#### **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz

Let us pray for our area farmers for a safe and bountiful harvest. Keep a watch for them as they are traveling on roads. School has started for the year, let us pray for the students and staff that they have a save and healthy year.

Annual 4 wheeler raffle is coming along well, so far. There are tickets available to purchase or sell, contact myself at 320-355-2975 or Rob Stay at 320-387-2544. 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 Sept 1st regular council meeting.

**Communications** were received from Pro-Life America, Priests of Sacred heart, Pro-Life Action Ministries, and our child we sponsor through Unbound.

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**

<u>Treasurer</u> Report: Treasurer, Al Sobania reported council general fund balance is \$6,311.07.

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 105<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Foley MN 56329.

The council will experience its' 35<sup>th</sup> 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.

The council contributed \$200 toward the Family of Mitch Czech. Keep Mitch in your prayers and offer to help in his needs.

## **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 raffle tickets are available. Rob Stay has volunteered handling the raffle, contact him at 387-2544 or Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz at 355-2975. 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. The council is uncertain whether this function can be held during this time of the Covid pandemic. At our October 6th meeting there will be more discussion about the activity.

#### **Council Activities:**

# **Annual Family Picnic**

The council held the annual family picnic on August 16<sup>th</sup> 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. The council gave Greg \$50 gift of raffle tickets for his vegetable donation.

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.

The council moved to hold the annual <u>Holy Family Celebration</u> on Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>. How much it will involve depends on the Covid-19 pandemic. The party with the horse and sleigh was being asked to reserve the date.

Membership was updated on the highway grotto. Fine comments were heard regarding how beautiful the Statue of Mary looks after being repainted by Bonnie Stawarski. Again 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.

<u>Church:</u> Father Matthew reminded members there will be the sacrament of confirmation at 7:00pm on September 21s at S.S. Peter and Paul Church with Bishop Kettler. We are asked to pray for the students. The council provided a monetary gift to the class in the spring 2020.

Brother Knight, Doug Novak along with Greg Novak Vegetable Farm were putting together a van load of vegetables to take to Sisters of Mary Morning Star. The council contributed \$100 toward the cost of the goods being donated to the sisters.

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

Knight of Month: Grand Knight Mike Gadacz awarded September Knight of Month to Brother Knight, Doug Novak. July Knight of Month was awarded to Brother Knight, David Lieser. Congratulations Brother Knights.

**Family of Month:** Brother Knight Brian Lorenz and Paula Lorenz were honored with September Family of the Month award. Congratulations to the Lorenz family.

**<u>Pro-Life:</u>** Members are reminded to vote pro-life in the November 3rd general elections.

<u>Council pot of gold:</u> Name drawn was Greg Novak. Sorry to announce Brother Knight Greg was not present to collect the \$60 prize.

Council jack pot: Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight James Brown, Jim donated his cash prize toward the grotto fund. Congratulations Brother Knight, James and thank you for being active in council, community and church activities.

Regular council meeting October 6, 2020 at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7:15pm.

PLEASE TURN IN SOLD RAFFLE TICKETS!