

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brother Knights:

He Has Risen! Happy Easter!

Thanks to all who assisted in handing out Easter eggs after Mass on Sunday. Special thanks to Rich and Jackie Kampa for donating the eggs and Robert Rueckert for lining up the treats and organizing the distribution after the Masses. This is a wonderful presence in the community.

We will be electing a new slate of officers at the next meeting and installing them in June. I believe that we will have vacancy in the Warden's position, anyone who would be interested in that position or would like to nominate someone please let me know.

Congratulations to our Knight of the Year, Brother Robert Stay! Rob is a Past Grand Knight and has just finished a term as our District Deputy. He has contributed greatly to our council, to the church, and the community. Thanks for all you have done Brother Rob.

Congratulations to our Family of the Year, Thomas and Joann Gapinski Family. They have been a wonderful asset to our community and we are proud to have them as neighbors. Tom and his son, Deacon Tim (soon to be Father Timothy) are active members of the council and the church.

Looking ahead to the summer, we will again be doing a four-wheeler raffle. We are currently pulling together prizes, anyone wishing to donate contact Rob Stay or me. Thank you Rob, for chairing this event. We should have raffle tickets available by the May meeting. Tickets are not mailed out, but will gladly supply them to anyone who requests them. Like many things this raffle would be a synch if all members would do a share by selling a book or more, even a half book.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,

Leo Zimmermann,
Grand Knight Tel: 320-355-2850

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Leo Zimmermann welcomed new member, Nicholas Kapsner. Jim Jesok was thanked for the two CDs of Mathew Kelly "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality" for the membership to listen to. The CD's are being passed around. Return them to the council if you are just hanging onto them.

Communications were received from Cross Center thanking the council for the school supplies donated by the council. Also Raeanne Athman thanked the council for the donation toward her trip to Stubenville.

New pictures were received of Pope Francis and Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. Additional pictures of Pope Francis were ordered for our churches, school and parish office. Three hundred prayer cards of Pope Francis were ordered for CCD students.

Council treasurer, Al Sobania reports the balance of the general fund is \$9,040.76.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Members who owe \$30 annual membership dues, please send to: Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329. 4th degree members are asked to keep open June 22nd for Tim Gapinski's first mass after his ordination. This will be held at Saints Peter & Paul's Church in Gilman with 4th degree as honor guard. Also Gilman KC members will be assisting with the ordination luncheon at the Cathedral in St Cloud on June 21st, please be available.

Vocations: Deacon, Tim Gapinski's first mass vestment is being finished for his ordination gift from the council. In support to the seminarians, Tim Gapinski and Tom Skaja will each receive a \$500 donation from the council.

Youth: Twenty-three grade students received Holy Communion on Palm Sunday. Each

communicant received a gift from the council. Thank you to their instructors and congratulations to the youth.

Council donated \$100 each to the first communion class and the confirmation class for their expenses.

Robert Rueckert volunteered chairing the Easter Egg Project handout to the children on Easter Sunday. Thank you Rob & those assisting him.

Church: May Crowning will be on Sunday May 4th at S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman, 8:00am mass. The 4th degree honor guard will be present.

The statue of Blessed Virgin is moving along nicely through the homes of members. Please sign up for the Traveling Statue of Mary in your home for a week. Contact Doug Novak at 387-2382. Nonmember families are also welcome, pass the word around.

Council: The annual ATV Raffle is underway. Contacts are being made to obtain raffle prizes. If anyone desires to make donation to the prizes they are asked to contact any of the council officers.

Members of Gilman council have volunteered to push wheel chairs for veterans at the VA for Sunday Mass April 6th. Leo Zimmermann welcomes members to assist.

District bowling competition is generally held on afternoon of Palm Sunday. Members were encouraged to bowl with the team from this council on April 13th.

Leo Zimmermann and Rick Beockman are requesting members to help sell glow sticks at the 4th of July fireworks in St. Cloud. Can you help?

Community: Friday, August 1st volunteers were requested to help 4th degree at the St. Joe Meat Market lunch stand.

The annual ditch cleaning project will occur in May. The date and time will be announced at the May 6th meeting. Your help is always welcome.

A current movie "GOD IS NOT DEAD" is now showing in Foley. Youth as well as adults are encouraged to view the movie.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE will take place on April 26 – 27th. Please support the campaign to help collect funds for those with special needs.

Knight of the Month: Brother Knight, Greg Novak was awarded the April 2014 Knight of the Month. Congratulations Brother Knight, Greg and thank you for serving the council and for being active in the church and community.

Family of the Month: Brother Knight, Leo Zimmermann Family was awarded the April 2014 Family of the Month. Congratulations to the Zimmermann Family and thank you for your support of the council and community.

DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE

DD Jamie Ranweiler reminds membership the Icon of the Marion Shrine will be at the May 6th meeting. A new insurance agent will represent this area; meantime contact Jim Szczech General Agency at 252-7173.

The council approved \$100 donation to Morality in Media. A \$40 donation was approved to Cross Center in Foley. A \$100 donation was approved to TOUR DE CURE for diabetes. State Council donations of \$230 each to Pennies for Seminarians, Jim Campbell Scholarship Fund, and Student Loan Fund were approved. A \$100 donation was approved to Foley Baseball organization.

Meeting jack pot was presented to Brother Knight, Greg Novak, who donated it back to the council.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Jason Spiczka. Sorry to announce he **was not present** to collect the \$50 prize.

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

Next meeting – 8:15pm May 6, 2014