

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

The new school year has started and hints of fall are already showing with some of the leaves already changing. Let us pray that we have good weather needed to mature the crops so we have a bountiful harvest. Let us also pray for the victims of the hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Remember that as Knights we pledge to uphold our core principals with one being that of charity. Helping the hurricane victims in any way we are able is a way we can demonstrate this commitment.

The next council event is the Potato Pancake Supper on the last Saturday of October. Please help at this event if you are asked or volunteer if able.

We are still looking for someone to fill the Deputy Grand Knight position. Please consider volunteering, all the officers are here to help out so you don't have to worry about going it alone.

Hope to see you at the next council meeting.

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

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight welcomed members to the September 5th regular meeting.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: Gilman Christian Women sent a thank you for the donation to the Box of Joy

The council expressed a special thank you to Doug Novak for grilling the meat at the council family picnic on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Also thank you to everyone who attended.

Brother Knight, Doug Novak brings to our attention that the Sisters of Mary Morning Star will be having a craft sale at our parishes on weekend of Sept 16-

17<sup>th</sup>. The sisters dedicate their lives to prayer and would appreciate our support. The council contributed \$200 to them.

**Chairman Reports**

**Membership:** Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. 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.

From our Financial Secretary, Doug Novak: If you are delinquent of paying membership dues of \$30 for 2017. Please be sure to send your check payable to the Knights of Columbus and mail to: **Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.** Past Grand Knights are asked to assist in dues collection.

**Treasurer:** Brother Knight, Al Sobania reported the council general fund balance is 21,662.82.

**Community Activities:**

Grand Knight reported on the recent visit council members, Wally Oltz, Jamie Ranweiler and Rick Boeckman, assisted resident veterans at the VA in St. Cloud. We assist residents pushing their wheel chairs to Sunday morning mass.

**Potato Pancake/ Sausage Supper**

Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> the council will hold the fall potato pancake supper at S.S. Peter & Paul Church basement in Gilman. Brother Knight, Fred Novak will chair this activity and needs members to volunteer for the various duties. Plan to come by 1:00pm and give a hand. Serving time is from 4 o'clock to 7:00pm. Thank you Fred, for chairing this activity.

**Youth:** David Lieser plans to have a Halloween celebration with treats and games for the youth during the potato pancake supper. It would be neat

to see some of the children dressed for the occasion.

**Pro-Life:** Brother Knight, Rob Stay presented magnetic strips **CHOOSE LIFE** to be placed on our vehicles in support of Pro-Life. They cost the council \$1.20 each. We like to see them passed out through the community.

**Church:** The council will be supporting the annual clergy banquet in October. The information is:

**Clergy Appreciation Dinner**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**2875 10<sup>th</sup> Ave N.E. Sauk Rapids, MN**

**Sacred Heart Church Parish Center**

**Social begins at 5:15pm with Dinner served at 6:00pm.** This event is open to the public and you are invited to attend. Contact Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman at 320-293-1188.

**Family Picnic Aug 20, 2017**

A few families attended the council family picnic held on Sunday, Aug 20, 2017 at Gilman Community Park. A very good pot luck meal was prepared and a number of door prizes were presented to attendees. Thank you brother knights for assisting and your wives for the fine dishes of good food, also Greg Novak for furnishing fresh vegetables.

Parish wide a collection for Catholic Relief Services was planned for Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>. The council moved to include a donation of \$200 toward hurricane victims of Texas. Members are encouraged to make donations individually to this cause and other needs of humane kind.

Council Chaplain, Fr Leo Moenkendick will be retiring from his military service in the Air National Guards on December 1st. There will be a reception to be held the first weekend of November 2017 at

the base in North Dakota located East of the Main Air Port. He invites parishioners to this reception – contact Fr. Leo directly about getting a pass and directions. We wish Fr. Leo the very best in his retirement from the military.

Pot of Gold drawing \$30 - name drawn was Steve Novak – Sorry Steve was absent to receive the prize.

Meeting jackpot went to Brother Knight Mike Wertish, congratulations Mike.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE**

Jamie Ranweiler, District Deputy informed the Gilman council will be hosting the winter district meeting. Date will be announced at a future meeting. It would be nice to have a good showing of members & officers in attendance,

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](#). Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

There are regalia changes in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. We welcome new members to check this out Doug Novak has information to share with the membership.

**Next meeting October 3, 2017 at 7:30pm. rosary at 7:15pm.**