

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Eric Novak.

Our December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is an open meeting beginning with rosary at 7:15pm. This is our annual wine and cheese social, inviting our spouses and guests. The officers are requested to attend at 6:30pm prior to the regular meeting.

December 28<sup>th</sup> is HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY; the council invites everyone to partake in the afternoon activities of horse drawn trolley/sleigh rides and pot luck that follows. The rides are from 1:00 to 3:00, meal following will be ham & buns, hot chocolate and coffee. Be sure you bring your children and invite any potential new member and his family.

Our council is minus 2 in membership for the year, please work at getting new members.

This year our council is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for all school age children. Updates will be announced in the Tri-parish bulletin.

My wish is that you will all have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

**LECTORS PROGRAM**

Brittney and Laurie Skroch, daughters of member Leonard Skroch, thanked the council for the donation toward their expense to the rally at Steubenville. They spoke of their trip and visit to Sioux City Iowa Trinity Heights.

Reverend Scott Pogatchnik, director of vocations, visited the council and thanks the council for the support given the diocese and the 17 seminarians studying toward the priesthood. We are invited to the June 28, 2015 ordination. He is planning a pilgrimage to Rome with high school students. He asks us to

pray the luminous mysteries on Thursdays and continue to pray for priests of the dioceses.

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Eric Novak welcomed our guests and speakers. Foley High School Seniors thanked the council for the donation toward their graduation lock-in. A thank you was received from FOCUS for the support of Richard Fitzpatrick.

Council treasurer, Al Sobania reports the balance of the general fund is \$13,218.07.

**Chairman Reports**

**Membership:** Brother Doug Novak expressed the need for new members. Billings will soon be going out for 2015 membership dues. Paying on time makes his job much easier. At this time we have 44 honorary life members. These honorary life members have been making annual donations to council projects. We thank these worthy knights for being so generous.

We still have a number of members who haven't paid 2014 dues. If you've been contacted reminding you owe \$30 annual membership dues, please send your check to: Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.

Membership was reminded of the Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> deceased members mass at 8:00am at S.S. Peter & Paul church in Gilman.

**Youth:** David Lieser youth chairman presented the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest project to the students of the faith formation classes of the tri-parish area. Students of St. John's area school have been invited to participate.

**Community:** The council will donate the remaining \$160 from the Tractor Fun Run to the Ally Helmin fund raiser. Ally is daughter of Brother

Knight, Luke Helmin. Support the local fund raiser being held for Ally and pray for her and the family in this time of need.

The October 16<sup>th</sup> clergy banquet was well received and appreciated. Thank you to brother knights that participated.

December is the time the council puts together a gift basket for deceased member's wives. Members are asked to volunteer in putting the baskets together and help with the deliveries. Give your name to Eric Novak, Grand Knight at the December meeting.

Recently St Elizabeth parish of Brennyville received a picture of Pope Francis on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

The council is planning on participating in the wheel chair project. You are asked to present a name of someone that need's and would accept a wheel chair courtesy of the council. This will be discussed by council officers at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Vocations:** There will be gift cards sent to the 17 seminarians along with Christmas greetings. Seminarian Tom Skaja is sponsored by the council and will receive a \$1,000 gift from the council. Members are encouraged to write the individual seminarians, praying for them and thanking them for studying for the priesthood.

**Knight of the Month:** Brother Knight Rick Boeckman was named Knight of the Month for November 2014. Congratulations to Rick and thank you for being active in church, council, and community.

**HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY**

Holy Family Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup> the council is sponsoring horse drawn trolley/sleigh rides from

1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon with a pot luck meal to follow. They will serve ham and buns with hot chocolate and coffee. Come join us for this enjoyable event. Ware warm clothing and foot ware, blankets are available to throw over your lap.

**Potato Pancake Supper**

The council's annual potato pancake supper was held on Saturday evening, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The financial results amounted to a profit of \$1,150. Thanks to chairman, Rick Boeckman for organizing and everyone else who gave their time and talents. Thank you to individuals and area business for donating to the event. The council is looking for a replacement chairman for next year. Please come forward and volunteer.

**WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL – December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

At the December regular council meeting members, spouses and guests are invited to the open meeting and social. Snacks, wine and cheese will be included. This is an enjoyable time to visit, please join us.

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 Fr. Scott Pogatchnik, diocesan vocations director.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, John Pekarek who **was present** to collect the \$50 prize. Congratulations John and thanks for being present at our meeting.

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

**Next meeting – rosary at 7:15pm, open meeting at 7:30pm, December 2, 2014**