

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz

Lent is coming quickly to an end and we sure can tell it is Spring Minnesota with snow one day and beautiful weather the next. Please keep the Confirmation and First Eucharist Candidates in your prayers as they prepare for these Sacraments. We also welcomed three new members to the degree on Sunday morning, March 14th. We will be celebrating the council's 35th year anniversary and I would like to invite all members and wives to the Mass on April 6th at 6:30pm S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman.

An open meeting will follow, ladies and guests are invited to attend.

Vivat Jesus

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COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz welcomed members to the March 2nd regular council meeting. Rosary was recited for Brother Knights sick or distressed.

Members were reminded of local Lenten fish fry's of Tri-Parish Parish Area.

Communications: A thank you was received from the MCCL organization for the pro-life donation they received.

Grand Knight had conversation with one of the State Council officers inquiring how our local council was doing in these times of Co-vid 19 pandemic. State Council was happy to hear our council was handling business and that the state council is offering assistance to local councils if need arises. State Council is open to suggestions on what can be done to keep the KCs going.

Supreme Council announced retirement of Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson and appointment of Pat Kelly as new Supreme Knight.

Grand Knight announced that the Poor Clares' request for assistance from the Tri-Parish Area was well received and they thank everyone for the support

Financial Secretary, Doug Novak informed members that a recent visit to the Sisters of Morning Star in Ghent was made with a 4th Degree Chalice and a load of grocery items. The sisters thank all for support they received and have everyone in their prayers. They are opening a new convent in Waco Texas and in the Country of Australia. Priests have made retreats at the convent.

Council received a request from local student, Ella Stay. She is seeking financial assistance in her costs leading a faith based group of youth into Canada or Northern Minnesota. A \$200 donation was approved

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 \$13,316.54.

Membership: Council members who have not paid their 2021 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. We recently initiated three members to the Knights of Columbus, who will be introduced at the April regular meeting. Signing up a new member is easily done on-line.

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.

Community Activities:**4 –Wheel Raffle**

The Gilman Park and Rec. Association is planning to hold a Gilman Days celebration on July 24, 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 interested in donating toward the raffle prizes are asked to contact Financial Secretary, Doug Novak. Please do so soon, so raffle tickets can go to printing.

The council's float should be checked over – assuming there will be a parade.

Youth: We are working on having the youth fishing trip at Platte Lake. If restrictions are lifted, it will be with the comfort of Wally and MaryAnn Oltz, who have provided their lake property in prior years.

Family: A Council Family Picnic is planned to be held at the Gilman Park on August 8th. At this event there is a good possibility to have 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.

Council: The council will celebrate its' 35th year anniversary at the April 6th regular meeting with a mass at 6:30pm at S.S. Peter & Paul Church. All members and spouses are invited.

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

First Eucharist 13 students and 18 Confirmation students will receive these sacraments – council donates \$375 to the classes.

Traveling Statue of Mary is currently with a Family in the Tri-Parish Area. Please Inform Rob Stay you'd like the Statue to be at your home for a week.

Support and donations to community: Foley High School Senior Lock-In \$50. Pro-life Action Ministries \$100. State Council – (annual convention donations dollar per member) Pennies for Seminarians, Student Loan Fund, Jim Campbell Fund. Cross Center \$50.

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

Council jack pot: Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight John Pekarek. Congratulations Brother Knight, John 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 April 2, 2021

6:30pm Mass at S.S. Peter & Paul Gilman

7:15pm open meeting to follow.