

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brother Knights:

Thank you Worthy Past Grand Knight Chad Thorsten for organizing the Pork Chop Bingo. Thank you to all who assisted and attended, especially Tony Matvick. Thanks for all that you and your family do for the Knights and the Church. The donations to pay for the pork chops and a good price from Foley Locker helped to make this a profitable event.

The State Convention is fast approaching and our yearly reports will soon be due. I am planning an officer's meeting to discuss this and to plan for the Four Wheeler Raffle.

The Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 15th at St. John's University in Collegeville from 8am to 5pm. Our council will be sending several people and I would like to invite everyone to attend. The cost, \$37, will be covered by the council so if we carpool it should be an inexpensive day. The keynote speaker will be Reverend Monsignor C. Eugene Morris, priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. He hosts a weekly radio program on WRYT, Catholic Radio in St. Louis and is periodically a spiritual director for the Inner Life, a program on Relevant Radio. In the afternoon there will be workshops. Please let me know before the March meeting if you would like to attend.

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Communications from seminarians and deceased member's wives were acknowledged. Grand Knight thanked members volunteering for the pork chop bingo coming up on Feb 16th.

Fr. Leo announced he was back from his trip to Guatemala and mentioned he met the godchildren he sponsored. He thanked the parishioners for their prayers and moral support.

Council treasurer, Al Sobania reports the balance of the general fund is \$10,610.07.

Chairman Reports

Membership: The district meeting cancelled in January is rescheduled for Feb 23rd at 7pm in the Gilman Church basement.

There is a 4th degree membership initiation on April 26th in Bemidji.

Fr. Leo Moenedick and Doug Novak are two 4th degree knights nominated to the 4th degree hall of fame.

A reminder to members: please send your check for \$30 annual membership dues to: Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329. Thank you to all members who have taken care of their dues. If a member is unable to pay membership dues because of hardship and financial distress, please inform a council officer, it will be kept in confidence.

Mark Reimer was welcomed as a new member. We welcome Mark and thank him for transferring to our council.

Vocations: Chairman, John Mastey reminds members that the video of Fr. Greg Mastey's homily at St Joseph is available to show potential new members and other interested groups. John asks that we all pray for vocations.

Deacon Tim Gapinski will be ordained as a priest on June 21st. His first mass will be at S.S. Peter & Paul's Church in Gilman on June 22nd. 4th Degree will be present as honor guard.

Two seminarians of the diocese will be ordained as deacons on June 7th.

Pro-life: Members are reminded that the upcoming pork chop bingo will be supporting the pro-life program. Donations toward the bingo prizes are welcome.

\$414.73 was collected at the roses for life weekend masses Jan 18 & 19th. Council will donate \$550 to the following: Prolife-Across America, Birth Line, New Beginnings, Benton County MCCL, Rum River Life Choices Center, & State MCCL. A donation of \$50 was also made toward Morality in Media.

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

The sign up for the traveling statue of the Blessed Virgin is complete through the 1st week of March. Knights interested in having the Statue of Mary in their home for a week are asked to contact Doug Novak at 387-2382. Nonmember families are also welcome, pass the word around.

A future project of the council is to do some facelifts to tombstones of priests in the cemetery. Hopefully we can bring a positive feedback to the council.

Community: Birth Line representative recently spoke to the faith formation students. Earlier the council donated \$100 to Birth Line for this program.

The council donated \$50 toward the Foley high school senior lock-in.

Members are asked to pray for the students receiving sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Knight of the Month: Brother Knight, Mike Wertish was awarded the February 2014 Knight of the Month. Congratulations Brother Knight, Mike and thank you for serving the council and for being active in the church and community.

Family of the Month: Brother Knight, Tony Matvick Family of the St. Joseph Parish was awarded the February 2014 Family of the Month. Congratulations to the Matvick Family and thank you for your support of the council and community.

Brother Knight Samuel Lieser Family received the Holy Family Statue from the Supreme Council. Congratulations Sam and your family.

The council approved \$400 gift to Fr. Leo Moenedick and Fr. Dan Walz, present and past council chaplains, covering their expenses for a winter fishing trip.

There are still openings for a couple bulletin advertisers. Please let financial security, Doug Novak know if you have an interested business.

Meeting jack pot was presented to Brother Knight, Ken Janson.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Jason Struffert. Sorry to announce he **was not present** to collect the \$40 prize.

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

Next meeting – March 4, 2014; rosary at 8:15pm.