

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, David Lieser

We had a great turnout at our December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting; it was great to see so many fellow knights attend our annual wine and cheese social; it would be great to see that many men at every meeting all year long. Please make an effort to attend a meeting this coming year.

A big thank you to all who assisted in assembling and distributing the gift baskets for wives of deceased members again this year. This is a very fulfilling project and everyone who helps really enjoy themselves.

Remember we will be celebrating Holy Family Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, with the children's Christmas pageant, starting at 12:30pm, followed by a Horse Drawn Trolley ride at the church in Gilman from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. There will be lunch and pot luck and snakes 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,  
Dave Lieser, Grand Knight  
Tel: 320-387-3030

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight welcomed members and guests to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting and thanked all for participating in the deceased members mass and hour of adoration. Our rosary at the next month's meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> will be for Margaret Szafranski, the spouse of our deceased brother knight, Frank Szafranski. Also want to remember Barbara Aman, mother of brother knight Briyan Aman.

Grand Knight reminds everyone of the upcoming Holy Family Sunday celebration December 29<sup>th</sup>.at S.S. Peter and Paul Church.

Communications: Thank yous received from Christian Women of St. Joseph's parish for the donation received from the knights. Thank you from diocesan technology program for the donation they received. Thank you from our sponsor child from Columbia.

Grand Knight reminds us to meet with our insurance representative, Joe Furey. An annual review of your insurance program is a value to you and your family. Joe would like to meet with all the individual members. Call him at phone 290-9832 to set up an appointment.

**Chairman Reports**

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer, Al Sobania reported council general fund balance is \$10,224.51.

**Membership:** Council major degree is now scheduled for March 15, 2020. Grand Knight welcomes members to attend and congratulate our new members for joining the Knights. Please keep contacting men to join our organization.

Financial Secretary proposes an idea of billing for membership via internet, using email to save costs. Members feel this would work – provide council with your email address. Keep in mind your responsibility of membership dues. Financial Secretary can be reached at 387-2382.

Life Time members are welcome to make a free will donation of their choice. Mail your check payable to the Knights c/o Doug Novak, financial secretary at 13944 105<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.

**Church Activities:**

We are again invited to participate in adoration **throughout the day on Wednesday's** following 8:00am mass at S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman. Fr. Matthew announced he will be available for sacrament of reconciliation from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, prior to the closing of adoration.

January is pro-life month. Please be prepared to assist in passing out lapel roses at the masses of area parishes. Donations will be made to Pro-Life Actions from monies collected. Thank you for donating and assisting.

**Community Activities:**

Members are requested to assist in participating in the widow basket project. If available, help fill the gift bags and deliver them to our deceased member's wives. New faces are always welcome. Grand Knight will announce the time to meet.

**HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY**

Holy Family Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> will again be celebrated at S.S. Peter & Paul Church, beginning with a youth pageant at 12:30pm followed by horse & carriage rides from 1-3pm. Pot luck lunch will follow. Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners will be honored with a cash prize. This activity is open to everyone of the community. Come and join the celebration.

**PORK CHOP BINGO**

Council will hold the annual Valentine Pork Chop bingo on February 16, 2020. Members are welcome to make donations toward the pork chop prizes. Proceeds will be contributed to area organizations. If a member has a charity needing funds, please bring it to attention of council officers. The event will be held in basement of S.S. Peter & Paul Church on Sunday on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. We welcome everyone.

**Youth Activities:**

Youth are welcome to compete in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Prizes will be awarded at the Holy Family Celebration on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Vocations Activities:** In the spring of 2020 Seminarian Thomas Skaja will be ordained to the priesthood; Council will meet with Brother Thomas to order his personal mass vestment. Community should plan on attending this ordination celebration this spring.

Contact was made with resort at Lake of the Woods regarding reserving January 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for fishing trip with area priests. Members wishing to join the trip at their own expense, need to contact Doug Novak at 387-2382 if interested, (limited space).

Members are encouraged to pray for brother knights and families sick and in distress.

**Council pot of gold:** Name drawn was Mark Lentner. Sorry to announce he was not present to collect the \$30 prize.

**Council jack pot:** Cash drawing was awarded to guest, Linda Zimmer and Brother Knight, Fred Novak. Congratulations Brother Knight, Fred Novak, for being active in council, community and church activities. Names drawn for a bottle of wine refreshment were Al Sobania and Teresa Lieser.

**Regular council meeting January 7, 2020 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.**