

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, David Lieser

As I write this message to you, we as a world are in the midst of something that we have never dealt with before. Some people have lost their job for the time being and schools are closed and perhaps the most important thing that we have lost at this time is our ability to attend Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. By the time you read this I'm not sure what else will be closed, but I do know that if we as Knights keep our hearts open and stay attentive to the needs of others we can change the outlook of people that may be depressed or isolated. Remember that we always have our faith to keep us strong and to give us hope no matter what challenge that we may face. Pope Francis has entrusted the world to Mary during this time and encourages us to say the rosary more often in solidarity with other Catholics around the world.

I am a firm believer that everything happens for a reason and that God is in complete control of this plan that he has. We have been given this opportunity to slow down and take a deep breath, we have a chance to spend more time with our families and perhaps we can find the time to call someone that may be lonely. Best of all we are given that chance to grow deeper in our faith by maybe dusting off that Bible that we haven't opened in a while or just having some extra quiet time to say a prayer. My message to you is to **Keep your Faith and do not be Discouraged.** In these coming weeks let us show the world more than ever what the principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism really look like.

May God Bless you and your Families.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally Yours,

Dave Lieser, Grand Knight

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COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight welcomed members to the March 3rd regular meeting. Our rosary was in memory of Jerome Gapinski.

Grand Knight thanked everyone who helped with the pork chop bingo February 16th at S.S. Peter and Paul Church.

Communications: Numerous thank yous were received from area parochial schools for the council's generous donation to the technology programs at their schools. Crosiers of Onamia thanks the council for our annual donation. Pro-Life Action Ministries thanks for donation they received. Thank you received from Jerome Gapinski family along with a donation from them to the council.

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 \$10,754.26.

Membership: Council members were reminded of the major degree being held at 9:30am following Sunday morning mass on March 15, 2020 at S.S. Peter & Paul Church. All three degrees will be preformed and expected to only take 30 minutes. Grand Knight welcomes members to attend and congratulate our new members for joining the Knights. Families are invited to witness the new degree.

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. Also reminder that council elections are coming. 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.

Upcoming events: Future events were announced. Here are those we are working toward:

April 25 & 26, - Tootsie Roll Drive

Ditch Cleaning – watch for announced date,

June 6 - Ordination to Priesthood

June 30 – Fishing for special needs at Platte

Aug 16 – Family Picnic at Gilman Park

Aug 25 – Gilman Days raffle

Community Activities:**PORK CHOP BINGO**

Council held the annual Valentine Pork Chop bingo on February 16, 2020. Grand Knight reported that estimated 70 people attended, with profit of \$978.54. Proceeds are being contributed to St. John's Area School in Foley and Pro-Life Action Committee. We thank everyone and members that attended. St Anne's Mission Group provided the quilt that was raffled and Bill Piotrowski provided the bird houses and feeders.

Council approved participating in Gilman Days by having an ATV raffle again. \$100 was spent to get

the permit necessary for the raffle. Rob Stay is seeing into the printing of raffle tickets.

Vocations Activities: On June 6, 2020 Seminarian, Thomas Skaja will be ordained to the priesthood. Community should plan on attending this ordination celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral. Our council assists that day providing labor in serving lunch after the ordination. Members should plan on attending and helping with the ordination. Council donated \$1,000 to Seminarian Skaja.

Council is reviewing the list of seminarians – to seek a new seminarian to support.

Church Activities: With the COVID-19 virus affecting the country we all need to care for our selves. Even now with church services suspended, continue to pray through these difficult times. It may not seem like Easter Season unless we put our selves into it.

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

Council pot of gold: Name drawn was Ted Lewandowski. Sorry to announce he was not present to collect the \$45 prize.

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

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