

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings from your Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz

As things are starting to get back to normal, I invite all members to try to come out to our next council meeting July 6<sup>th</sup>. July is a big month for our council with our biggest fundraiser of the year. If we all do our part in selling the raffle tickets, it will be easy and successful. Many hands make light work. Enjoy the summer and stay safe.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Gadacz, Grand Knight  
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**COUNCIL NEWS**

Grand Knight, Mike Gadacz welcomed members to the June 1<sup>st</sup> regular council meeting. Rosary was recited for Brother Knights sick or distressed. Council officers remained the same from previous year. Grand Knight expressed appreciation of the officers continuing with their official duties and encouraged all regular members to continue to be involved in all council activities.

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 \$12,115.91.

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

Deputy Grand Knight gave a brief report of the State convention. It was stressed the importance of getting back together. Activities being recognized were those involving Ultrasound Equipment donations and Coats for Kids. Work together toward programs in these areas.

**Community Activities:****4 –Wheel Raffle**

The Gilman Park and Rec. Association is planning to hold a Gilman Days celebration on July 24, 2021. This date was reported wrong last month. Keep the July 24<sup>th</sup> date open for this activity. Our council will again participate with another 4-Wheeler Raffle. First prize is the 570cc 4x4 4-wheel ATV or \$6,500 in trade at Jim's Snowmobile & Marine. There are 47 prizes on the raffle. Proceeds from this fund raiser are used to support community charities. We hope everyone can participate. Rob Stay may be contacted to get your book of raffle tickets. Council intends to have a food stand and bingo stand at this event. Help will be needed, please volunteer. Member, Jim Jesok volunteered to pull the float in the parade. Thank you all who helped and sold raffle tickets. Remember **July 24<sup>th</sup> is the event** and to have all raffle tickets turned in by this date.

Council would like to request members to assist on getting the Pro-Life sign repainted at the Highway Grotto.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> the council intends to hold the burgers on the grille at the Gilman Creamery site. Anyone willing to help is welcome to show up with the time they have available. Can start as early as 10:30am.

**Youth:** Baccalaureate service for 24 senior graduates was being held at St. Elizabeth's Parish in Brennyville on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Council approved \$200 donation toward the brunch expenses.

**Family:** The Council Family Picnic will be held at the Gilman Park on August 8<sup>th</sup>. At this event it is planned to have horse drawn carriage rides. A great evening meal is served. Council provides main meal and refreshments. Families are asked to bring a dish or treat to share. It is an event you don't want to miss. Come and join us – bring your family. Invite a friend, new member and deceased member's wife.

**Vocations:** Council approved a \$50 donation to the Diocese Deacon & Seminarian Gulf Outing at Sauk Center on July 12<sup>th</sup>. A \$200 donation was approved for the Catholic Foundation Bishop's Charity Golf event on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Territory Golf Club.

**Church:** Membership is reminded there is all day adoration at S.S. Peter & Paul Church in Gilman on Wednesdays. Everyone should be making an effort to spend some time with the Lord. This time for adoration would be a perfect opportunity.

**Pro-Life:** Continue to pray to end all abortions. A \$100 donation was approved to the National Center on Sexual Exploitation.

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.

**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

May 16<sup>th</sup> council collected \$815 for the tootsie roll drive for the mentally challenged. Thank you to all who donated and members and families assisting with the handout. Council supported State Special Olympics, Milaca DAC, and Diocese Religious Special Education.

**Council pot of gold:** Name drawn was Jeremy Scott. Sorry to announce Brother Knight, Jeremy was not present to collect the \$60 prize.

**Council jack pot:** Cash drawing was awarded to Brother Knight Alphonse Sobania. Congratulations Brother Knight, Al 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.

**Plan on attending Regular council meeting  
July 6, 2021**

**7:15pm rosary and meeting to follow.**

**See you at the Family  
Picnic - August 8<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm**