

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brother Knights:

Happy Thanksgiving!

With so much to be thankful for, I would like that the church would be full again this year. If you are thinking that you haven't much to be thankful for I would recommend a closer look. Thanksgiving started when America started. I would say that all of humankind is guilty of an oversight; it should have started about 1600 years earlier. Our Lord did some pretty impressive giving about then; refer to John 3:16.

Our council welcomed Most Reverend Bishop Kettler on Nov. 7th. We not only had members in attendance at the installation Mass, but we also assisted in setting up and taking down for the reception after the Mass. The Mass was a wonderful celebration held at St. Mary's Cathedral and the reception was held at St. Paul's, there were about 600 in attendance. By assisting at the reception our council saved the diocese about \$700, thanks to all who assisted.

Thanks to all who assisted and attended the Clergy Banquet on Thursday, Oct 14th in St Cloud. Our council had good representation there.

The potato pancake supper was a success again this year, thanks to all who participated and assisted. Special thanks to Rick Boeckman and Robert Rueckert for chairing this event. This statement was taken from last year's newsletter and it fits this year as well. I am truly thankful for the assistance of Rick and Rob and all who attended and assisted at this worthwhile event. Thanks to Raymond Novak, the last of the cleanup crew to leave.

Our next meeting, Dec 3rd will be open meeting, please bring your wife. We will have wine and cheese again this year. Thank you Deputy Grand Knight, Eric Novak for filling in for me last month, your willing and able assistance is appreciated.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,
Leo Zimmermann,
Grand Knight Tel: 320-355-2850

COUNCIL NEWS

Officers express appreciation for those that attended the November 5th deceased members mass and adoration prior to the council meeting.

Communication was received from St. John's Area School thanking the council for the \$500 donation toward the scholarship foundation and \$500 toward the nonpublic education marathon.

Council treasurer, Al Sobania reports the balance of the general fund is \$11,661.12.

Chairman Reports

Membership: The council will hold a 1st degree on Sunday evening December 1st at 7:00 pm. It would be proper to have members in attendance to witness the degree. Please make an effort to be present. Reminder to members who have not paid their dues, please take care of this important matter and maintain your membership status. Many of you have been personally contacted; please send your check to Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329. If a member is unable to pay membership dues because of hardship and financial distress, please inform a council officer.

Youth: David Lieser was thanked by the council for having the Halloween party for kids on Saturday Oct 26th at the time of the potato pancake supper.

Community: Members and families are invited to sing together at the Foley Nursing Center on December 1st at 2:00pm. The residents enjoy the visit and look forward to our being there. Please pickup a member and join us.

Vocations: Seminarians of the Diocese will receive a Christmas greeting with a \$20 gift card. Seminarians sponsored by our council, Tim Gapinski and Tom Skaja will receive \$500 each. We wish all seminarians a Very Merry Christmas.

Christmas Crib Lighting – Will be held on Wednesday December 4th at 7:15pm in front of S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman. This is for the benefit of youth of faith formation being able to participate. Members are invited to be present to witness this celebration.

The annual **POTATO PANCAKE** supper which was held Saturday, October 26th generated about \$1,100. Thank you to Dale Novak who donated the potatoes for the supper. The food was well prepared especially the hulushki. Thank you members who showed up to work and chairman Rick Boeckman and Rob Rueckert. The public enjoyed the food and we plan to hold this event next year.

Knight of the Month: Brother Knight Richard Boeckman was awarded the November 2013 Knight of the Month. Congratulations Brother Knight, Rick and thank you for serving the council and for being active in the church and community.

Family of the Month: Brother Knight Samuel Lieser Family was awarded the November Family of the Month. Congratulations to the Lieser Family.

LECTORS PROGRAM

Alice Coudron representing the Catholic Foundation spoke to the membership at the November 5th regular meeting. The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of St. Cloud gathers funds and assists families who struggle financially to provide Catholic education for their children. Many need a little help to meet their fair share to have their children get a Catholic education and the endowment fund is a great help. The foundation is requesting help from everyone able to donate, consider this in your will and estate plan. Our council is considering a future fund raiser to assist the foundation.

DECEMBER 2013 MEETING

There will be wine and cheese social for members and their spouses at the December 3rd regular meeting. We will recite the rosary at 8:00 pm and following a short meeting, you are invited to the social. This is an open meeting; invite your spouse to attend.

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY – On Sunday, December 29th, at 1:00pm the council is planning to have hay ride or if adequate snow sleigh ride for everyone. We'd like you to keep this date open and join members and their families of the council for an enjoyable afternoon. Check with the church bulletins for updates.

We are looking for advertisers in this council bulletin. Please let financial security, Doug Novak know if you have an interested business.

Meeting jack pot was presented to Brother Knight, Alphonse Sobania.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Wayne Skajewski. Sorry to announce he **was not present** to collect the \$25 prize.

Remember to pray for Knights and their families sick or in distress.

Next meeting – December 3, 2013; rosary at 8:00pm; open meeting - invite your spouse to attend. Wine and cheese social follows meeting.