

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, David Lieser

First of all I would like to wish all Brother Knights and their families a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. As we try not to forget all of the many things that we are all thankful for let us also not forget WHO we are thanking. Take a moment this season to just stop and pray with your family, it is always easy to pray when we are asking for something. How often do we stop to just Thank Him for something?

A big thank you goes to Fred Novak for the outstanding job that he did chairing the very successful potato pancake supper again this year. And also all the brother knights who helped out and did their share to make everything go smoothly, whether it was helping in the kitchen or even bringing your family to enjoy the great food. THANK YOU!

Next months meeting on December 3rd will be an open meeting with a wine and cheese social after a short meeting. Please bring your spouse to this event and also any prospective member that you may have. Before this meeting there will be adoration at S.S.Peter & Paul Church starting at 6pm and then our deceased members mass starting at 7pm. The open meeting will follow Mass. Please make an effort to attend. Once again, Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see you on December 3rd.

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

Grand Knight welcomed members to the November 5th regular meeting and thanked all for participating in the rosary for brother knight Bob Bruner, Delphine Bialke deceased spouse of brother knight, Daniel Bialke and Eugene Brenny.

Grand Knight thanks brother knights and council for supporting and working the potato pancake supper, chaired by Fred Novak, on October 26th. Also, expressed the council's appreciation to members and families that worked the haunted park project for S.S. Peter and Paul Church.

Communications: Thank yous received from deceased Brother Knights family of Larry Spiczka and Hilary Tadych and Bob Bruner. Thank you from Dominican Sisters and Sisters of Mary Morning Star for donations received from the council. .

Insurance Representative Joe Furey brought to the members an idea of purchasing an insurance product for medical assistance and funeral expenses. He'd like to meet with the individual members. (phone 290-9832).

Chairman Reports

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Al Sobania reported council general fund deposits were \$2,073, disbursements \$1,123.81 leaving final balance of \$14,676.43.

Membership: Council held a 1st degree initiation on Sunday Oct 20th. New member joining was Dean Dahmen. A major degree is now being planned for early spring. Grand Knight will meet with Nick Dahler, District Deputy to arrange a possible date. Keep contacting men to join our organization.

Financial Secretary proposes an idea of billing for membership via internet, using email to save costs. Members felt this would work – provide council with your email address.

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.

Holy Family Sunday, December 29th will again be celebrated, beginning with a youth pageant, followed by lunch and provide the horse and carriage rides. Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners will be honored with a cash prize.

Council Activities:

Potato pancake supper was held on Oct 26th. Fred Novak was thanked for doing a fine job for chairing the activity. Approximately 160 people were served. \$1,380 was collected at the door. Expenses amounted to supplies and rent \$605. Brother Greg Novak provided potatoes, cabbage, and eggs. We are asked to personally thank Greg for providing these items.

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 29th.

Community Activities:

. Widow baskets are being planned for near Christmas time. Eric Novak ordered the cookies and candy from St John's Area School. Mike Gadacz commented the fruit through the Foley FFA organization should be in around Dec 15th. Costs are \$408 for these items. Mitch Czech volunteered to assist in obtaining supplies. We will be looking for help in preparing and delivering the baskets to the widows. Thanks to those able to assist.

January is pro-life month. Please be prepared to assist in passing out lapel roses after masses.

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.

Vocations Activities: In the spring of 2020 Seminarian Thomas Skaja will be ordained to the priesthood, Council moved to present our normal \$1,000 seminarian donation prior to his trip to Rome for his theology training.

Requests & Donations: donation was made to Catholic Foundation \$200 for technology project for prohocial schools.

Donation of \$200 to St. Joseph Church roof replacement.

Donation of \$200 to Sophia Lieser's mission trip to Ecuador.

Donation of \$200 to Foley American Legion for the Veterans Memorial project.

Donation of \$200 to each area parish to Christian Women for their Box of Joy or sponsor of family in need.

Rob Stay announced he will make contact with resort at Lake of the Woods regarding costs and dates open to have a fishing trip for area priests.

Knight of Month: Brian Teff, was named for providing a lunch for attendees of the snowmobile swap. Thank you Brian for your charity and community work.

Family of the Month: Family of Fred Novak was awarded for their involvement with the potato pancake supper work and chairmanship. Thank you for being involved with Church , Community and Council.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Jeffrey Mastey. He was absent to collect the \$25 prize.

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

Regular council meeting December 3, 2019 at 7:30pm. Adoration at 6:00pm., Deceased members Mass 7:00pm.