

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Eric Novak.

Wishing all a very Blessed Christmas and New Year. December 28th is Holy Family Sunday. Hope many families will join us in a fund day with horse drawn trolley rides, games and pot luck lunch.

January is pro-life month. Our council is sponsoring "Roses for Life" sale toward the end of the month at all three parishes. Proceeds from the sale go to help the pro-life causes.

There were 13 who went to the Chaplains fishing trip. The fishing wasn't awesome but good with everyone enjoying the trip. Father Dan and Father Leo said it was relaxing (the purpose of it all). Thank you Fathers for all you do for our parishes,.

Thank you to all who helped with the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest and preparing and the delivery of the widow baskets. Special thanks to David Lieser our youth director.

Our council has lost 5 members; let's work together in recruiting new members. As you gather with family and friends in this Christmas Season work at encouraging new members.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,
Eric Novak, Grand Knight
Tel: 320-309-6250

LECTORS PROGRAM

We welcomed Foley Area C.A.R.E. represented by Connie Cardinal, executive director and Deb Helmin, volunteer to speak to membership at the December 2nd meeting. Their mission statement and goal is "we support area neighbors 60 and over to continue living independently in the home of their choice through community volunteerism. In the past year their program served 154 senior clients providing 5,299 service hours with a pool of approximately 185 volunteers. In this period

volunteers transported seniors over 24,200 miles, taking clients to various appointments using their own vehicles and gasoline. Many other services are volunteered by local citizens. Volunteer drivers are needed. Gas reimbursement provided to volunteer drivers. Contact their office at 320-968-7848 to make a tax deductible donation and offer your time as a volunteer.

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Eric Novak welcomed our speaker and guests to our meeting and annual wine and cheese social. Thank yous were received from Allison Helmin family and Thomas Skaja seminarian sponsored by the council.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Brother Doug Novak expressed the need for new members. Billings were sent out for 2015 membership dues. Paying on time makes his job much easier. At this time we have 45 honorary life members. The latest honorary life member is Duane Graczyk. Congratulations to Duane for maintaining his members. A reminder to all honorary life members that they are welcome to make annual donations to council projects. We thank these worthy knights for being so generous.

If you missed paying your 2014 membership dues, include it with your 2015 dues. Please send your check (\$30/year) to: Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.

Youth: David Lieser youth chairman contacted member volunteers to judge the "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters Contest project was open to the students of the faith formation classes of the tri-parish area and students of St. John's area school. Cash awards would be offered to winners.

Community: The council moved to donate a total of \$300 to the Allison Helmin family. Ally is daughter of Brother Knight, Luke Helmin. Ally is going through major medical expenses. Support the local fund raisers being held for Ally and pray for her and the family in this time of need.

Members are requested to attend the Christmas caroling at the Foley Nursing Home on December 7th at 2pm. Foley and Duelm councils will join us for this memorable event. The residents enjoy and are very appreciative of our singing.

Council donated \$120 toward the "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard project through the 4th degree public relations. Four locations are near the St. Cloud area.

The council moved to support our area pastors with a two day fishing trip. Fr Dan and Fr Leo thanks to council for our generosity.

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

Holy Family Sunday December 28th the council is sponsoring horse drawn trolley rides from 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon with a pot luck meal to follow. Ham and buns with hot chocolate and coffee will be served. Come join us for this enjoyable event. Ware warm clothing and foot ware, blankets are available to throw over your lap.

Deceased Members Wives Project

December is the time the council puts together a gift basket for deceased member's wives. Member knights volunteered to prepare and deliver the widow baskets. Thank you to our worthy knights for taking the time to make this project a success.

Vocations: Pray for our seminarians and encourage them to continue with their studies toward the priesthood. Members are asked to write to the individual seminarians. A complete list of

seminarians is an insert of The Visitor, diocesan newspaper.

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL – December 2nd

Guests and members were treated to various spirits and cheeses at this annual event. Spouses are thanked for joining their husbands and coming to this social.

If you have insurance questions before a replacement agent is appointed to our area, feel free to contact Jim Szczech General Agency at 252-7173.

Meeting jack pot was presented to Ken Janson and Sarah Gadacz.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Ralph Katka who **was not present** to collect the \$20 prize.

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

Next meeting – rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm, January 6, 2015