

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

The Holiday Season is upon us. Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas, of God sending His Son, Jesus into the world to be born as we enjoy this time with family and friends.

The potato pancake supper was another success. Thank you to all the Brother Knights that had any part in it.

Hope to see you at the next meeting where we will be having an open meeting with a guest speaker, followed with wine and cheese social.

I personally want to wish all Brother Knights and their Families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,  
Rick Boeckman, Grand Knight  
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**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman welcomed members to the November 1st regular meeting. Communications received since the last meeting were read

A report of the clergy banquet held by the 4<sup>th</sup> degree on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, was given by Doug Novak. Fr. Leo and Doug attended from this council. The clergy expressed great appreciation for being remembered and thanked the Knights of Columbus councils for sponsoring this event.

Public along with our brother knights and families partook in the 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Rosary was recited along with prayers and litanies. Fifty-seven participated at the highway grotto. Thanks to those who attended.

**Chairman Reports**

**Treasurer:** Al Sobania reports the council treasury balance is \$11,736.86.

**Youth:** The council will be sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest this year. Youth will submit their posters at the Holy Family Sunday celebration on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Local winners will be submitted to the next level competition. Students in CCD classes, students attending St. John's Area School and home school students are encouraged to partake in this activity.

Youth present at the fall pancake supper On October 29<sup>th</sup> were presented with Halloween treats.

**Membership:** Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. New members are needed to maintain growth in the organization. Materials are available to distribute to men interested in joining. Each member should be gathering names and contact phone numbers of men interested in joining and officers will follow up with them.. We also should be able to discuss with new members the activities of the knight's organization.

We have some members still remaining 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.

**Community Activities:**

Potato pancake – sausage supper was held Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Gilman church basement. Fred Novak and his family did a very fine job organizing and planning this event. We thank Fred and members and youth that helped to make this a successful activity. Please again volunteer when

asked to do so. The public is thanked for supporting this activity, including donations from area business. The profit amounted to \$1,066.

**Church:**

Lapel roses were being ordered for the Pro-Life activity the council sponsors in January.

**Council:** Council approved sponsoring a winter fishing trip for the chaplain and past chaplain of the council. Fr. Leo Moenedick and Fr. Dan Walz are invited as guest of the council. Expecting the weather to be cold enough for ice, December 11<sup>th</sup> will be our date for this event.

The council will be sponsoring a deceased members wives Christmas greeting. Fruits, cookies and candies are being procured. We'll need members help in preparing and delivering these greetings to the ladies. Please volunteer.

Members meet at the St. Cloud V.A. at different times to assist in pushing wheel chairs of veterans to Sunday Mass. The next scheduled date for this activity will be January 1, 2017. Let Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman know if you can assist.

**Holy Family Sunday**

Plans have been made for the council's participation in celebrating the Holy Family Sunday with horse drawn sleigh/trolley rides and a social event to follow. This will be held Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> sleigh rides begin at 1:00pm. We look forward to families to join in this celebration.

**December Meeting – Ladies Night**

At the December 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the council we are inviting members and their wives to an open meeting. We will serve wine and cheese and follow with a pot luck meal. A guest speaker is invited, try to attend this meeting and enjoy the evening with your brother knights.

**Vocations:** Members are encouraged to pray and support the seminarians of our diocese. The list of

seminarians can be found in the church entry and in the Visitor. Council will be supporting seminarian Thomas Skaja with a \$1,000 donation toward his education expenses. The council will be presenting each seminarian of the diocese with a Christmas greeting and a \$20 gift card.

**Knight of the Month:** November Knight of the Month was awarded to Brother Knight, Fred Novak. We congratulate Fred on receiving the honor of Knight of the Month. Thank you for your contributions to the council, church and community.

**Family of the Month:** Sam Lieser family was presented the November Family of the Month award. They are members of St Peter & Paul Parish of Gilman. Congratulations to the Lieser family and thank you for being active in church, council and community.

Council moved to donate \$150 to the Catholic Foundation Great Technology Giveaway. Other donations – Life Cycle Books \$209.

A request is made for a replacement for Doug Novak on the 4<sup>th</sup> degree public relations committee if interested – contact Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman, @ 320-293-1188. Thank you, Doug for keeping the council informed.

Meeting jack pot was awarded to Brother Knight, William Piotrowski. Congratulations Bill.

Name drawn for the Pot of Gold was Brother Knight, Nicholas Kapsner; sorry but he **was not present** to collect the \$45 prize.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

**Next meeting – December 6, 2016, rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.**