

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Brother Knights:  
May the Lord be with you this Lenten Season!

Congratulations to Rob Stay our 2014 Knight of the Year! Rob recently retired after serving a full term plus a bit more as our district deputy. He volunteers as a Religious Ed teacher and is active in many ways in our council, church and community.

Congratulations to Thomas Gapinski family our 2014 Family of the year! Tom and his Family are certainly a great asset to our community. Their son, Timothy, is a deacon, due to become an ordained priest this June. They are members of Saints Peter & Paul Church. They are active in the church, the council and community.

We sent six men to the Catholic Men's Conference at St John's Abby on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker was Reverend Monsignor C. Eugene Morris, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. He spoke to us in the morning about evangelization, then after lunch break there was a Rosary led by Deacon Timothy Gapinski and another seminarian. The sacrament of reconciliation was offered with 12 confessors to handle a lot of guys in a short time. Workshops followed and the day concluded with celebration of the mass by Bishop Donald Kettler. Thanks to all who attended and to the council for supporting this ministry.

We will be holding a first Degree on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm, before the regular meeting. No fooling.

We will be handing out Easter treats to the children after mass again this year. Thanks to all who assist in doing this on Easter. The Tootsie Roll Drive is the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Interest volunteers are asked to contact me; it would be nice to see some new faces.

The pushing of wheelchairs for the Veterans to attend mass at the V.A. is on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has not done this may want to give it a try; it is a very rewarding experience.

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

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Leo Zimmermann introduced new District Deputy, Jamie Ranweiler. Communications were received from deceased member Gregory Melaska's family, thanking the council for prayers and support. Marilyn Mastey thanked the council for the gift basket at Christmas. Thank you from Mary Ann Kiharski for support to ProLife Across America. Thank you from Cathy Jesok of the local MCCL chapter. Also thank you from State MCCL council.

Council treasurer, Al Sobania reports the balance of the general fund is \$10,057.30.

**Chairman Reports**

**Membership:** A reminder to members: please send your check for \$30 annual membership dues to: Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105<sup>th</sup> 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, it will be kept in confidential. 4<sup>th</sup> degree members are asked to keep open June 22<sup>nd</sup> for Tim Gapinski's first mass after his ordination. This will be held at Saints Peter & Paul's Church in Gilman with 4<sup>th</sup> degree as honor guard. Also Gilman KC members will be assisting with the ordination luncheon at the Cathedral in St Cloud on June 21<sup>st</sup>, please be available.

**Vocations:** The council will be supporting two seminarians, Tim Gapinski and Tom Skaja with a \$500 donation each.

**Youth:** St John's Area School will have their annual Breakfast Fund Raiser on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Henry's Catering in Foley. Our council will support this event with a \$200 donation.

**Church:** May Crowning will be on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman, 8:00am mass. The 4<sup>th</sup> degree knights will be present as honor guard. Chad Thorsten informs the membership there is a new Kiosk in Saints Peter & Paul Church containing many publications. Look it over and support it by purchasing some of the items.

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

Please sign up for the traveling statue of the Blessed Virgin. Please take interest in having the 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:** Delegates to the MN State Convention will be: Leo Zimmermann and Eric Novak. Alternates: 1<sup>st</sup> – Chad Thorsten, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jamie Ranweiler.

Pork Chop Bingo held Feb 16<sup>th</sup> netted the council \$958.70 and quilt raffle netted \$289. \$400 of the proceeds will be donated to Support the Catholic Foundation of the St Cloud Diocese. Remainder of the funds will be supporting Pro-Life projects.

**Community:** Jamie Ranweiler informs the membership that the 2014 Tractor Fun Run will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is looking for any ideas you would have for new events to hold that day.

**Knight of the Month:** Brother Knight, Chad Matvick was awarded the March 2014 Knight of the Month. Congratulations Brother Knight, Chad and thank you for serving the council and for being active in the church and community.

**Family of the Month:** Brother Knight, Wayne Wilson Family was awarded the March 2014 Family of the Month. Congratulations to the Wilson Family

and thank you for your support of the council and community.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE**

DD Jamie Ranweiler announced this council will have the Blessed Virgin Icon at the May 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. The major degree for this district will be in the fall 2014. Continue to work on singing up new members. 1<sup>st</sup> degree in Gilman – April 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm. A new insurance agent will represent this area, meantime contact Jim Szczech General Agency at 252-7173.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE**

We are seeking a self-motivated individual to provide life insurance, annuity, long term care and disability services to our membership. This is a full-time contract position which would afford a qualified individual the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of being self-employed as well as extensive fringe benefits, i.e., health insurance, pension, etc. The Regional Office of the Knights of Columbus is currently interviewing for this position in your area. Should you know of someone who may have questions concerning this career opportunity, please contact our office.

Jim Szczech Agency, Knights of Columbus Insurance, 2 Second Ave S Ste #145, Sauk Rapids MN 56379; Phone 320/252-7173; E-mail: jim.szczech@kofc.org.

The council approved \$150 gift to Raeanne Athman toward the expenses for her trip to Steubenville.

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

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, William Moulzolf. Sorry to announce he **was not present** to collect the \$45 prize.

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

**Next meeting – April 1, 2014; 1<sup>st</sup> Degree initiation at 7:00pm.**