

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Eric Novak.

Thank you to Brother Knights who attended the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and supporting our officers in the past two council years. Welcome to the new officers representing the Immaculate Mary Council in the coming year.

The months coming will be busy with picnics and celebrations involving our families and council. We encourage you to work together and be safe.

I offer my support to incoming Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman and the new officers.

Get your share of July 30<sup>th</sup> Gilman Day's raffle tickets to sell and promptly return them to ease our accounting.

Continue to work on membership and participate in the council activities. Thank you everyone.

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

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Eric Novak welcomed members to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Communications received since the last meeting were read: Doug Novak, reported from the public relations committee of the Fr. Pierz Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. The clergy banquet will be October 4, 2016 at St. Michael's parish in St. Cloud. June 4<sup>th</sup> there will be an ordination of two regular deacons and one transitional deacon and on June 18<sup>th</sup> two priests will be ordained in this diocese. Volunteers will be needed to serve the people attending the social following the ordination. Volunteers will also be needed to assist at the 4<sup>th</sup> degree brat sales being held at various places in St. Cloud area. Proceeds from these sales assist in supporting the clergy banquet each year.

**Chairman Reports**

Treasurer, Al Sobania reported the council treasury balance is \$5,297.17.

**Youth:** Arrangements are being made for the mass servers to attend the Rox baseball game

**Membership:** Fifty notices were sent out to members reminding to pay current annual dues. The 2016 membership dues are \$30. Please be sure to send your check payable to the Knights of Columbus to: **Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.** Do not drop it in the Sunday collection.

Past Grand Knights are asked to assist in dues collection.

Soon a local 1<sup>st</sup> degree will be scheduled. Every member is reminded to keep working on membership.

**Community Activities:**

Brother Knight Leo Zimmermann informs members the Gilman Day's raffle tickets are available. Forty-four prizes will be awarded, 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a 2016 Polaris sportsman 570 4x4 four wheel ATV or \$5,700 in trade at Jim's Snowmobile & Marine Holdingford, MN. Every council member is expected to participate in this activity. Get your raffle tickets from Rob Stay 387-2544. Jamie Ranweiler will be the council's contact person for the parade. We are in need to have a chairman to volunteer for the lunch and bingo stands on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Please come forward –thank you.

The council members and families met on April 25<sup>th</sup> for the spring road ditch cleaning. Participants were thanked for joining together and getting the activity completed.

**Vocations:** Members are asked to volunteer for the deacon and priest ordinations coming up in June at Cathedral in St. Cloud. Contact person is Doug Novak 387-2382.

**Church:** Chad Thorsten chairman reported the council supported the first communion and confirmation classes of the Tri-Parishes. A

donation of \$50 was made to the Christian Women for the graduating class baccalaureate brunch.

May Crowning was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00am mass in Gilman. Thirteen 4<sup>th</sup> degree honor guard were present. Thank you to all that participated.

**Council:** The annual Knights of Columbus Family Picnic is being planned for August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Gilman Park. Keep this date in mind when planning your summer activities.

A group fishing date is being planned.

**4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE – FR. PIERZ GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

It is happy to report that 117 new members joined the Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification in St. Cloud on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Doug Novak, Faithful Navigator 4<sup>th</sup> Degree welcomes the eight new members of our local council for joining the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Congratulations to these gentleman and thank you Doug Novak for your efforts in signing up new members.

**Knight of the Month:** April Knight of the Month was awarded to Brother Knight, Brian Teff. The May Knight of the Month was awarded to Robert Rueckert. We congratulate Brother Knights, Brian and Robert on receiving the honor of Knight of the Month. Thank you for your contributions to the council, church and community.

**Family of the Month:** The April Family of the Month was awarded to Brother Knight, Matt Connors Family. The May Family of the Month was awarded to the David Lieser Family. We congratulate the Connors and Lieser Families and thank them for their involvement in the church, community and council.

Meeting jack pot was awarded to Brother Knight, Richard Mastey. Congratulations Richard...

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Mike Wertish who **was present** to collect the \$60 prize.

**2016-2017 Council Officers**

Election of council officers was held at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Grand Knight – Rick Boeckman  
Deputy Grand Knight – Robert Rueckert  
Recorder – Wayne Wilson  
Financial Secretary – Doug Novak  
Treasurer – Alphonse Sobania  
Advocate – David Lieser  
Chancellor – Dale Novak  
Warden – Travis Janson  
Outside Guard – Jim Brown  
Inside Guard – Mike Gadacz  
Trustees–Eric Novak, Leo Zimmermann, Chad Thorsten

We thank these members for giving their time and talents in overseeing the leadership of our council and activities.

The new officers will be installed on June 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning with an evening mass, if it works out with the mass schedules.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

**Tootsie Roll Drive**

The council collected \$904.85 on the weekend of April 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>. Donations were collected \$451.59 at PoJo's by Doug Novak and his family. Gilman Parish \$297.76, Morrill \$72.50, Brennyville \$83.00. These funds were being offered to: St. Cloud Diocese education fund, Milaca DAC and State Special Olympic bowling tournament. Thank you brother knights who collected donations.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

Jamie Ranweiler, district deputy welcomes members to attend the general session of the May 14-15 State Convention in St. Cloud.

**Next meeting – June 7, 2016, mass at 7:00pm  
or rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.**