

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones.

God shows his love for us with the Easter gift of eternal life, may we show our love to mankind through endless acts of kindness. Charity is the Knights of Columbus foremost principal and is one way we can express our love.

The raffle tickets should be available by the time this newsletter is mailed out. Please do your part to help sell all the tickets again this year. This is our biggest fund raiser which allows us to do the good works we do each year.

We will be doing ditch cleaning April 29th at 9am. We will meet in the church parking lot. Please help if you are available. If we have at least 8 people it will make it a very easy task.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,
Rick Boeckman, Grand Knight
Tel: 320-293-1188

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman welcomed members and guests to the April 4th regular meeting.

Communications received since the last meeting were read.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. New members are needed to maintain growth in the organization. Members were informed of the results of the major degree on March 26th at Duelm. New member joining our council was Kurt Klaphake of the Morrill parish. Congratulations to Kurt and thank you for joining

the Knights. Each member should be gathering names and contact phone numbers of men interested in joining and officers will follow up with them. Materials are available to distribute to men interested in joining. We also should be able to discuss with new members the activities of the knight's organization. Please be active in seeking a new member and attending the next major degree.

Second notices of annual dues of \$30 for 2017 have been sent out. Please be sure to return your check payable to the Knights of Columbus and mail to: **Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.** Past Grand Knights are asked to assist in dues collection.

Community Activities:**Annual ATV Raffle**

The council needs an overall chairperson for Gilman Days, which is again being held the last weekend of July (July 27, 2017). Doug & Rob are in charge of the ATV Raffle. Please come forward and accept your duties if you are scheduled to help.

Tootsie Roll drive will be April 29th & 30th. Members will be asked to assist in passing out the tootsie rolls and accepting donations toward persons with special needs.

Ditch cleanup is scheduled for April 29th. We will meet at the Gilman church parking lot at 9am. Please be available to help with this community activity.

Plans are underway for baccalaureate breakfast for seniors of the tri-parish area. The council has moved to donate \$50 toward the expense

June 29th the council will sponsor an outdoor outing for the youth and sponsors of Milaca DAC. Walter Oltz has again offered his lake cabin on Platte Lake as the location to entertain the group. A fishing trip

for everyone attending is planned. Eric Novak is chairman.

Treasurer: Al Sobania, treasurer reports council general fund balance is \$8,868.93.

Church: May crowing is scheduled for May 7th 8:00am at S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman. Knights are asked to do the rosary prior to mass.

Council: Members able to assist in pushing wheel chairs at the VA are asked to help on May 7th morning mass at the VA Hospital.

Youth: A \$100 donation is being made to Foley area youth baseball.

Students interested in applying for assistance in higher education financing should contact the Minnesota Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund. Contact Rick Boeckman at 320-293-1188.

The council will be providing youth with a candy Easter treat following Easter Sunday masses.

Vocations:

Council is looking for individual donations to pennies for seminarians. Please consider a donation at the next council meeting.

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.

Seminarian, Timothy Gapinski is being given the March Pot of Gold drawing of \$60. Congratulations Brother Knight.

June 3rd members are asked to help cleanup at 1:30pm at St Mary's in St Cloud after the ordinations.

Other business of the council included donations to: Catholic Foundation – \$50 donation to charitable golf outing, \$50 donation toward 1st communion and confirmation classes.

Family of the year: 2017 Family of the year is awarded to brother Knight Walter Oltz and MaryAnn Oltz. We congratulate them on receiving this award and thank them for their service to church, community and council.

Knight of the year: 2017 Knight of the year is awarded to Brother Knight, Eric Novak.. Congratulations to our brother knight for his time and energy in support of council, church and community.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

4th Degree Knights will be serving brats at Coborns on Cooper July 7th, 2:30pm.

Next meeting May 2, 2017 rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

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