

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!

Through Jesus' resurrection on Easter, God shows his love for us with the gift of eternal life, may we show our love to mankind through endless acts of acts of kindness. Charity is the Knights of Columbus foremost principal and is one way we can express our love.

Attention, our council is very much need of help to continue doing all the good things we do throughout our church, and community. We need some fellow knights to volunteer to take on officer positions. Most of the positions require very little additional time commitment. Please volunteer or be willing to be an officer if you are asked. It is rewarding and an easy way to give back to the community and help others in need.

This year's raffle tickets are going to be printed soon. Please do your part to help sell all the tickets again this year. This is our biggest fund raiser which allows us to do the many things we do throughout the year. Hope to see you at the next council meeting.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,  
Rick Boeckman, Grand Knight  
Tel: 320-293-1188

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight welcomed the nice crowd of members to the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. He encourages members to continue attending and invite another member to the meeting. Communications received since the last meeting were read: Thank you from MCCL, Birthline, Crosier Apostolate, and more thank yous were received from deceased member's wives for the gift baskets they received at Christmas time. Deceased member Jim Bauer's wife, Maxine Bauer gifted the council \$20.

**Treasurer:** Al Sobania reported the council general fund balance is \$10,461.16.

**Chairman Reports**

**Membership:** Continue to make contact with men to join the knights. We 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. A first degree initiation is planned for Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> following the 8am mass at S.S. Peter & Paul. Gather in the church basement, degree starting at 9:30am. A volunteer is needed to help with the vacancy in the degree team. Financial secretary informed that the council had to suspend 7 members due to major delinquency of dues payment.

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. We want to retain membership and perhaps this will help defer the student's expenses while attending college. Thank you brother knights.

**Culture of Life:** Rob Stay chairman reports we still need to pray to end abortion.

Rob & Rhonda Stay have volunteered to be the Domestic Chair Couple. This position helps build domestic church programs.

**Community Activities:** February 11<sup>th</sup> the council held the annual pork chop bingo in benefit of St. John's Area School. Chad Thorsten gave a financial report of the activity. Proceeds amounted to \$2,104.50, expenses \$960.59. Event netted \$1,143.91. Thank you to members who made \$10 donations toward the prizes. We thank Chad and Rick for chairing the activity.

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.

**Council:**

A slate of officers will be presented at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. We need a few officers to come forward to fill some vacant positions.

Council has plans to again be part of the Gilman Days being held July 27-29<sup>th</sup>. Membership moved to continue with this fund raiser activity. There are 52 prizes on the chance tickets, ordering 2,000 tickets to sell. The license is being obtained and headed to the printer.

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 reminds 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. We welcome you to become a regular attendant.

**Lector:** Membership is reminded to attend the Divine Mercy Sunday services on April 8, 2018 at S.S. Peter & Paul parish.

**Youth:** Our council will pass out to children an Easter treat following Easter morning celebrations. If you are able – please help by giving a hand.

**Church:** Seminarian, Tom Skaja was given an Easter gift of \$1,000 for the purpose of covering his education expense.

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.

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.

Council moved to donate \$100 to Pro-Life Action Ministries. They do sidewalk counseling to stop abortions. \$50 donation is made to Foley senior lock-in. \$100 donation is being made to Foley youth baseball association. \$100 donation was made to St. Cloud Diocese of Scouting. \$200 donated each to Olivia and Ella Stay toward the costs attending Stubenville youth camp. \$200 is being donated to faith formation for the First Communion and Confirmation classes. \$40 was donated to Foley Cross Center representing the absence of lunch in lent.

**Council pot of gold:** Name drawn was Chad Baron. Sorry he wasn't present to claim the \$55 prize.

**Council jack pot:** Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight Jim Kampa. Congratulations to Brother Jim.

**Regular council meeting April 3, 2018 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.**

**HAPPY EASTER to every one!**