

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz

I hope you all have been staying safe and warm in the cold snap we had recently. It was nice to see lots of faces back at our monthly meeting this month and hoping to see more of you at our meeting in March. We are planning for a Degree on March 14th, so if you know anyone interested in joining ask them or let me know. Thanks to all who helped with passing out Roses for life and thanks to all who donated.

We are still collecting donations until the end of the month for the Poor Clare's heating and replacement of their kitchen tools. Thank you to all who have donated already. Just like some of us need to replace work tools once in a while, it has been a very long time since the Nuns have had any updates to their kitchen tools and are also in need in that department as well. They have a few Nuns that have special dietary needs that require special tools to provide for their dietary needs.

Lastly, I would also like to congratulate Joe and Claudette Czech on their 65th year wedding anniversary. What a beautiful and wonderful model to all of us!

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

Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz welcomed members to the February 2nd regular council meeting. Rosary was recited for deceased Brother Knights Sylvester Helmin and Herb Bozych.

Communications: Thank you received from deceased members wife's for being remembered and receiving the bag of treats at Christmas time. A couple ladies donated a cash gift back to the council. Council also received a nice donation from

the Sylvester Helmin Family. The council acknowledges and appreciates these donations. Fr. Matthew thanks the council for the Christmas gift he received from 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 \$14,806.66.

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 March 14th following the 8:00am mass in Gilman. Wives are invited to attend. The entire degree takes only about 1/2 hour.

We are happy to announce a new member joining in January is Nicholas F. Kipka of Foley. Also transferring to this council at the last meeting was Matthew Walz of Foreston MN. Congratulations to both men for being with our council.

Honorary Life membership was awarded to Brother Knight, Wayne Skajewski. Thank you Wayne for maintaining your continuous membership.

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 is difficult to pin down just what will take place. Maybe the annual wine and cheese social can work in this time. It will be necessary for members to 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 held last year on October 24th netted \$12,814.42. As it stands today the Gilman Park and Rec. Association is intending to hold a Gilman Days celebration on July 24th 2021. Our council will again participate with another 4- Wheeler Raffle. Proceeds from this fund raiser are used to support community charities. We hope everyone can participate. Anyone interest in donating toward the raffle prizes are asked to contact Financial Secretary, Doug Novak.

The Rob Stay Family informs the council they are now in possession of one of the Traveling Statues of Mary. Inform Rob if you'd like the Statue to be at your home for a week.

Family: Our December Holy Family Sunday celebration was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus social gathering restrictions. The current plans include a Council Family Picnic on August 8th or 15th. At this event thinking is to have the horse and carriage rides

Vocations: Council approved a \$500 donation to Seminarian, Scott Kahler of Little Falls. Scott will

be our local Seminarian we plan to support. The council is thankful for being informed of local seminarian needing assistance.

Pro-life

Weekend of January 23 & 24th the council distributed lapel roses at the Tri-Parish masses. Donations collected for pro-life amounted to \$418 from the local Tri-Parishes. Donations were made to: local and state MCCL, Rum River Life Choices Center, Pro Life Across America, & Enetric Pregnant Center.

Council: February 27th there will be virtual Men's Conference. Registration is requested.

Semiannual audit ending Dec.31st was presented and approved. Membership 246, receipts \$26,403, disbursements \$12,8561.26, balance on hand including savings \$16,462.97.

Church: May 2nd will be May Crowning at S.S. Peter & Paul Church at 8:00am mass. Fourth degree Knights are needed for honor guard.

Support and donations to community: \$100 Crosier Apostolate, \$120 to Tri-Parishes for masses for sick KC members and families, State Council KC in support of seminarians, and Unbound, \$200 to Sisters of Poor Clares for heating costs.

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

Council jack pot: Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight Fr. Matthew. Congratulations Brother Knight, Fr. Matthew 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 March 2, 2021 7:30pm
7:15pm rosary**