

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, David Lieser

First off I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the pork chop bingo this year, it was very much appreciated. We are able to give a couple of nice donations to St. John's Area Catholic School and the Rum River Life Choices Center to put toward the use of buying a new ultrasound machine.

A reminder to all members who have not paid their annual dues yet, we will be sending out a second notice soon. Please don't risk losing your membership, and some of the benefits that come with it, in this great organization. If you have fallen on hard times or just need a bit of help, please don't hesitate to let us know. We will maintain confidentiality, willing to help out, but need to know first.

With Lent coming soon, I urge all members to start think about what they might want to do (or not do) for the Lenten season. Try and make an effort to go out of your way to do something extra for someone on a regular basis this season. Let us show people what a Knights of Columbus is truly capable of. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

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

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight welcomed members to the February 5th meeting and thanked the members planning to attend the pork chop bingo coming up Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: A number of Thank yous were received from deceased members spouse, thanking for being remembered at Christmas and receiving their fruit baskets.

**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.

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 105<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.**

A new member initiation was held on Sunday, Jan13, 2019 at 9:30am following the 8:00 mass at SS Peter & Paul church basement. Welcome new members George Brenny and Jason Brenny. A future 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree initiation will be scheduled. Gilman council will sponsor the degree.

**Church Activities:****Roses for Life**

January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> council handed out lapel roses and pro-life stickers. Funds collected were:\$166 at Gilman, \$25 at Brennyville and \$96 at Morrill. This \$287 will be used to support Pro-Life projects. Thank you to brother knights helping with the project.

Pray for brother knights and families sick or in distress.

Members are encouraged to pray and support the seminarians of our diocese. The list of seminarians can be found in the church entry. Brother Knight, Seminarian Tom Skaja will be ordained permanent Deacon and 3 seminarians ordained as traditional deacons June 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Cathedral. Gilman council is scheduled to assist with serving and cleanup at this event. Your help in needed – please volunteer and signup with Grand Knight.

**Community Activities:****Pork Chop Bingo**

February 10<sup>th</sup> was the annual pork chop bingo in benefit of needs of the community. The proceeds from this event were going to St John's Area School and Rum River Crises Center. Workers were requested and sponsors of packages of chops are welcome. Thank you to Dave Lieser for chairing the event.

**Council Activities:**

Plans are underway for 2019 Gilman Days. An overall chairman is needed and raffle prizes should be solicited.

Council is sponsoring 9 members planning to attend the Catholic Men's Conference being held at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Event is sponsored by the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family, call 320-252-4721 for more information; register in person or by website, [www.stedio.org/mensconference19](http://www.stedio.org/mensconference19).

Minnesota State convention is coming up in Alexandria on May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Also the Supreme convention is coming to Minnesota this year. Help is requested. It would be a good time to witness these functions and volunteer to help,

Leo Zimmermann presented the December 2018 semiannual audit and requesting its approval. Audit was approved. Trustees, financial secretary and treasurer were thanked for its preparation.

Wally Oltz has offered his lake property as the location for the youth fishing outing this summer of 2019, Wally and Mary Ann have been super generous, and we greatly thank them.

Future advertising in the Catholic Magazine (formerly the Visitor) will require two months prior notice.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Chad Baron; he was not present to claim the \$20 prize.

Council jack pot: Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight Leo Zimmermann. Congratulations to Brother Leo. Thank you for being active in council, church and community.

The March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will slightly conflict with the Shrimp Boil at S. S. Peter & Paul that evening. We are inviting members to take in the Shrimp Boil and come to meeting which we will hold in the faith formation classroom.

**Regular council meeting March 5, 2019 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.**