

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Eric Novak.

Again the Pro-Life Roses sale was a success. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. February 21st we will have six men attending the men's conference at St John's University. The time spent at the conference is always educational and enlightening. Thank you to our council for sponsoring the knights attending.

At the March 3rd meeting we will have someone from the 4th degree promoting membership. Hope we can have many members present. Pat Conn, insurance representative, will also be present at the meeting explaining the KC insurance program.

Our council is sponsoring meat raffles at the Other Bar in Foley. We have had two raffles and planning three more, March 6 & 20th and April 3rd.

Our pork chop bingo was successful, thanks to all that donated and worked. It was a fun time for all.

Please continue to work on membership. Our council needs to grow if it is to thrive.

With Lent upon us, let us be committed to the spirit of Lent, prayer and penance.

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Eric Novak read communications from deceased member's wives thanking the council for the gift baskets they received at Christmas time. Council treasurer, Al Sobania reported general fund balance was \$10,540.53.

Fr. Pierz General Assembly 4th degree will be visiting the council at the March regular meeting. They are introducing membership to the 4th degree and would like new members to join.

The next meeting being in Lent, there will not be a lunch at the end of the meeting.

Council will donate the usual costs of the lunch to CROSS Center.

The council has been contacted to work the meat raffles at the Other Bar in Foley beginning Feb 6th. Other dates will be March 6th & 20th and April 3rd. It takes a few workers from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Contact the Grand Knight if you can assist. The council will receive a donation from the gambling license holder.

Insurance representative of the Knights of Columbus will be giving a presentation at the March 3rd regular meeting we encourage you to attend.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Brother Doug Novak expressed the need for new members. Sixty members are unpaid for 2015 membership dues. Paying on time makes the record keeping job much easier. Please send your check (\$30/year) to: **Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.** If you missed paying your 2014 membership dues, include it with your 2015 dues.

Foreston Council is sponsoring the next major degree in April. Our council membership is minus 5 members from last year. We have on hand pamphlets to use when meeting potential candidates. Ask another member knight or officer to assist you when are out there talking to a new potential member to join the Knights. Request a form 100 membership application from the financial secretary.

Youth: The council was approached to contribute to the youth project "Cast Away Club" retreat on March 21st. Time did not allow the council to make a decision here in 2015. Next year 2106 the council will give this consideration.

Community: February 21st is the annual mens conference at Collegeville. Our council is covering

the registration fee. Contact Grand Knight or Doug Novak, Financial Secretary 387-2382.

Council: Workers for the pork chop bingo Feb 15th were reminded to be available for their assigned times. Chad Thorsten passed out advertising posters to distribute to area business.

Pro-Life: Roses for Life were distributed on Jan 24 & 25 at the Tri-Parishes. Members that volunteered to hand out lapel roses and accepted the donations were sincerely thanked. Donations amounted to \$395.62. Council moved to donate: \$50 State MCCL, \$100 to Benton County MCCL, \$100 to Pro-Life Across America, \$100 to Birth Line, and \$100 Rum River Crises Center.

DECEMBER 31, 2014 SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT

Membership at the end of the period was 266. Cash on hand general fund amounted to \$9,868.48, special account \$6,347.93. There are no current liabilities. Financial Secretary and Trustees were thanked for completing the audit in a timely manner.

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 Chad Thorsten.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Ronald Brenny who **was not present** to collect the \$30 prize.

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

Next meeting – rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm, March 3, 2015