

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

I hope everyone is enjoying the Holiday Season.

It was nice to have a good turnout for our December meeting. I hope others found Patrick's story as intriguing as I did and enjoyed the wine and snacks.

As you ponder your New Year resolutions, consider making one of them to be to attend a couple meetings this next year if you haven't done so in a while. We really would appreciate any ideas you might have to help grow and improve our council.

Thank you to all the Brother Knights that are active and help throughout the year, we really appreciate it! MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman welcomed members and guests to the December 6th regular meeting and social.

Members were asked to be available to prepare the widow baskets on Thursday evening December 15th. This has been an ongoing project of our council and it is respectable to remember our deceased member's wives at this Christmas Season.

Member knights of the 4th degree were reminded to make reservations for the upcoming meeting and Christmas celebration on Tuesday, December 13th.

A KC deceased family member's mass was scheduled for December 7th at 7:00pm at S.S. Peter & Paul Church. Members and their families were invited to attend.

**Chairman Reports**

**Membership:** Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. New members are needed to maintain growth in the organization. Materials are available to distribute to men interested in joining. Each member should be gathering names and contact phone numbers of men interested in joining and officers will follow up with them.. We also should be able to discuss with new members the activities of the knight's organization.

Current annual dues of \$30 for 2017 are now being collected. It would be greatly appreciated if you are a member with unpaid dues for 2106 or earlier years that you would bring your dues current. 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:****Holy Family Sunday**

Council will be celebrating Holy Family Sunday on Sunday, January 8th, with horse drawn sleigh/trolley rides and a social event to follow in the church basement. Sleigh rides begin at 1 pm, meet at the parking lot of S.S. Peter and Paul Church. This activity is open to every one please invite your family and guests to attend. We look forward to see you join in this celebration.

**Church:**

Lapel roses for the Pro-Life activity the council sponsors are available. We will need volunteers to hand out the roses on the announced Sunday. Thank you volunteers.

**Treasurer:** Al Sobania, treasurer reports council general fund balance is \$8,819.98.

**Council:**

Members meet at the St. Cloud V.A. at different times to assist in pushing wheel chairs of veterans to Sunday Mass. The next scheduled date for this activity will be January 1, 2017. Let Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman know if you can assist.

**Ladies Night – December Meeting**

December 6th the council celebrated the Christmas season with invitation to spouses to enjoy wine and cheese and snacks. A very nice group attended, thank you to officers and committee that organized this social.

**LECTURES PROGRAM**

Patrick Norton was guest speaker to the members and guests at the December 6th meeting. Patrick was abandoned as an infant and with help of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta spent his early years in an orphanage in India. He was later adopted by a family in the United States. He spoke of his meeting Sister Annella Zervas, O.S.B. from the Monastery of St, Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. While he was painting at St. Benedict's Convent, Sister Annella appeared before Patrick at the grotto. Sister Annella would pray regularly at the grotto to the Blessed Mother. Patrick is a believer in the power of daily prayer, time with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, holy mass, frequent confessions, and praying the rosary. He invites everyone to visit the area where he first encountered Sister Annella Zervas.

For more information or a copy of the book in pamphlet form of Sister M. Annella Zervas, O.S.B., contact Patrick at (320)363-8607 or email him at [painterpat123@gmail.com](mailto:painterpat123@gmail.com).

**Vocations:**

Members are encouraged to pray and support the seminarians of our diocese. The list of seminarians can be found in the church entry and in the Visitor.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE**

General Agent, Jim Szczech informs the council an insurance representative for our council area is Andrew Kapsner agent. his contact telephone number: office 320-253-9345 or residence 320-468-7118. Contact Andrew or Jim with your questions or insurance needs.

Meeting jack pot and door prizes were awarded to Brother Knights, Jeff Mastey & Fred Novak and guests, Denise Stawarski & Barb Boeckman. Congratulations to all.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

**Next meeting – January 3, 2017 rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.**