

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

During the busy holiday season remember to take time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas of God sending his Son, Jesus, into the world to save us.

As you ring in the New Year and are pondering your resolutions make one of them to be more active in your council. We really do need your help to keep our council going. We really appreciate anything you are willing to contribute, whether it is a new idea or help at one of our events. Thank you for all that you have done over the last year. It is much appreciated.

Hope to see you at the next council meeting.

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 welcomed members and guests to the December 5th meeting and social.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: Brother Knight, seminarian Tom Skaja sent Christmas greetings and thank you for the donation he received from the council toward his education expenses.

Thank you received from Birth Line for the donation they received. Wayne Wilson family thanked the council for support to them in Cindy's battle with cancer. Family of Pat Mastey thanks the council for the donation in helping with their baby's medical expenses.

Christmas greetings and personal letter were received from our foster child in Columbia.

Grand Knight invited members to help push wheel chairs for the veterans to Sunday morning mass at the V.A. on January 7, 2018.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. 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.

From our Financial Secretary, Doug Novak: Take notice the 2018 membership dues should be paid at this time... Please be sure to send your check payable to the Knights of Columbus and mail to: **Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.**

Community Activities:

Youth of the area including St. John's School and faith formation students are working on Christmas posters. Entries will be judged and forwarded to State competition. Thank you members that took charge of this event.

Widow basket project is in the planning. Members are asked to meet at 6:30pm or so on Dec 19th in the Gilman church basement to put together the gift bags. Council ordered fruit from Foley FFA and cookies from St. John's Area School. Share in this project and enjoy distributing to the deceased member's spouses. They really appreciate this gift and time to visit with us. Please be available to help.

Council:

Members are invited to sing Christmas carols to residents of the Foley Nursing center. This was scheduled for Sunday, December 10th.

Council moved to cover the cost of our council chaplain Fr. Leo on a winter fishing trip. This is rescheduled for January 2nd & 3rd, 2018.

A nice group of members and guests attended the December 5th meeting. Thank you to all that attended and enjoyed the treats that were prepared.

Council will advertise in the brochure of the Catholic Men's Conference along with the other councils of the area. Attendance is encouraged and those that experienced the event last year speak highly of it. Please sign up for the Men's Conference at St. John's at Collegetown.

Tina Peschel was thanked for providing the nativity figurines, new to the Christmas Crib by the church. Thanks to members that work on the Christmas Crib and lights at the grotto.

Upcoming activities of the council include the Roses for Life in January and pork chop bingo in February 2018. We'll need volunteers to help in the activities. Please come forward.

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.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE

Jamie Ranweiler, district deputy invites members to attend the January 7th district meeting at 7pm.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Alphonse Brenny. Sorry he wasn't present to claim the \$40 prize. Council jack pot: Fred Novak and Teresa Janson shared the cash drawing. Bottle of wine was each won by Linda Novak and Doug Novak. Jamie Ranweiler won the snowman decoration.

Regular council meeting January 2, 2018 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.