

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

I hope the new school year has started out great for all those affected by it. Let's pray for the area farmers, that they have a fruitful and safe harvest.

Remember October is respect life month. Let's pray for all those that have been affected by the recent terrorist activity that they will find strength in God. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace.

I strongly encourage all brother knights who haven't been able to attend a meeting recently to do so. We really would encourage hearing your ideas for possible new activities and how we can improve and grow our council's membership.

The October potato pancake supper is planned for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. A chairman and workers are needed. Looking forward to hearing from you. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternaly Yours,  
Rick Boeckman, Grand Knight  
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**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman welcomed members to the September 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Communications received since the last meeting included a thank you from the Mary Morning Star Convent for our donation. The family of Tom Schyma thanks the council for prayers and condolences and rosary at the wake service and attendance at Brother Knight Tom Schyma's funeral.

In support of the clergy appreciation banquet sponsored by the 4<sup>th</sup> degree on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 5:30pm, the 4<sup>th</sup> degree invites members and guests to this activity. The banquet will be at Michael's restaurant in East St. Cloud, South Hwy 10. By October 1<sup>st</sup>, dinner reservations are necessary, price is \$25 per person.

**Chairman Reports**

Treasurer, Al Sobania reports the council treasury balance is \$12,798.84.

**Youth:** The youth will likely be entertained with a Halloween treat at the Oct 29<sup>th</sup> potato supper. 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. Jamie Ranweiler announced a membership drive will be held in October. He will need your help to distribute materials and discuss with new members the activities of the knight's 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 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. We need an overall chairman and members to work for this activity. Please volunteer and welcome the community to our annual supper.

**Church:** Chaplain, Fr. Leo Moenedick spoke about the Rural Life mass on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a record year with one of the largest attendance of 900 to 1,000.

Mark & Michelle Czech are thanked for providing their farm and their workers giving farm tours. Brother Knight, Rich Zimmer is thanked for being involved; informing the council and members what

help would be needed, including parking vehicles. Members that helped are also thanked and Brother Leo Zimmermann for providing the tents and equipment used for this event.

**Council:** Council has been approached about assisting in covering the costs of materials for shingling entryway of St. John's School in Foley. The council approved a donation of \$100.

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.

Honorary life membership was presented to Kenneth Puchalla, Alphonse Sobania and Alex Walcheski. We congratulate these members in receiving this life time membership. Thank you for maintaining membership for the past years.

**Vocations:** Council approved \$500 toward the scholarship fund of St. John's Area School. Council also approved \$500 donation toward the nonpublic school walk-a-thon of St. John's School.

**Knight of the Month:** August Knight of the Month was awarded to Brother Knight, Eric Novak. We congratulate Eric on receiving the honor of Knight of the Month. Thank you for your contributions to the council, church and community.

**Family of the Month:** August family presented this award is Donald Chmielewski family of Gilman Parish. Congratulations to the Chmielewski family and thank you for being active in church, council and community.

Meeting jack pot was awarded to Brother Knight, Eric Novak. Congratulations Eric.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Richard Winkelman; sorry he **was not present** to collect the \$35 prize.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

**Next meeting – October 4, 2016, rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.**