug and Greg.

Remember while we are busy preparing for a new school year to find time to include Christ in your life.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,
Rick Boeckman, Grand Knight
Tel: 320-293-1188

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman welcomed members to the August 2nd regular meeting. Communications received since the last meeting included a thank you from Milaca DAC for having the fishing trip at Walt and Mary Ann Oltz's place on Platte Lake. They were very appreciative and hope the KC's continue this activity next year. Jesse Sobania family thanks the council for the donation they received and report their son is recovering nicely. Mille Lacs Activities Center thanks the council for the donation they received from the Tootsie Roll drive. A copy of the FOCUS news letter was received for members to review.

Top sellers of raffle tickets for Gilman Days: Richard Mastey, Doug Novak, & Jim Brown along with all other sellers were thanked for doing a good job. The ATV 4wheeler was won by Brother Knight, Rob Stay. Congratulations to the Stays.

In support of the clergy banquet sponsored by the 4th degree on October 11, 2016 the council donated \$100 toward this activity. The banquet will be at Michael's restaurant South Hwy 10 in St. Cloud. Doug Novak announced the 4th degree will have a brat sale at Cash Wise in Waite Park on Aug 26th.

Chairman Reports

Treasurer, Al Sobania reports the council treasury balance is \$17,016.71.

Youth: Mass servers of the Tri-Parish area attended the Rox baseball game on July 17th. They and the members who attended were served a picnic lunch before the game. Thanks to David Lieser for making the arrangements for this activity.

Membership: Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman announced a new member joined the knights. We welcome Mark Lorenz of the Gilman parish. Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. New members are needed to maintain growth in the organization. We have some members still remaining to pay current annual dues. The 2016 membership dues are \$30. Please be sure to send your check payable to the Knights of Columbus to: **Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329**. Do not drop it in the Sunday collection.

Past Grand Knights are asked to assist in dues collection.

Community Activities:

Gilman Day's Celebration was held July 30th and the council sincerely thanks Brother Knight, Leo Zimmermann for being chair of this event and providing tents for this day. Also Cary & Carolyn Pietrzak are thanked for providing tables and chairs used at Gilman Days. They have been providing them for many years. Tom Baron and his family are again thanked for chairing the bingo stand and picking up and returning the tables and chairs.

We express a hearty thank you to the members working the lunch stand. They did a fine job and appreciate it that members and volunteers showed up for a shift in the stand.

The lunch stand brought in \$924 after expenses and the bingo stand netted \$519.

Thank you to the business places that contributed to the council for this event.

Church: Brother Knight, Chad Thorsten reminds members to attend the Rural Life mass on Aug. 21st.

Rural Life Sunday

August 21, 2016 was the Rural Life Sunday at the Mark & Michelle Czech farm near Gilman. Bishop Donald Kettler was celebrant at the 11:30am mass. Brother Knight, Rich Zimmer informed members that help would be needed to setup tent Wednesday evening and parking vehicles at 10:00am on Sunday. Members are encouraged to assist. Thank you to members and helpers that made the event go very smoothly.

Council: The annual Knights of Columbus **Family Picnic** was held on Sunday, August 7th at the Gilman Park. It was a very pleasant summer day for this activity. The council furnished the main meal and refreshments at a 3:00pm meal. Families furnished a dish to share with everyone. Thanks to Greg Novak for the sweet corn and Doug Novak family for preparing the meal.

Council has been approached about assisting in another benefit for Brother Knight Neil Moulzolf. It is too early to disclose details; we will be relating more information at a later date.

Knight of the Month: July Knight of the Month was awarded to Brother Knight, Rev Leo Moenkedick. We congratulate Fr. Leo on receiving the honor of Knight of the Month. Thank you for your contributions to the council, church and community.

Family of the Month: July family presented this award is Cary and Carolyn Pietrzak family of Gilman Parish. Congratulations Cary and Carolyn and thank you for being active in church, council and community.

Council approved a \$100 donation to Cross Center in Foley for school supplies for students of the 2016-2017 school years.

Meeting jack pot was awarded to Brother Knight, Jim Jesok. Congratulations Jim.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Troy Luberd; sorry he **was not present** to collect the \$30 prize.

June 2016 Semi-Annual Audit

There are 267 members of the council as of June 30th. Receipts amounted to \$9,803.90 and disbursements \$15,365.51. Net council general fund balance \$7,907.88. Other funds: vocations fund savings \$3,348.89.

INSURANCE AGENTS REPORT

Members welcomed Michael Cruser, Knights of Columbus field agent at the August 2nd meeting. His contact information is 320-420-7961, michael.cruser@kofc.org. He encourages the council to make efforts to attain Star Council, meet insurance quota and membership goals this year. He is available to meet with members and candidates for membership at your convenience.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

Next meeting – September 6, 2016, rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.