

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, David Lieser

I would like to take this opportunity to ask all fellow brother knights to consider stepping up to consider filling one of the vacant officer positions that are available. The positions that are available take little to no time out of your busy schedule. You will find that taking a larger part in the council's activities can be very rewarding. The first step is to start to come to our monthly meetings; our next meeting is on April 2nd.

The past month we were able to donate to many great causes and organizations because of the hard work and dedication of many fellow knights. It is very evident by the MANY thank you's that I see come through the mail. I'm not sure if most of our members know but our little council donates over \$10,000 every year to many great local organizations. Right now we are getting ready to set up for our biggest fund raiser of the year, the annual 4-wheeler raffle. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle please contact Rob Stay or myself.

Reminder that we have a 1st Degree coming up on Sunday March 31st at 9:30am, if you have a prospective member please let me know and we can get them signed up and initiated.

As we continue our journey through Lent, I would like to encourage all brother knights to go out of their way on a daily basis to do something for someone in need. Making someone else's day a bit better can be contagious.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternaly Yours,
Dave Lieser, Grand Knight
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COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight welcomed members to the March 4th meeting and thanked the members attending

and volunteering to help at the pork chop bingo on Feb 10th.

Communications received since the last meeting were read: A number of thank yous were received from area schools for our donations to the technology program.

Council received a donation of \$20 and a thank you from Maxine Bauer in memory of her husband, Jim.

Treasurer, Al Sobania reported the council general fund balance is \$7,099.82.

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. Council scheduled to hold a 1st degree on March 31st, 9:30am at S. S. Peter & Paul Church. There is a need to hold a 2nd & 3rd degree initiation in the near future. 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.**

INSURANCE PRESENTATION

Joe Furey, agent of the Knights of Columbus visited the council at the March 4th meeting. He related that members can set up annuity policies to assist a number of plans. An IRA for retirement can be started with as little as \$300 initial premium. You could set up an annuity to be used as a prepaid funeral plan. Joe invites you to request his

services to help you with your insurance plans and questions. He can be reached at 320-252-7173 or 320-290-9832.

Church Activities: S.S. Peter & Paul Church is seeking help with their fund raising activities for the parish center. Evening of Monday, April 1st public is invited to attend the meeting to discuss the idea of having a Fall Haunted Park with the assistance of the Gilman Park & Rec Committee. It is going to involve a large number of people to organize and hold this event. Our council should be involved and support their fund raising plans. Reserve the date and plan on attending.

Community Activities:**Tootsie Roll Drive**

The last weekend of April is the State Council Tootsie Roll fund raiser supporting the persons with special needs. Soon we will be seeking donations to support this program.

Pork Chop Bingo

February 10th was the annual pork chop bingo in benefit of needs of the community. The proceeds from this event amounted to \$804. Council donated to St John's Area School and Rum River Crises Center.

Council Activities:

Plans are underway for 2019 Gilman Days 4-wheel raffle. An overall chairman is needed and raffle prizes should be solicited. Rob Stay would appreciate hearing from you regarding the raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will soon to be available.

Council sponsored 10 members that attend the Catholic Men's Conference which was held at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids on February 23rd. Report was there were 350 attendees and a very good speaker at the event. Thank you to members that dedicated their day to this event.

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

FAMILY PICNIC

August 11th is the date planned to hold the council family picnic. Reservation of the Gilman Park Shelter has been made Mark this date on your calendar.

Seminarian Ordination

June 8th seminarian Tom Skaja will be ordained as traditional deacon. Our council is expected to participate in serving the lunch following the service at St. Mary's Cathedral. Make plans to help.

Council moved to support Tom's educational expenses with a \$1,000 donation.

Wally Oltz has offered his lake property as the location for the youth fishing outing this summer. Wally announces the date will be June 25th at Platte Lake. We thank Wally and Mary Ann for their generosity.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Tom Wolak, he was not present to claim the \$25 prize.

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

Regular council meeting April 2, 2019 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.