

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

I hope everyone is enjoying this fall. The Holiday season is just around the corner. As we enjoy Thanksgiving Day with family, friends, and great food, let us remember to give thanks for the many blessings God has given us.

The potato pancake supper is on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please be willing to help if you are asked. If you would like to volunteer please call Fred Novak at 387-2723.

If you know of someone who is not a member that you think should be, ask them to join. If you are uncomfortable doing so, let me know and we will find someone to ask them.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

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

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman welcomed members to the October 4th regular meeting. Communications received since the last meeting included a thank you from the Rural Life Committee for our donation. Thank you, from Isaac and Olivia Stay for supporting them to the Stubbenville youth conference. Isaac Stay also thanks the council for sponsoring him for his trip to the vocations camp.

A reminder to support the clergy in the appreciation banquet sponsored by the 4<sup>th</sup> degree on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 5:30pm, the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Invitation to members and guests to this activity. The banquet will be at Michael's restaurant in East St. Cloud, South Hwy 10.

**Chairman Reports**

Treasurer, Al Sobania reports the council treasury balance is \$10,111.49.

**Youth:** The council will be sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest this year. Youth will submit their posters at the Holy Family Sunday celebration in December.

The council has plans to support the area faith formation classes as their requests are made.

**Membership:** Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. New members are needed to maintain growth in the organization. Jamie Ranweiler announced a recruitment drive will be held **October 23rd** on the parish level. We will be asked to help by distributing materials, gathering names and contact phone numbers of men interested in joining. We also should be able to discuss with new members the activities of the knight's organization. Grand Knight and Trustees will follow up on these contacts.

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 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.

**Community Activities:**

Potato pancake – sausage supper will be held Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Gilman church basement. Serving time begins at 4:30pm. Fred Novak is contact person. He'd welcome everyone's help; call him at 387-2723. Please volunteer and welcome the community to our annual supper. Leo Zimmermann provided posters to distribute around the area.

**Church:**

October 15<sup>th</sup> at noon there will be a rosary and prayers recited at the Grotto. This is a crusade in support of public prayer of repentance and conversion of the United States. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. This is open to everyone, please join us.

Lapel roses were being ordered for the Pro-Life activity the council sponsors in January.

**Council:** Council was made aware that field agent Michael Crusier was resigning as the Knights of Columbus insurance agent. Any future contact should be made to Knights of Columbus Insurance, Szczech Agency, 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Suite 145, Sauk Rapids, MN 56329. Telephone: 320-252-7173.

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.

Plans are being made for the council's participation in celebrating the Holy Family Sunday with horse drawn sleigh/trolley rides and a social event to follow. This is normally held Sunday between Christmas and New Years. We look forward to families to join in this celebration.

Council approved sponsoring a winter fishing trip for the chaplain and past chaplain of the council. Fr. Leo Moenkedick and Fr. Dan Walz are invited as guest of the council.

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

**Knight of the Month:** October Knight of the Month was awarded to Brother Knight, Tyler Janson. We congratulate Tyler on receiving the

honor of Knight of the Month. Thank you for your contributions to the council, church and community.

**Family of the Month:** October family presented this award is Luke Helmin family of St Joseph Parish. Congratulations to the Helmin family and thank you for being active in church, council and community.

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

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Robert Szafranski; sorry he **was not present** to collect the \$40 prize.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

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