

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Eric Novak.

April 5<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate 30 year anniversary as a council. We will start the evening with a Mass at 7:00pm followed by a social. Our council has truly been blessed with outstanding members who work together. This past year our council has donated \$12,000 to various needs. We support our local catholic school, vocations, and people in need. You are invited to celebrate with us and to thank our Lord for His many blessing.

April is tootsie roll month. Donations for the tootsie rolls are given to help our brothers and sisters with special needs. KC members will be offering tootsie rolls at the three parishes and PoJo's store in Gilman the last weekend in April.

April is the month for officer transitions. Please inform our Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman if you are interested in any of the officer positions. April is also the month of new life.

Please inform Eric Novak or Rob Stay with donations for our big fund raiser, the ATV raffle at Gilman Days, July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Blessings and God bless all your good works.

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

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Eric Novak welcomed members to the March 1st meeting. 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. Thank you for pro-life donations were received from Benton County and State MCCL, Birth Line, and Pro-life Across America, Thank yous for I-Pad donations were received from Holy Family School in Sauk Rapids, St Agnes School of Osakis, Sacred Heart School of Staples and St

John's Area School of Foley. Thank you from the families for rosary and prayers for deceased brother knights, Charles J. Novak and Conrad Urbanski.

**Chairman Reports**

Treasurer, Al Sobania reported the council treasury balance is \$9,236.04.

**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 105<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.** Do not drop it in the Sunday collection.

Past Grand Knights are asked to assist in dues collection. Fifty-five members are still delinquent in paying 2016 dues.

**Community Activities:**

Brother Knight Chad Thorsten informed the council the park & recreation association of the City of Gilman is planning as a fund raising project, to place advertising on the fences of the softball fields in the park at a cost of \$250 per sign. Council moved to donate \$250 toward the fund raiser of the park and rec, but did not favor the placing of an advertising sign.

Council intends to participate in the Gilman Days activities this year with another ATV 4 wheeler raffle. Leo Zimmermann volunteered to oversee the raffle, but will need assistance from the membership. Jamie Ranweiler will be the council's contact person for the parade. We are in need to have a chairman to volunteer for the lunch and bingo stands. Please come forward –thank you.

**Vocations:** Council approved a \$1,000 donation in the support toward Seminarian, Thomas Skaja. Tom is completing his senior year at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona.

**Church:** Leo Zimmerman chairman recommends the council support the first communion and confirmation classes of the Tri-Parishes. A donation of \$100 each to the communion class and confirmation class was approved.

**4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE – FR. PIERZ GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Friday & Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree welcomes membership of our local council to consider joining the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Please contact Doug Novak (320) 387-2382.

**Pork Chop Bingo**

Council had a very successful fund raiser on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Net proceeds from the bingo party were dedicated toward the playground improvement project of St. John's Area School. A profit of \$2,153.19 will be given to our area parochial school. Thank you and congratulations to our chairman, workers, and all those who attended.

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

State convention delegates Eric Novak & Rick Boeckman were reimbursed \$208 toward registration and banquet expenses at the **Minnesota Knights of Columbus 2016 Convention in St Cloud on May 13-15.** Council approved donations toward student loan fund \$224,

pennies for seminarians \$224, Jim Campbell religious fund \$224, Columbian wheel chair fund \$50 all in conjunction with the state convention.

Council donated \$40 to Cross Center and \$200 toward sponsorship of St John's Area School spring breakfast at Henry's Banquet Center April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting jack pot was awarded to Brother Knight, Chad Thorsten. Congratulations Chad.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Greg Garceau who **was not present** to collect the \$60 prize.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

Jamie Ranweiler, district deputy informed the council that there would not be a spring initiation for this district. In support of the membership initiation each council will be asked to get their candidates for membership to the degree being held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Elk River council. The councils of this district will be expected to contribute toward the degree expenses.

Immaculate Mary council has new member Brian Wojciechowski in the March 19<sup>th</sup> class. Congratulations Brian.

**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](http://www.mnknights.org).

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

**Next meeting – April 5, 2016, rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.**