

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Eric Novak.

Thank you to all who helped in any way for the pork chop bingo. It was very successful. Special thanks to Chad Thorsten and Travis Janson for chairing this event. Profit of the bingo will be matched by an anonymous donor and will be donated to St. John's Area School to go toward playground equipment.

Thank you to all who participated with the rosary for Charles J. Novak for his wake and funeral and thank you to the 4th degree honor guard.

Because of Lent there will not be a lunch at our March meeting. Rather the lunch expense will be donated to the Cross Center. Also in this time of Lent we should make a special effort for more prayer, extra rosary's attend weekday mass, and the stations of the cross in church or privately. Whatever our efforts, God will bless you.

We ask the former Grand Knights to make special effort to attend the March 1st regular meeting to help plan our 30th year anniversary celebration as a council. April is our anniversary month.

Please continue to work on membership. We have members who have not paid their dues. Please take care of this matter, your membership is important.

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Eric Novak welcomed members to the Feb 2nd meeting. Thank you to the members that joined in the recitation of rosary for Brother Knight John Mastey and attendance at his funeral mass on January 13th. Brother Knight, Jeff Mastey thanked brother knights for saying the rosary at the wake service for his father, John and for all the thoughts and prayers over the several months.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: Thank yous were received from wives of deceased members for the gift baskets and visits they received at Christmas time.

Chairman Reports

Treasurer, Al Sobania reported the council treasury balance is \$7,583.52.

Membership: Members are reminded to keep their membership current by paying annual dues on time. 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.

Ask another member knight or officer to assist when you are out there talking to a new potential member about joining the Knights. Form 100 applications can be obtained from financial secretary or grand knight.

Community Activities:

Brother Knight Doug Novak reported Roes for Life fund raiser of January 23rd & 24th. Total collected amounted to \$389.30: from the parishes of Gilman \$238, Brennyville \$86.85 and Morrill \$64.45. Thank you to members who passed out roses and accepted the donations at the masses.

Council approved to donate proceeds to the following: State MCCL \$50; Benton County MCCL \$100; Pro-life Across America \$100; Birthline \$100; Rum River Crisis Center \$100.

Church: The Traveling Statue of Mary has been moving through the communities with great success. Thank you to members and families for accepting the statue to your home. While the Statue of Mary is with you, please recite a daily rosary as a family for your intentions. Contact Doug Novak at 387-2382 if you would like to participate.

4TH DEGREE – FR. PIERZ GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday & Saturday April 15th & 16th will be the Knights of Columbus 4th degree exemplification in St. Cloud at the Rivers Edge Convention Center & Best Western Kelly Inn. This would be a very convenient time to join without a long distance to travel and lodging expense. Doug Novak, Faithful Navigator 4th Degree welcomes membership of our local council to consider joining the 4th degree. Please contact Doug Novak (320) 387-2382.

Knight of the Month: February Knight of the Month was awarded to Brother Knight, Travis Janson. We congratulate Brother Knight, Travis on receiving the honor of Knight of the Month. Thank you for your contributions to the council, church and community.

Family of the Month: The February Family of the Month is awarded to Brother Knight, Jason Spiczka Family. We congratulate the Spiczka's and thank them for their involvement in the church, community and council.

PORK CHOP BINGO**Feb 14, 1:00 pm Gilman Church Basement**

Membership is reminded about this council activity. If you are not able to work please find your replacement or contact chair persons, Chad Thorsten or Travis Janson. The proceeds will be matched and donated to St. John's Area School in Foley for playground equipment improvement project. Invite a friend or relative to attend.

State convention delegates were voted on to represent Immaculate Mary Council at the Minnesota Knights of Columbus 2016 Convention in St. Cloud on May 13-15. Representing our council will be: 1st delegate – Brother Eric Novak, alternate Brother Jamie Ranweiler; 2nd delegate – Brother Rick Boeckman, alternate Brother Leo

Zimmerman. Members are invited as guests to sit in on the general sessions and view the going on of the state council. Contact Grand Knight, Eric Novak at 320-309-6250 when this would be a good time to attend.

Brother Knight Jamie Ranweiler read the semi-annual audit for period ending December 31, 2015. Audit was approved with unanimous vote.

Meeting jack pot was awarded to Brother Knight, Alphonse Sobania. Congratulations Al.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Michael Wertish who **was not present** to collect the \$55 prize.

2016 Annual Camporee

August 26-28 is the annual MN Knights of Columbus camping weekend in Grand Marais, MN. Call the Grand Marais City Campground at 800-998-0959 to reserve a site. Contact persons are Ken Kruger at 218-310-3010 or Mark Glatzel 320-267-1485.

For more information regarding state activities check out the State of MN website at: www.mnknights.org.

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

Next meeting – March 1, 2016, rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.