

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

The New Year is upon us.

With the inauguration of Donald Trump as our 45<sup>th</sup> President this month, let us pray that our political leaders set aside all the partisanship and can work together to accomplish what's best for our country in a way that supports our Catholic Faith.

Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our annual pork chop bingo. Please be willing to help if you are asked.

We really are in need of new members. If you know of someone that would make a good member, please talk to them. If you are uncomfortable doing so, let one of the officers know and we will get someone to visit with them. Thanks for all that you do.

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

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman welcomed members and guests to the January 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.

Communications received since the December meeting were read. Included were thank you from Catholic Foundation for the donation from our council. Also deceased member's wives thanked the council for the gift baskets and remembering them at Christmas. Thank you received from seminarian Tom Skaja for our donation and Christmas greeting. Luke Helmin family thanks the council for recitation of the rosary and remembering them at the time of their daughter, Allison's funeral. St John's Area School thanked the council for donation to the nonpublic school marathon.

Family of past brother knight Jerome Szczech thanks the council for prayers and reciting the rosary at Jerome's funeral.

**Chairman Reports**

**Membership:** Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. New members are needed to maintain growth in the organization. A formation degree video is available to be used in short notice of initiating a new member. Its use is being left up to the discretion of council officers. 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.

Current annual dues of \$30 for 2017 are now being collected. It would be greatly appreciated if you are a member with unpaid dues for 2106 or earlier years that you would bring your dues current. 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:****Holy Family Sunday**

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> the council celebrated the feast day The Epiphany of the Lord, Holy Family Sunday. Horse drawn trolley rides were given to the members and guests and concluded with a pot luck lunch. We thank the Novak family and officers for organizing this activity.

**Church: Pro-Life**

Lapel roses for the Pro-Life activity will be distributed on weekend of January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. The council sponsors this activity in support of Pro-Life. Thank you to volunteers and parish chairman who hand out the roses and accept the donations.

**Treasurer:** Al Sobania, treasurer reports council general fund balance is \$10,182.93.

**Council:** The proposed date for 2017 Family Picnic is August 20, 2017 at Gilman Community Park.

**Pork Chop Bingo**

Sunday February 12, 2017 is the annual Pork Chop Bingo to be held at S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman at 1:00pm. Proceeds of this event go toward support of local charitable causes. Invite your family and friends to attend. Volunteers are needed to assist in helping this event. Thank You.

An upcoming event is Tootsie Roll drive for persons with special needs. This is scheduled in the Month of April. Inventory of tootsie rolls were ordered.

Members interested in participating in the State bowling tournament being held in Hutchinson are encouraged to contact Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

**PAST LECTURES PROGRAM**

Patrick Norton was guest speaker to the members and spouses at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The council presented Patrick with a \$50 gift for his visit to us and telling his life experience of Sister Annella Zervas O.S.B.

For more information or a copy of the book in pamphlet form of Sister M. Annella Zervas, O.S.B., contact Patrick at (320)363-8607 or email him at [painterpat123@gmail.com](mailto:painterpat123@gmail.com).

**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.

**Audit – Period ending 12/31/16**

Council approved the year end semiannual audit at the Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Council has 122 insurance members and 144 associate members. General council funds amounts to \$10,182.93, savings account balance is \$3,348.87. Income during the six month period amounted to \$24,902.20 and disbursements \$22,627.15. The council does not have any liabilities. Thank you to trustees and other officers for completing this audit in a timely manner.

Other business of the council included donations to Morality in Media \$100 and Family Faith Formation \$600. Food license with Minnesota department of health was approved for the year's activities.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE**

General Agent, Jim Szczech informs the council the insurance representative for our council area is Andrew Kapsner agent. his contact telephone number: office 320-253-9345 or residence 320-468-7118. Contact Andrew or Jim with your questions or insurance needs.

Meeting jack pot was presented to Brother Knight, David Lieser. Congratulations Dave.

Name drawn for the \$50 pot of gold was Luke Helmin, sorry but he was not present to claim the prize.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

**Next meeting – February 7, 2017 rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.**