

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz

Praying for health and safety for all during the second wave of this pandemic. Sorry to announce, we are needing to cancel our next meeting/Christmas party because of the state mandated restrictions. This is one of our favorite times to get together and socialize with everyone. Hopefully we will be able to hold the Holy Family Sunday on December 27th, but time will tell.

Everyone did a great job selling tickets for the raffle. It turned out to be a HUGE success because of all of you. Stay healthy and have a safe Thanksgiving.

. God Bless. Vivat Jesus
Fraternally Yours, Mike Gadacz, Grand Knight
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COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz welcomed members to the November 3rd regular council meeting. Rosary was recited for all Brother Knights and their families .

Communications: Thank you received from Family of Mitch Czech for the cash donation they 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 \$15,681.65.

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. An official membership degree is planned for first or second weekend of December.

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. We need a volunteer chairman for this celebration.

Community Activities:**4 –Wheel Raffle**

The council's annual fundraiser, the 4-wheeler raffle drawing was held October 24th at S.S. Peter & Paul Church basement 1st prize, the 4 wheel ATV was won by Barb Boeckman of Hackensack, MN.

Council member selling the most books of tickets was again Richard Mastey. Jim Brown and Doug Novak also sold many books of raffle tickets. Thank you to these gentlemen and all of you for doing a fine job making this a great fund raiser.

Income from the sales and cash donations amounted to \$22,305. Expenses including prizes amounted to \$9,490.58. The council netted \$12,814.42 on this fund raiser. Congratulations to raffle winners and everyone making donations.

Area Donations

\$100 donation was made to Foley Area Care.

\$200 donation was made to each the Poor Clares, the Dominicans, and Franciscan Sisters.

Widow Basket Program

In support of our deceased members wives the council will be preparing a fruit basket with treats. Members will meet around the 15th of December to prepare the baskets. Members willing to help are asked to be available in preparing and delivery. We wish the ladies a Merry Christmas and healthy New Year.

Halloween – Trick or Treat

Brian Lorenz reported to the council the trick or treat for the kids held at the Gilman Community Park was a huge success. Estimated groups distributing was 20 and approximate count of youngsters was 500. The park committee and those distributing treats are to be thanked for their cooperation and safety concerns. Brian and his family volunteered representing the Knights of Columbus and handed out treats. Thanks Lorenz family.

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.

Council: Our December 1st meeting –wine and cheese social with our wives has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus social gathering restrictions.

Church: Council approved a \$200 donation to each of our three parish Christian Women's groups supporting their Box of Joy projects.

Pro-life

Weekend of January 23 & 24th the council will be distributing lapel roses at the Tri-Parish masses. Members please assist in accepting donations for pro-life.

Family:**Holy Family Sunday**

David Lieser and Mike Gadacz are organizing the annual Holy Family Celebration being held Sunday December 27th. We are intending to include a youth pageant or musical performance by them. There will be horse and carriage rides for everyone. You are being invited to bring the whole family.

Vocations:

Brother Knight, Leo Zimmermann will be researching for a local seminarian that the council can support in the seminarian program.

Youth: Council moved to donate \$100 toward the Catholic Foundation Area Parochial Tech Support program.

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

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

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

Regular council meeting December 1, 2020 is cancelled.

A deceased members mass will be held at a future date. Say a rosary and prayers for our deceased members.