

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, David Lieser

Easter is upon us and the birds can finally be heard after what may have seemed like a never ending winter. We have a few things going on right now within the council, one of them being the annual ditch cleaning that our council takes care of. The date has not been set, but please be willing to lend a hand if you are asked. Or better yet, give me a call and volunteer!

The raffle tickets for the Gilman Days 4-wheeler raffle are in the works and will soon be distributed. Please step forward to take a book or two so that we can sell out tickets this year. Remember this is our biggest fund raiser of the year.

The time is coming for the council to nominate officers again. I'm asking for fellow members to take some time to think and pray about becoming an officer for our council. Most positions entail almost no work and it can be a very rewarding position to put yourself into. Please contact me if you have any questions.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter season, and hope to see some new faces at our next meeting on May 7th.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,
Dave Lieser, Grand Knight
Tel: 320-387-3030

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight welcomed members to the April 2nd meeting.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: Thank you from seminarian, Tom Skaja for the \$1,000 donation and gift card he received from the council. Also a number of thank yous were received from other seminarians for the gift cards and prayers. Rhonda Stay thanks the council for the contribution to faith formation program. Thank you from students and staff of St.

John's area school for our donation to the technology program, also received a \$20 donation toward the pork chop bingo from Principal Kristine. .

Thank you from MCCL and Rum River Crises Center. They each received \$402 from the bingo we held.

Treasurer, Al Sobania reported the council general fund balance is \$6,415.38.

Chairman Reports

Membership: Adam Kasella is a new member joining the council. Thank you Adam for joining. We need to 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. Council is working on a date to hold a 2nd & 3rd degree. Please plan on assisting when the date is set.

From our Financial Secretary, Doug Novak: Take notice the 2019 membership dues should be paid at this time. Contact has been made with members with unpaid dues. 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.**

We are happy to announce Life Time Membership has been awarded to Brother Knight, Richard Zimmer. Congratulations Richard on receiving Honorary Life.

Church Activities: Please remember June 8th to assist with the ordination of Seminarian, Thomas Skaja as traditional deacon at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. Our council will be responsible for serving lunch to the guests attending. Please give your time and energy to help out.

During the Lenten season Wednesday was an hour long all day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the time following Easter there is plan to continue with the all day adoration on Wednesdays. It is preferred to have two or more groups attending at one time. We'd like to have brother knights, families and others give this consideration. Please take the opportunity to be involved.

Council moved to offer a gift to first communicants. Grand Knight will put a gift bag together to present to the students.

Pro-Life: Rob Stay spoke to members about the present showing **UNPLANNED** a movie at a St Cloud theater. It has a lot to think about and recommends seeing it.

Community Activities:**Tootsie Roll Drive**

The last weekend of April, the 26th-28th is the State Council Tootsie Roll fund raiser supporting the persons with special needs. Help will be needed to collect donations to support this program. Please join us.

Council Activities:

Plans are underway for 2019 Gilman Days 4-wheel raffle being held July 27th. Rob Stay is overseeing the raffle prizes: and ordering the books. There are 50 prizes. Raffle tickets will soon be available. Each member should be selling tickets. There is a lunch stand and bingo stand which will need your help also participation in the parade. Please help when asked.

As the weather improves the council will hold a roadside cleanup. Please keep aware of this project in the weeks ahead.

June 25th is date scheduled for the special needs fishing trip at Platte Lake. Wally and Mary Ann Oltz are again providing their lake property to the council for this activity. If a council member or an acquaintance of yours has a pontoon which could

be used for that day, we'd appreciate the offer of its use. We have a very generous brother knight and his wife making their property available for the enjoyment of those participating. Thank you Wally and Mary Ann.

FAMILY PICNIC

August 11th is the date scheduled for the council family picnic. Reservation of the park shelter at Gilman Community Park has been made Mark this date on your calendar. This will again be a pot luck early evening meal, council providing main meat and refreshments. Families are welcome along with deceased member's wives and proposed new members. Please join us.

Youth Activities:

A request from Ella Stay was received to help support her trip to Steubenville conference this summer. Council approved a \$100 donation for this cause.

May 1st is the last session of the faith formation classes. Religious staff has asked for the councils assistance in supporting the family meal planned for students and parents. Rob Stay has volunteered to be the cook. Other members are asked to help with this activity.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Ernie Lewandowski, he was not present to claim the \$30 prize.

Council jack pot: Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight, Fr. Leo Moenkedick. Congratulations to Fr. Leo. Thank you for being involved with the knights and leader of the church and community.

**Regular council meeting May 7, 2019 at 7:30pm.
Rosary at the Grotto at 7:15pm.**