

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

Hope everyone is enjoying the mild February temperatures. They are hard on the winter sports but maybe we will still get some winter weather to enjoy without the severe cold.

Thank you to all the Brother Knights that helped make the pork chop bingo a success. Special thanks go out to Chad Thorsten and Eric Novak for chairing the event.

The next few months are a little less busy for our council and give us a time to think about some possible new activities the council could participate in. Please bring any ideas to the council leadership.

There is a major degree held in Duelm on March 26th. If you have not received your 2nd and 3rd degrees this is an opportunity to do so when it is so close to home. 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 and guests to the February 7th regular meeting.

Communications received since the January meeting were read. Included was a thank you from Zachary Wiechman for supporting the seminarians. He informed the council he has left the seminary and pursued another career. Also deceased member's wives thanked the council for the gift baskets and remembering them at Christmas. Grand Knight thanks participants of the Holy Family Sunday program held on January 8th.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. New members are needed to maintain growth in the organization. There is a major degree on March 26th at Duelm. We are short of meeting our council quota for new members. Materials are available to distribute to men interested in joining. Each member should be gathering names and contact phone numbers of men interested in joining and officers will follow up with them. We also should be able to discuss with new members the activities of the knight's organization. Please be active in seeking a new member and attending the next major degree.

Current annual dues of \$30 for 2017 are now being collected. 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.** Past Grand Knights are asked to assist in dues collection.

Members are invited to attend the Diocesan Men's Conference at St. John's on March 4th. The council will cover your reservation, please contact Doug Novak at 387-2382

Community Activities:**Annual ATV Raffle**

Gilman Days is again being held the last weekend of July 2017. Our council is intending to participate with the ATV Raffle and the food stand. Please come forward and accept your duties if you are scheduled to help.

Pro-Life

Rob Stay informs the council that recent orders were signed by President Trump in support of PRO-LIFE. We still need to continue to pray for the protection of the unborn and respect for life.

Lapel roses for the Pro-Life were distributed on weekend of January 21st & 22nd. Total contributions received amounted to \$395.77. Thank you to volunteers and parish chairman who handed out the roses and accepted the donations.

Council donations of \$100 each were sent to Minnesota Chapter of MCCL, Benton County MCCL, Birth Line, Pro-Life across America and Rum River Life Choices Center.

Treasurer: Al Sobania, treasurer reports council general fund balance is \$10,318.42.

Council: Plans are underway for the 2017 Family Picnic on August 20, 2017 at Gilman Community Park.

Sunday February 12, 2017 was the annual Pork Chop Bingo held at S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman at 1:00pm. Proceeds of this event go toward support of local charitable causes. Volunteers were asked to assist in helping this event. Thank you chairman and workers for a fine job

An upcoming event is Tootsie Roll drive for persons with special needs. This is scheduled in the Month of April. Inventory of tootsie rolls were ordered.

Council moved on nominating delegates for the upcoming State Convention: First Delegate is Rick Boeckman, alternate Eric Novak. Second Delegate Jamie Ranweiler, alternate Rob Rueckert.

Youth: St John's Area School announced they have an upcoming spring raffle and breakfast on March 26th. The council moved to support this function with a \$200 donation.

Students interested in applying for assistance in higher education financing should contact the

Minnesota Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund. Contact Rick Boeckman at 320-293-1188.

Vocations:

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

Other business of the council included donations to Foley senior high school graduation lock -in \$50.

St Cloud Council 5548 is having a chili feed on Feb 17th. All are invited.

District Deputy, Jamie Ranweiler presented the Columbian Award to past Grad Knight, Eric Novak. This is from the previous council year honoring the council for having participated in programs in all areas.

Knight of the Month: February 2017 Knight of the month is awarded to Brother Knight, Russell Rudnitski. Prior Knights of the month December and January : were: John Struffert and Jason Struffert. Congratulations to our brother knights.

Family of the Month: Award was presented to Jerome Stawarski family for January 2017 and Jeremy Rudnitski family for February 2017 for Families of the Month. Thank you to these families for being active in our parish and community.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

Meeting jack pot was presented to Brother Knight, Rob Stay, congratulations Rob.

Name drawn for the \$55 pot of gold was Richard Juetten, sorry but he was not present to claim the prize.

Next meeting –March 7, 2017 rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm. Rosary will be for baby Leo Barthelemy.