

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

As I am writing this and I look out the window the leaves are popping out and we are expecting our first 80 degree day, it reminds me that we will be beginning a new year for our council. I invite all members who want to become more involved and have some new ideas to come forward to make this year one of the best for the council. Thank you to all Brother Knights that have been busy helping with the various activities that the council has had going on.

The raffle tickets for the 4 wheel ATV at Gilman Days are ready. 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. Contact Rob Stay for your tickets.

We will be having a fishing outing again this year. It will be in late June for individuals with developmental disabilities and senior members. If you are interested in attending or know of someone that is, contact Eric Novak for information.

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 May 2nd regular meeting.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: Family of Louis Pietrzak thanked the council for rosary and prayers at Louis' wake and funeral. A donation request from Isaac and Olivia Stay to help with the cost in attending Steubenville again this year. Thank you from Catholic Foundation for the \$50 donation they received last month. Foley Area Care thanks the council for the

donation they received last month. Grand Knight reported the council's annual IRS tax return has been completed and filed.

Council needs a member to fill in for office of Deputy Grand Knight. Please help the council by providing your service, contact Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

Treasurer: Alphonse Sobania reported general fund balance of \$8,088.43.

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 announced the most recent Honorary Life Members: Charles D. Novak, Darrel Kipka, Bill Spiczka, Alex Walcheski and Ken Puchalla. Congratulations to these members for their years of continued membership. As we are getting more lifetime members, we need to be more aggressive to signing up new members.

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:

Thank you to brother knights and families that helped with the roadside ditch cleanup on April 29th.

Tootsie Roll Drive

Thank you to members helping with the tootsie roll drive on April 29th & 30th. Total contributions received amounted to \$791.46. From the individual

locations: Gilman \$207.07, Brennyville \$60, Morrill \$115. Doug Novak individually collected \$409.39 at PoJo's Store (special Thank You to Doug for his dedicated service to this cause). The proceeds will be divided equally to Diocese of St Cloud religious fund for students of special needs, Milaca DAC and MN State Council Special Olympics.

Annual ATV Raffle

The council needs an overall chairperson for Gilman Days, which is again being held the last weekend of July (July 27, 2017). Doug Novak & Rob Stay have the raffle tickets for the all terrain vehicle. Please come forward, pickup your chance books and accept your duties if you are scheduled to help at the food stand, bingo stand or parade.

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

Annual Fishing Outing

June 29th the council will sponsor a fishing outing for the special needs youth and sponsors of Milaca DAC. Senior members of the council are also welcome. Walter Oltz has again offered his cabin on Platte Lake as the location to hold this event. Eric Novak, chairman can be reached at **320-309-6250** for more information and notice from you planning on attending.

Church: May crowing was held May 7th 8:00am at S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman. Fourth Degree Knights were present as honor guard. Knights recited rosary at 7:30am prior to mass along with the Christian Women.

Brother Knight, Jamie Ranweiler was thanked for putting together gifts to the First Communicants and Confirmation students.

Council: Members are asked to help with the cleanup at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday June 3rd at 1:30 p.m. after the ordination. Contact Doug

Novak at 387-2382 letting him know you will help with our share of the work.

Youth: David Lieser is contacting Rox Baseball stadium— reserving a date for the mass servers appreciation lunch and ball game. He will confirm this at the June regular meeting. 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.

Members were thanked who helped pass out the Easter Egg treats at the Tri-Parishes on Easter Sunday masses.

Vocations:

Financial Secretary Doug Novak announced the council received a \$400 vocations reimbursement from Supreme. For each \$500 our council donates to a vocations seminarian, the Supreme refunds \$100. This \$400 will be going to the seminarians of the diocese.

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 council action: donation was made to Isaac and Olivia Stay \$200 for Steubenville seminar. Annual state convention -three donations to MN State Council \$223 each for Jim Campbell Fund, Pennies for Seminarians and Student Loan fund.

Pot of Gold drawing \$10 name drawn was Jeremiah Dahler – sorry but he was not present to collect prize.

Meeting jackpot went to Brother Knight Leo Zimmermann.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

Next meeting June 6, 2017 rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.