Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.
I hope everyone us having an enjoyable summer.
It's hard to believe it is already the middle of July.

The preparation for Gilman Days is well on their way. Thanks to all those who have been working on making this event a success. Please remember if you are on the list to help and you can't make it to get someone else to cover your shift. Also if you are going to be around we will need help with set and take down.

Make sure you get your raffle tickets and money turned in.

Remember to come and enjoy a great picnic meal at the Gilman park shelter on Sunday August 7th.

Continue to encourage others to become members so we can continue to do the good that we do for our community. Our meetings are on the 1st Tuesday at 7:15pm at S.S. Peter & Paul Church basement, bring your ideas on how we can improve our council.

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman welcomed members to the July 5th regular meeting. Several thank yous and other communications received since the last meeting were read: Members were reminded to continue selling raffle tickets for the Gilman Days celebration. Jamie Ranweiler is chairman for the parade. Plans are to have the ATV 4wheeler at the parade – advertising it as 1st prize on the raffle. Leo Zimmerman requested help in taking the tents down after the celebration. Members are welcome to attend the preplanning meeting on Monday July 25th at 6:30 pm in the church basement.

Council members worked the brat sale at Coborns on June 24th in support of the clergy banquet

sponsored by the 4th degree on October 11, 2016 at St. Michael's parish in St. Cloud.

Chairman Reports

Treasurer, Al Sobania reports the council treasury balance is \$7,907.88.

<u>Youth:</u> The mass servers picnic was scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 17th attending the Rox baseball game in St. Cloud Members and guests are invited at a charge of \$20 each, included meal and game tickets. Thanks to David Lieser for making the arrangements for this activity.

Membership: 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.

Soon a local 1st degree will be scheduled.

Community Activities:

Gilman Day's Celebration is July 30th and Brother Knight Leo Zimmermann informs members the raffle tickets are available. Forty-four prizes will be awarded Every council member is expected to participate in this activity. Get your raffle tickets from and return them to Rob Stay 387-2544. Please come forward –thank you.

Lunch Stand committee

Saturday, July 30th 9:00am-12:15pm Jeff Mastey, Greg Novak, Jamie Ranweiler, Jason Struffert, John Struffert, Nick Kapsner. 12:15pm- 3:30pm

Bert Vanderweyst, Mark Reimer, Randy Jurek, Pete Skwira, Jeron Lentner, Brian Teff, Jim Brown. 3:30pm-6:40pm

Chad Matvick, Mitch Czech, Jesse Sobania, Tom Skaja, Ryan Skaja, Wayne Wilson.

Please report to the lunch stand located at the drive up of 1st Nat'l Bank building. 1st shift will be set up and 3rd shift will take down and cleanup. If your name is not on the list, but you wish to assist – please show up and offer your help. Any questions, contact Leo Zimmermann at 320-224-4863, before July 23rd.

Fishing Trip

The council fishing trip was held on June 16th at Platte Lake. The DAC of Milaca was invited to participate on that very nice Thursday afternoon. Thanks to Jamie Ranweiler who arranged a pontoon to use, thanks to Mike Gadacz for use of his pontoon and Walt and MaryAnn Oltz for use of their lake property and pontoon for the day. Eric Novak reported the attendance was lighter than last year, fishing was good and even a 22 inch walleye was caught. Thanks to everyone.

Rural Life Sunday

August 21, 2016 is Rural Life Sunday at the Mark & Michelle Czech farm near Gilman. Bishop Donald Kettler will be celebrant at the 10:00am mass. The council is interested in being available to help with the arrangements. Chad Thorsten is contact person for this event. A \$250 donation was approved for this event.

<u>Council:</u> The annual Knights of Columbus <u>Family Picnic</u> is being held on Sunday, August 7th at the Gilman Park. Keep this date in mind when planning your summer activities. The council furnishes the main meal and refreshments, plan for a 4:00pm meal. Families are asked to bring a dish to share with everyone.

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, Eric Novak. We congratulate Past Grand Knight, Eric on receiving the honor of Knight of the Month. Thank you for your contributions to the council, church and community.

Council approved a \$100 Coborns gift card .to Wally and Maryann Oltz for the use of their property for the fishing trip. The annual food permit was ordered at a cost of \$85 to MN Health Dept. A \$100 donation to Just for Kix Outback Bowl was made.

Council received \$400 from Supreme Council for supporting the Vocations Program.

Meeting jack pot was awarded to Brother Knight, Ken Jansen. Congratulations Ken.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Alexander Belanger; sorry he was not present to collect the \$25 prize.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

District Deputy Message

District Deputy, Jamie Ranwiler has scheduled a meeting of councils of this district for July 24th, 7:00pm at Gilman church basement. Perhaps a 1st degree was mentioned. Officers, chairman are invited to attend.

Next meeting – August 2, 2016, rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.