

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter. According to the calendar it is spring but looking outside it is hard to believe. Sounds like we might be turning the corner soon.

Sunday April the 15<sup>th</sup> we had four men go through the first degree exemplification ceremony. We welcome and thank them as new Brother Knights. Welcome Luke Lorenz, Jamie Struffert, Sutton Connors, and Jeremy Kapsner.

May is the Month of Our Lady. Remember to take time to pray to Mary.

All brother knights that have been selected Knight of the Month for the last year are asked to please come to the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting so we can present you with your certificate.

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

Grand Knight welcomed members to the April 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting. Communications received since the last meeting were read: Seminarian Tom Skaja wrote thanking the council for the generous contribution toward is education expenses. He also requested we continue to pray for the theology students and the seminarians soon to become deacons. Thank you received from Richmond faith formation for the technology donation. St. John's Area School requested support to their spring breakfast and raffle. Council approved \$200 toward their function.

Council received notice the ATV raffle license was approved. Rob Stay is arranging printing of 2,000 raffle tickets.

**Treasurer:** Al Sobania reported the council general fund balance is \$8,306.06.

**Chairman Reports**

**Membership:** Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. There is a new member application available on-line. See the supreme website for further information. Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30am there was a 1<sup>st</sup> degree initiation held in S.S. Peter & Paul Church basement. Four members received their first degree. 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 105<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.** Lifetime members are welcome to make a dues donation to be applied toward college student's dues. Thank you brother knights for your generous donation. Financial secretary has a supply of rosaries; contact him if you need one.

**Culture of Life:** Rob Stay chairman informs the council we are asked to grille hot dogs and brats for the faith formation final class on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The parents will be attending this class and be at an adult formation while the students are in class. Also, continue to pray to end abortion.

**Community Activities:**

Wayne Wilson oversees the traveling statue of Mary. He'd appreciate hearing from you about having this Statue visiting your home for daily rosary. Contact Wayne at 320-266-2553. We have located the second Statue of Mary. This activity is open to all members of the parish. Inquire with a member of your parish if they would like to be part of this activity.

The summer fishing trip for the DAC group will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Platte Lake We again thank Wally Oltz for being so generous in offering his property to hold this activity.

Road side cleanup will take place in May, when we can see the weather cooperates.

4<sup>th</sup> degree knights will serve brats at St Cloud, Coborns on Cooper. We'll be looking for volunteers to help work the stand. Proceeds go toward supporting the appreciation dinner for the clergy.

**Council:**

Members David Lieser and Mike Gadacz are on the slate of officers to be voted on at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting We need a few more members to come forward to fill some vacant officer positions.

April 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Help will be needed to pass out tootsie rolls at the masses and collect donations. Doug Novak volunteered to be at PoJo's store on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Grand Knight announced the Knights of the Month from May 2017 through May 2018.

Members were: Wayne Wilson, Wally Oltz, Richard Mastey, Greg Novak, Dave Lieser, Fred Novak, Al Sobania, Fr. Leo Moenedick, Leo Zimmermann, Chad Thorsten, Rob Stay, Mike Wertish, and Jamie Ranweiler. These members are requested to attend the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to receive their awards.

**Family of the Year & Knight of the Year**

Council has awarded the honor Family of the Year to Kenneth Janson Family of the Gilman Parish. Congratulations to the Janson Family.

The Knight of the Year award is presented to Brother Knight James Brown of St. Joseph's Parish of Morrill. We congratulate Jim Brown of receiving this honor.

We thank both members for being active in council, church and community.

Delegates to the Minnesota State KC Convention were nominated and approved by vote: 1<sup>st</sup> delegate Rick Boeckman, Grand Knight; alternate Eric Novak, trustee. 2<sup>nd</sup> delegate David Lieser, alternate Rob Stay, PGK. The convention is held in Rochester on May 18, 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>.

Donations to the State Funds: Pennies for Seminarians, Jim Campbell Fund and Student Loan were approved at \$217 each.

**Youth:** Chairman David Lieser and his committee are thanked for passing out Easter treats to children following Easter morning celebrations.

**Church:** May Crowning will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8am. The Fr. Pierz General Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> degree knights will be present for honor guard. A good representation of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members and families are welcome to be present to recite the rosary.

Baccalaureate Mass will be held on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Council approved a \$100 donation toward the expenses of this celebration.

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.

Council approved \$200 donation each to sick members and family's Steve Kummet and Doug Rozeski. Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Gerard Stellmach. Sorry he wasn't present to claim the \$60 prize.

Council jack pot: Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight Leo Zimmermann. Congratulations to Brother Leo.

**Regular council meeting May 1st, 2018 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.**