

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz

Summer has sure flown by and I hope you have stayed safe and healthy in our current circumstances. School will be back in no time, keep those students and their families and teachers and other leaders in the school making vital decisions in your daily prayers that God guides them to do what is safe and right for the children.

The Statue of Mary in the Grotto has been repainted and is back in place. Thank you to Bonnie Stawarski for donating her time, money and talent to bring the statue back to life. Please stop by the Grotto to take a look and thank Bonnie for her work!

We had a nice turnout for the family picnic on Sunday the 16th and very beautiful weather. Thank you for coming out and spending the day.

We have 4-wheeler raffle tickets available now. Please see Rob Stay or Douglas Novak for your book(s) of tickets to sell. This is going to need to be an "everyone help" effort to sell the tickets with our current situation for this fundraiser to be a success for our council. Please jump aboard and do your part to help make this fundraiser a success! Thank You. God Bless.

Vivat Jesus Fraternally Yours,
Mike Gadacz, Grand Knight
Tel: 320-355-2975

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz welcomed members to the August 4th regular council meeting.

Communications were received from Pro-Life America, Priests of Sacred heart, Pro-Life Action Ministries, and Dominican Sisters.

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 \$6,795.07.

Membership: Council members who have not paid their 2020 membership dues are encouraged to take care of them now. Review the benefits by remaining active in council membership.

It is important to invite new men to join our organization. If you need assistance ask an officer or another member to work with you. Signing up a new member is easily done on-line. Financial Secretary has offered his home to proceed with the membership degree. Contact Doug Novak at 387-2382.

Life Time members are welcome to make a free will donation to the council activity of their choice.

Mail your check payable to the Knights c/o Doug Novak, financial secretary at 13944 105th Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.

The council will experience its' 35th year anniversary in the spring of 2021. It will be necessary for members to organize an activity to celebrate this time. Please bring your ideas to us.

Financial Secretary, Doug Novak is soon retiring and welcomes a member to step up and apply for this position. He can be reached at 387-2382 if you have any questions.

Brian Lorenz has been working with Fr. Matthew on redesigning the Tri-Parish website. He is planning to include materials on the Knights of Columbus. He'd like the council members to bring forward information and even photographs for this website. He feels this will help bring new members to our organization.

Community Activities:

The council's annual fundraiser, the 4-wheeler raffle is being held and needs every member to work toward selling tickets. We need this income to help make all the financial donations to organizations and charities we normally made. The chance tickets are available. Rob Stay has volunteered handling the raffle. He has chance books – contact him at 387-2544 or Doug Novak at 387-2382. Do your share by taking a book or more to sell. Drawing date is planned for October 24, 2020.

Potato Pancake Supper

Fred Novak has again volunteered to chair the potato pancake supper on October 24, 2020. Please everyone make yourself available to help with this event.

Council Activities:

The council held the annual family picnic on August 16th at the Gilman Park. A nice group of members with their families and guests attended. Council provided roasted pork and refreshments. Brother Knight Greg Novak provided fresh vegetables for the meal and door prizes. Thank you Greg for being so generous.

We are still looking for the Traveling Statue of Mary. We need to have a council member who knows where the statue(s) are to bring them to a

council meeting and get the activity moving along again.

Brother Knight Jamie Ranweiler updated the membership on the highway grotto. The statue of Mary was repainted by Bonnie Stawarski and she done a professional job. Thank you, Bonnie. Next will be removal of trees adjacent to the grotto with the assistance of the power company. Then a final decision will be on solar electric service. Repainting of the pro-life sign and the KC emblem sign are being considered.

Church: Membership was informed the area youth will receive the sacrament of confirmation on September 21st. We are asking to pray for them.

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

Pro-Life: Brother Knight, Rob Stay reminds members to vote pro-life in the primary and general elections.

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Dsvid Gapinski. Sorry to announce Brother Knight David was not present to collect the \$60 prize.

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

Regular council meeting September 1, 2020 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.