

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, David Lieser

As we make our way through Advent and towards Christmas, I would like to remind everyone to remember the true meaning of Christmas. But just merely remembering that Jesus is the true reason for this Christmas season isn't enough though. Challenge yourself to SHOW people what we as Catholic Knights are all about, go out of your way to DO something and make a noticeable difference in our world. Something small can make a big difference in the life of someone who may be having a difficult time during this joyous season.

A big thank you to Brother Jim Jesok and Brother Wayne Wilson for spearheading the Christmas baskets for the widows of our deceased members, this is one of the small things that we as Knights can do to brighten the day of someone in our community.

Remember that we will be celebrating Holy Family Sunday, December 30th, by having Horse Drawn Trolley rides at the church in Gilman from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. There will be lunch and pot luck and snacks to follow. There will also be games for kids and adults. All are welcome so please tell your friends and neighbors.

Lastly but certainly not least, I would like to wish everyone and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Blessed New Year.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,
David Lieser, Grand Knight
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COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight welcomed members to the December 4th deceased members mass and open meeting with wine and cheese social.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: Thank you from Seminarian, Tom Skaja for the Christmas donation he received. Gilman Christian Women thanked the council for the Box of Joy donation. Tri-parish faith formation thanked the council for our support. Council received request for financial support from Diocese of St Cloud seminarian Nathaniel Daubner. He is making a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Council approved a \$200 donation. Catholic Foundation requests support for the technical needs of the diocese. Council approved \$200 donation.

Treasurer: Al Sobania reported the council general fund balance is \$9,375.26.

Chairman Reports

Membership: New members are still needed. Continue to contact men to join our organization. At the same time contact the 26 outstanding members who are delinquent in payment of their dues. Contact financial secretary, Doug Novak that you'd like to help. Have their check sent payable to the Knights of Columbus and mail to: **Financial Secretary Doug Novak 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.** Congratulations Ken Wolf in receiving the honor of Lifetime membership. A reminder to all lifetime members you are welcome to make a dues donation to be applied toward college student's dues.

Since our last meeting, Brother Knight Marcellus Theisen passed away. Our rosary prior to January 1st meeting will be in memory of Brother Knight Marcellus.

Community Activities:

Council approved a donation of \$150 to the public relations committee to be used toward the **Keep Christ in Christmas** billboard advertising in the St Cloud area and the Men's Conference booklet.

Members were asked to help prepare Widow Baskets prior to Christmas.

Family: Family of the Month: Family of the Month award was presented to Jason Spiczka Family of S.S. Peter & Paul Parish of Gilman. Congratulations to the Spiczka Family. Thank you for your support to Council, Church & Community.

Church: The celebration **HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph** is Sunday, **December 30th**. Mike Gadacz family has organized a family event from 1pm to 3pm at S. S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman. There will be .Horse trolley rides beginning at 1pm. Lunch and hot chocolate will be served. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. You are invited to bring a new member and their family to attend this social. Thank you.

Vocations: Brother Knight Rob Stay informs the membership there is a local support vocations project of the diocese. Proceeds of the sale of a new book "By His Mercy" will go toward diocesan vocations. This is a collection of personal stories of area adult experiences of God's mercy. There is a good write-up in the November 30th issue of The Visitor. You can obtain a copy of the book at the St Cloud Book Shop. The council approved \$200 go toward purchasing copies of the book and place them in each of the tri-parishes to go out on loan for parishioners to read and return.

We wish every seminarian a Very Merry Christmas. Our council invites members to contact seminarians of the diocese. See the November 2nd issue of the St Cloud Visitor for a full page photo of them and contact information of the seminarians.

In June 2019 there will be deacon ordination of four seminarians in St Cloud. Plan now to keep this time open to help with the social event that follows.

Council:

On January 2, 3, & 4th, 2019 the council will have the annual fishing trip for the local clergy. If you wish to join members and Fr. Leo on this trip, contact Doug Novak 387-2382.

February 10, 2019 the council will hold the annual pork chop bingo. Council applied for the state gambling permit. Please help with this activity if you are available. Thank you.

Pro-life: January is Pro-Life Month. We are asked to support the Pro-Life collection and pray for an end of abortion.

Knight of the Month: Grand Knight, David Lieser presented - Knight of the Month Award to Ken Janson. Congratulations Ken and thank you for your dedication to council, church and community.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Brother Knight, Greg Garceau; sorry he was not present to claim the \$35 prize.

Council jack pot: Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight, Rich Mastey and guest Rhonda Stay. Decorated Mr & Mrs snowman donated by Doug Novak was won by Leo Zimmermann. Bottles of wine were won by Wally Oltz and MaryKay Spiczka. Congratulations to Brother Knights and spouses.

Regular council meeting January 1st 2019 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.