

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

The council's leadership is currently busy preparing reports to submit to the state on what we have been doing. Looking back over the last year we have been busy and can be proud of all that we have accomplished. We thank all the brother knights for all they do. We wouldn't be able to do without everyone's help whether it is sharing an idea, attending a meeting, volunteering to help at events or simply paying the annual dues.

Preparations are currently underway for the raffle. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Rob Stay, Doug Novak or me.

As we continue our Lenten journey we are reminded to take time to pray for today with all that is happening in the world with drugs alcohol and violence.

There is a major degree held in Duelm on March 26th. If you have not received your 2nd and 3rd degrees this is an opportunity to do so when it is so close to home. 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 March 7th regular meeting.

Communications received since the February 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 reminded of the major degree on March 26th at Duelm. Members should attend in support of candidates going through the initiation. We have 24 candidates planning on attending. 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 are now being sent out. Please be sure to send your check payable to the Knights of Columbus 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). Our council is intending to participate with the ATV Raffle and the food stand. Council applied for the necessary license and paid the \$100 fee. Donations toward the raffle are being accepted. If you or group of you want to go together and make a larger prize donation, please promptly let Rob Stay know (387-2544). Please come forward and accept your duties if you are scheduled to help.

Treasurer: Al Sobania, treasurer reports council general fund balance is \$10,318.42.

Council: Plans are underway for the 2017 Family Picnic on August 20, 2017 at Gilman Community Park.

Sunday February 12, 2017 was the annual Pork Chop Bingo held at S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman. Proceeds of this event amounted to \$810. It will be used to support local charitable causes. Chairman and workers were thanked for doing a fine job

Tootsie Roll drive for persons with special needs will be held April 29th & 30th. Give the council a hand helping with handing out tootsie rolls and collecting donations. Proceeds go toward the State's Tootsie Roll Fund Drive and then come back divided to our designated organizations.

Youth: St John's Area School announced they are having their spring raffle and breakfast on March 26th at Henry's Catering. Members and their families are encouraged to support this fund raising event.

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.

Vocations:

Council moved to support seminarian, Tom Skaja with a \$1,000 donation to be used toward his education expenses as he sees fit.

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.

Other business of the council included donations to:
Foley Care Center \$80,
Office of marriage and family \$200.

Members were informed the state student loan fund is looking for donations. You can make a donation through our council financial secretary, Doug Novak.

Knight of the Month: March 2017 Knight of the month is awarded to Brother Knight, Wayne Wilson. 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.

Meeting jack pot was presented to Brother Knight, Chad Barthelemy, congratulations Chad.

Name drawn for the \$60 pot of gold was Tim Gapinski, sorry but he was not present to claim the prize.

Next meeting April 4, 2017 rosary at 7:15pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

You can access the Minnesota State Council website to view the MN Knightly News. Google Minnesota Knights of Columbus and click on newsletters.