

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, David Lieser

Thank you to all brother Knights who have helped with events over the past month, including the Widow Baskets, Holy Family Sunday and pushing wheelchairs at the VA in St. Cloud. It is the selfless acts of our members that make such a big difference in our community, it is a great thing to see as our society tends to get more selfish as time goes by. Thank you!

Coming up on February 16th we will be having our annual pork chop bingo. I will be looking for volunteers to help with this event; the proceeds for this activity will be going to St. John's Catholic School in Foley and Pro-life causes.

January is Respect Life Month, let us all say an extra prayer, do something extra to show others our commitment to preserve the sanctity of Life from conception to natural death, and support pro-life functions. "In this life we cannot do great things, we can only do small things with great life" Saint *Teresa of Calcutta*.

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight welcomed members to the January 7th regular meeting. Our rosary was in memory of Rhonda Mastey, Margaret Szafranski & Barb Aman.

Grand Knight thanked everyone for attending the Holy Family Sunday celebration on December 29th at S.S. Peter and Paul Church. Cash prizes were awarded to winners of the youth Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Members assisting in pushing wheelchairs at the VA were acknowledged. Good response from ladies receiving a widow basket of goodies and members were thanked for assisting and delivering them.

Communications: Thank yous received from deceased member's wives receiving the widow baskets and visit at Christmas time. Sophie Lieser thanks the council for the donation toward her foreign travel expenses. Sisters of Mary Morning Star thanked the council for donations they received toward their housing needs. St John's Area School thanks council for supporting their walk-a-ton.

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 \$11,016.47.

Membership: Membership major degree is scheduled for March 15, 2020. Grand Knight welcomes members to attend and congratulate our new members for joining the Knights. Obtain a printout from the Grand Knight of council activities and donations this council makes in our area when contacting men to join our organization.

Financial Secretary can be reached at 387-2382. He reminds the council membership that he is retiring as financial secretary and anyone capable of handling this council position should begin to apply for the office. Also reminder that council elections are coming up soon. Please consider to run for a council officer position.

Thank you to members who have remitted their 2020 annual dues. If you have outstanding dues, please take care of them immediately.

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 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.

SEMIANNUAL AUDIT

Audit for period ending December 31, 2019 was prepared and approved. Membership is 251 at this time. Council treasury has \$14,280.34 on deposit, and no liabilities. Thank you to trustees and financial secretary for completing this report.

Community Activities:**PORK CHOP BINGO**

Council will hold the annual Valentine Pork Chop bingo on February 16, 2020. Members are welcome to make a \$10 donation toward the pork chop prizes. Proceeds will be contributed to St. John's Area School in Foley and Pro-Life causes. The event will be held in basement of S.S. Peter & Paul Church on Sunday, February 16th at 1:00 pm. We welcome everyone. Volunteers are needed, especially an overall chairman.

2020 Men's Conference

will be held February 22nd at St. John's Collegeville. A cash discount for a group registration is available; please contact Grand Knight, David Lieser at 387-3030 of your interest to attend.

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

Our council assists that day providing labor in serving lunch after the ordination. Members should plan on attending and helping with the ordination.

Church Activities: Wednesday February 26th is Ash Wednesday. With the beginning of lent, we brother knights should be thinking and planning our time for prayer and sacrifice.

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

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Glenn Seppelt. Sorry to announce he was not present to collect the \$35 prize.

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

Regular council meeting February 4, 2020 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.