

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

The Holiday Season is upon us. As we enjoy Thanksgiving Day with family and friends with great food, let us remember to give thanks for the many blessings God has given us.

The potato pancake supper was another success. Thank you to Chairman, Fred Novak and those that helped make it a success.

Please make an extra effort to come to the December meeting. We will be having an open meeting inviting our wives and quests. Following the meeting is a wine and cheese social. Welcome a prospective member to join us. The meeting is intended to be brief so more time for visiting with our neighbors and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Brother Knights and your families.

Hope to see you at the next council meeting.

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

Grand Knight welcomed members to the November 7th regular meeting.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: St. Joseph Christian Women sent a thank you for the donation to the Box of Joy. Fr. Leo made the membership aware his retirement reception from the Army Reserves went well.

Sisters of Mary Morning Star thanked the council for the donation they received. The council was informed of a diocesan project where a speaker will be present in St. Cloud on December 1st to talk to the youth and on December 2nd the general public and any adults to attend.

The clergy appreciation dinner put on by the 4th degree went well. Thank you to members that were able to be present to help with the serving.

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: If you are delinquent of paying membership dues of \$30 for 2017. 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.** Past Grand Knights are asked to assist in dues collection.

Doug Novak informed council there is a major degree in St. Cloud on Nov 18th. We need new members, right now there are 50 lifetime members of the council. Latest lifetime member is Dennis Sopkowiak, congratulations Dennis.

Information about having a squire circle was discussed. Fr. Leo feels this is a good introduction of the Knights organization to young men. Membership chairman, Doug Novak commented this could be the needed pipeline to membership.

Treasurer: Brother Knight, Al Sobania reported the council general fund balance is \$11,476.10.

Community Activities:

There is interest in holding a Family Sunday Celebration December 31st again this year. A chairman is needed to organize the event. It doesn't take much to put it together and Doug Novak offered to contact the owner of the horse sleigh to reserve the date. A member(s) must help out and line things up. Please volunteer.

Along with this celebration, we have announced poster and essay contest winners. It involved the

youth from the faith formation classes and parochial school. Contact with their instructors is necessary. Let us see if we can get this together, contact Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman at 320-293-1188.

Potato Pancake/ Sausage Supper

The council's annual potato pancake supper was held October 28th in the Gilman Church basement. Brother Knight, Fred Novak was chairman of this activity and council thanks him for doing a fabulous job. The council earned \$1,166 on this function. It drew a nice crowd and a number of outsiders, it paid to advertise. Thank you Fred, for chairing this activity and thanks to members that pitched in and helped.

Youth: David Lieser made a Halloween treat for the youth that were at the potato pancake supper. Thank you David for working with this project.

Widow basket project is in the planning. Council ordered fruit from Foley FFA and cookies from St. John's Area School. A group of members need to gather at the December 5th meeting to schedule a time to put the baskets together. The deceased member's spouses really appreciate this gift and time to visit with us. Please be available to help.

Council: Our December meeting is an open meeting, inviting guests and our spouses to enjoy a wine and cheese social following the meeting. There will be hors d'oeuvres served. We'd appreciate if you could bring something to share. Rosary begins at 7:15pm and meeting to follow.

Council moved to cover the cost of our council chaplain Fr. Leo on a winter fishing trip scheduled for Dec 10-12, 2017.

Council Chaplain, Fr Leo Moenkendick will be retiring from his military service in the Air National Guard. We plan to express our appreciation to him at the December meeting.

Council moved to gift Seminarian Tom Skaja \$2,000 to help cover his education expenses. We thank him for continuing his studies toward the religious vocation.

Council will advertise in the Benton County News with a Christmas greeting and announce the mass schedule for Christmas.

A donation of \$200 was made toward the Cindy Wilson benefit. Also a \$200 donation was made toward Pat Mastey Family. Their baby has been hospitalized for 4 months with open heart surgery.

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.

Future function of our council will be the pork chop bingo in February 2018. Can you volunteer as chairman?

There are regalia changes in the 4th degree. We welcome new members to check this out Doug Novak has information to share with the membership.

The 4th degree regular meeting is December 21st at Mr. Jim's in Foley. Being it is close it is a good time to plan to attend

Regular council meeting December 5, 2017 (open meeting) at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm. Social hour to follow.