

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Rick Boeckman.

As we enter the final stretch of winter we have started the Lenten season. Lent is a time for us for reflection and preparation for Easter. May we all set aside some time from our busy lives to do some reflection on our relationship with God and the church.

Thank you to all brother knights that helped make the pork chop bingo a success again. A special thank you to Chad Thorsten for chairing this event.

The next few months are less busy for our council which gives us time to think about some possible new activities the council could participate in. We would love to hear of any ideas you may have.

It was nice to have a lot of brother knights at the last meeting. We want to continue it and ask that each member make an effort to attend a meeting. Let us know your ideas on how our council can change to get you excited about being an active member. Hope to see you at the March 6th meeting.

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

Grand Knight welcomed members to the February 6th meeting. New member Tom Wolak was welcomed.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: A number of thank yours were received from deceased member's wives for the gift baskets they received at Christmas time. They appreciate being remembered and the visits they receive. Members who volunteered were thanked. Thank you received from Sisters of Morning Star for the donation they received from the council.

Grand Knight thanked members of who helped push wheel chairs for veterans on Sunday morning mass at the St Cloud V.A., January 7th 8:00am.

Jim Jesok reported on the fishing trip with Fr. Tom & Fr. Leo. They appreciate being remembered and invited. They thank the council for sponsoring this activity.

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. There is a new member application available on-line. See the supreme website for further information.

Take notice the 2018 membership dues should be paid at this time... We have 221 members and only 140 have paid so far. 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.** Lifetime members are welcome to make a dues donation to be applied toward college student's dues. We want to retain membership and perhaps this will help defer the student's expenses while attending college. Thank you brother knights.

Pro-Life: Rob Stay chairman reports we still need to pray to end abortion. A \$100 donation is being made to National Center of Sexual Exploitation.

Roses for Life

Council participated in Pro-Life weekend January 20 & 21st. Member knights handed out lapel roses and collected donations for Pro-Life projects. Members were thanked for being available and helping. S.S Peter & Paul Gilman collected \$226.00; St Elizabeth's Brennyville collected \$86.60; and St Joseph's Morrill collected \$69.60. Proceeds are donated to Benton County MCCL \$100; Minnesota MCCL \$100; Pro-Life Across

America \$100; Rum River Life \$100; and Birth Line \$100.

Community Activities:

The council received a group picture of the Milaca DAC along with \$100 and a huge thank you for sponsoring the summer fishing trip to Platte Lake. This activity is well attended by the young people and their chaperons. Many of the participants have little if any outside activities, so they really appreciate this opportunity to social and recreate. The funds will be applied toward expenses of the 2018 fishing trip. Wally Oltz commented he would offer his property again, proposed date June 21st, 2018

Pork Chop Bingo

February 11th the council held the annual pork chop bingo in benefit of St. John's Area School. Chad Thorsten stepped up again and chaired the activity. A complete report will be given at the March 6th meeting.

Council:

Council has plans to again be part of the Gilman Days being held July 27-29th. Grand Knight inquired with Scott Paggen of Jim's Snowmobile and Marine and he would again make a 4-wheel ATV available for the raffle drawing. Membership moved to continue with this fund raiser activity.

This activity is again looking for a chairman and any changes or ideas about the food stand Your ideas are welcome. Bring them to future meetings for discussion. Think about it.

Jim Jesok reported on the Catholic Mens Conference at Humphrey Auditorium, St. John's University. He states this is very good conference to attend. You can get a lot out of it. The council advertised in their brochure and covered the cost to attend. Any member not reimbursed should contact financial secretary.

Jim Jesok makes a suggestion that each member should invite a fellow member to attend the next council meeting. Great idea, see if you can be helpful in getting more members to meetings.

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.

DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE

Jamie Ranweiler, district deputy reports that on Tuesday, January 16th 7:00pm Patrick Maloney from the supreme council in New Haven, Connecticut spook about maintaining an active council. Members and guest councils of the area attended. Jamie thanks the Gilman Council for sponsoring this event.

Council moved to donate \$200 to Sisters of Morning Star

Semi Annual Audit**July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017**

Membership at end of council period was 261. Income during the past six months amounted to \$34,068.04 and disbursements \$23,353.01. Net balance on hand \$10,715.03. Other assets savings \$3,351.87. Total current assets \$14,066.90. No liabilities. Audit approved by membership "February 6, 2018. Signed by trustees and Grand Knight.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Marcel Tadych. Sorry he wasn't present to claim the \$50 prize.

Council jack pot: Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight Doug Novak. Congratulations to Brother Doug.

Regular council meeting March 6, 2018 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.