

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz

I am excited to be stepping into this roll, yet uncertain at the same time so please be patient with me. I will be praying and would appreciate prayers that God will guide my duties as Grand Knight. I hope that everyone is getting by in these hot and humid days (which is a prime for the crops, but please pray for more moisture also). As David mentioned last month in his message, our annual Gilman Days 4-wheel raffle will still be taking place, but just ending at a later date than normal, it will run until end of October and hope to draw winners at the Potato Pancake Supper. To make this fundraiser a SUCCESS, we NEED EVERY MEMBER to participate and sell tickets. I thank you in advance for your participation as this is our biggest fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be held August 4th @ 7:15pm and you are encouraged to bring one of your fellow brother knights that may not normally attend. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. May God Bless you and keep you and your families. safe during these uncertain times.

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

COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz welcomed members and guest, DD Nick Dahler to the July 7th regular meeting. Following rosary District Deputy, Nick Dahler installed new council officers, Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight and welcomed back prior council officers and thanked them for remaining in office.

Communications: Thank you was received from Sisters of Mary Morning Star for council's donation they recently received.

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 \$6,640.86.

Membership: Council members were welcomed and thanked who remained in office and encouraged to fill in for any vacant officer position.

Financial Secretary reports 37 members are delinquent in payment of current dues. He asked for some assistance in reaching an unpaid member. 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.

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 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. Shortly these chance tickets will be available – do your share by taking a book or more to sell. Drawing date is planned for October 24, 2020.

Council Activities:

The council is planning to have a family picnic on August 16th at the Gilman Park. Council provides roasted pork and refreshments. We are treating this as a potluck – plan to bring a dish to share. Bring your family and enjoy a social event with other council members.

The Traveling Statue of Mary is still intended to continue. 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.

Past Grand Knight, David Lieser was presented a Past Grand Knights lapel pin. Thank you, David for serving as Grand Knight over the past two years.

Audit June 30,2020

The semi-annual audit was presented for council approval. Membership: their was 1 initiation and 4 deductions, membership at the end of the period was 248. Cash received during the six month period was \$4,136.75 and disbursements amounted to \$8,512.36, (of this amount \$4,503 was donations. supreme per capita tax was \$650). Net cash balance on hand \$6,640.86. Other assets includes \$3,263.87 in vocations savings. Council does not have any liabilities.

St. Elizabeth's parish presented a playground project on their parish grounds. A request for financial support was honored with a \$150 donation.

Upkeep of the highway grotto is intended to take place with volunteers removing some trees/bushes, painting the Mary Statue and the Pro-Life sign. Solar electric service to the grotto is planned. Thank you to Leo Zimmermann for researching the solar power process. Volunteers are welcome, contact Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz 355-2975.

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

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Tom Wolak. Sorry to announce Brother Knight Tom was not present to collect the \$55 prize.

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

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