

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

With the end of the 2016-2017 school year, summer has officially begun for the brother knights with school age children and really for the rest of us also. I hope everyone is having an enjoyable beginning to the summer. It's been a slow start for the planting season but it looks like we are on our way into the growing season. We pray that the rest of the growing season will give us a bountiful harvest.

The raffle tickets for the 4 wheel ATV at Gilman Days are ready and can be picked up from Rob Stay. Please do your part to help sell all the tickets again this year. This is our biggest fund raiser helping the number of contributions we make throughout the year.

July regular meeting has been changed to July 13th this being because the July 4th holiday conflicted with our monthly meeting.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight welcomed members and guests to the June 6th regular meeting.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: A number of thank you were read from diocesan seminarians. They appreciated the support they received from the council. Foley high school senior class thanks the council for supporting them in their senior lock-in after graduation. A letter from Crosier of Onamia was received informing the council of the legal position they are taking regarding abuse.

Grand Knight presented the council with the State Award of Program Excellence and Membership

which our council received at the recent State Convention. Congratulations to our membership for being active and achieving this award.

Treasurer: Alphonse Sobania reported general fund balance of \$7,128.19.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. New members are needed to maintain growth in the organization. Each member should be gathering names and contact phone numbers of men interested in joining and officers will follow up with them. Materials are available to distribute to men interested in joining. We also should be able to discuss with new members the activities of the knight's organization.

Financial Secretary, Doug Novak Second notices of annual dues of \$30 for 2017 have been sent out. Please be sure to return your check payable to the Knights of Columbus and mail to: **Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.** Past Grand Knights are asked to assist in dues collection.

Community Activities:

Jamie Ranweiler reported that our council was present at the VA in St. Cloud assisting veterans in wheel chairs on May 7th. He had his teenage son assist and expressed how it impressed his son... These actions can be worthy in getting exposure to youth and non members.

Annual ATV Raffle

The council still needs an overall chairperson for Gilman Days being held on weekend of July 29, 2017. Doug Novak & Rob Stay have the raffle tickets for the all terrain vehicle. Each member is asked to please come forward and pickup your chance books. If you are asked to help at the bingo, food stand or other jobs, it is your duty to help. All raffle tickets must be accounted for – turn them in before July 29th.

The knights had been participating in a Friday evening softball game in years past. Due to the lack of players willing to come forward, the council is letting the Gilman Park & Rec utilize that evening as they see fits their need.

The council will be part of the parade. Thank you to the volunteers who offered to be on the float and pull the float in the 12:30 pm parade on Saturday the 29th.

Council was asked to work the braut and burger stand on Friday July 28th noon to closing at the Gilman Creamery. Please volunteer.

2017-2018 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Membership voted to council officer positions are as follows:

Grand Knight – Rick Boeckman
Deputy Grand Knight - **office is open**
Treasurer – Alphonse Sobania
Warden – Ken Jansen
Advocate - David Lieser
Recorder – Wayne Wilson
Chancellor – Dale Novak
Outside Guard – Jim Brown
Inside Guard – Mike Gadacz.
Trustees – Eric Novak, Chad Thorsten, Leo Zimmermann.

Thank you members for stepping forward and accepting these positions. Please come forward and offer your assistance to the Deputy Grand Knights position.

Annual Fishing Outing

June 29th is the council's fishing outing for the special needs youth and sponsors of Milaca DAC and senior members of the council. Hopefully those interested in attending have contacted Eric Novak at **320-309-6250**. Walter Oltz has again offered his cabin on Platte Lake as the location to hold this event. Thank you to Wally and the membership that assisted.

Church: Membership was asked to assist after the ordination at St. Mary's in St. Cloud on June 10th. Our council was part of the cleanup committee at 1:30pm.

Members were asked to help on July 7th at the braut stand benefitting the upcoming priests and religious appreciation banquet. Doug Novak is the contact person, **387-2382**.

Youth: David Lieser is contacting Rox Baseball organization– reserving a date for the mass servers appreciation lunch and ball game. He will confirm and asks us to watch the parish bulletin for announcement... Foley KC Council is being asked to invite their servers to join us. This event is open to members and families and chaperons to attend.

Vocations: Vocations camp is coming up soon and a couple of students are planning to attend. Thank you to chairman and members for supporting this activity.

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.

District Deputy Message

Jamie Ranweiler, district deputy informs the members of the July 9th district meeting at 7pm at the Emac Center, St John's Parish in Foley.

Other council action: \$100 donation was made to Pro-Life Action Ministries.

Pot of Gold drawing \$15 - name drawn was Doug Novak – Congratulations to Brother Knight, Doug.

Meeting jackpot went to Brother Knight Dale Novak, congratulations Dale...

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

Next meeting July 13, 2017 rosary at 6:45pm, meeting at 7:00pm.