



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 1/6/2015  
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GRAND KNIGHT – Dan Bornemann



**Grand Knight's Report:**

Brother Knights. Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Now it is time to hunker down and ride out the winter months. With the Packer's successful season, we have at least one and possibly two more opportunities to raise money for our charities by volunteering at the Packer's concessions. We could use your help this Sunday. Sign up or contact Mike Bushman if you are interested.

We have a couple positions in need of filling. With Dennis Rudolph taking on the Treasurer role starting this month, we are in need of a replacement for him as Chancellor. We are also looking for someone to take over as Program Director Chairman. Art Schmeichel is covering for us short term but we need someone to take over this role. Neither of these positions are very labor intensive. Dennis or I can explain the expectations of the Chancellor position and for the Program Director position, all you would need to do is update the Program list each month, make copies to distribute, and lead the discussions during that part of the meeting. Please consider volunteering for one of these roles.

**Knight of the Month – Jorge Solis:**

Jorge has been a Knight with our Council since April, 2014. Due to limited transportation opportunities, Jorge is not able to partake in all of the meetings or events that he would like to but participates when he can. Jorge is able to support the Knights, St Margaret Mary's and his community in many special ways. Jorge volunteers at least weekly at St Vincent DePaul's. St. Margaret Mary's has benefited from Jorge's assistance with coffee and donuts, greeting people at the 7:30 masses and helping anyone with difficulties into the church. He also assists the parish office put the weekly bulletins together. For the Knights he has been able to help out at pancake & porkie breakfasts and supported the Tootsie Roll drive. Jorge has participated in Bible studies that have been offered through the church and the Knights. Jorge has signed up for many other opportunities, but has had to later decline due to transportation or physical limitation.

Thank you, Jorge, for showing us that it's not always in the volume of time that can be contributed but in making the most of the opportunities that we have presented to us. As Activity Leads and participants, let's try to ensure that anyone who wants to help has the opportunities to participate and make a difference.

**Family of the Month – Jerry and Phyllis Van Handel and Family:**

The Family of the Month for January is the Jerry Van Handel family. Jerry and Phyllis have five children and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Phyllis loves anything to do with family and children. She helps out Christian Women's Groups when she can by babysitting for them. While all of the children are now grown and have lives of their own, they were taught the value of church and community growing up and they often helped out at many of the church activities. Many of you know Christina, Jerry and Phyllis' second daughter, who helps out with Packer Game concessions. She lights up the fans with her smile and enthusiastic Packers talk. Their youngest daughter, Jessica, has taken what she learned and is applying it daily to her role as a school teacher, multi-sport coach and athletic trainer.

Jerry has been an invaluable member of the Knights for the past 45 years. Jerry started with the Menasha council and transferred to Neenah about 20 years ago. Since then, Jerry has been a mainstay in many programs, including; being the main cook for the Packer Concessions, grill master for the brat fries and many other outings, double portions, porkie & pancake breakfasts, bowling tournaments and tootsie roll drives. He is also our chief maintenance person; making improvements, adjustments, and repairs to our grill, trailer, refrigerators and freezers whenever needed.

Jerry is active at St. Gabe's where he helps with the Round Up each year and ushers when asked. He can be found in the community driving the Theda Clark van, assisting people to and from their cars, or at St Vinny's where he helps in the intake area and performs any maintenance they need of him.

Thank you, Jerry and family, for your continued commitment to helping others, and for showing us all how to be a great example of Knighthood.

**Financial Secretary's Corner:**

Brother Knights: Again I have to advise you, **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR DUES AND RAFFLE TICKET MONIES ON THE SAME CHECK!** They are two separate accounts. Everyone has received their billing of dues and PKD, plus Culture for Life statements. The PKD is optional, so try to fulfill your obligation as soon as possible. If you are having a problem, please call me so a solution can be made with your account. Any Life Member wanting a 2015 traveling card, please call me.

***Remember: The measure of a man's life is the well spending of it and not the length.***

**Financial Secretary's Report:**

- As of the meeting, we received dues from 41 of our 168 members.
- As of the meeting, Bob received 127 raffle tickets.

### **New Business:**

- Father Jason Blahnik of the Newman Center of UW Oshkosh presented on his ministry. He has been at the Newman Center for 1.5 years. His ministry at the Center has grown. One of the tools he uses to attract students is to provide food. Father Jason has outgrown his kitchenette and is in need of new small appliances, a refrigerator, a double oven electric range and dishes. Total need is \$1985.67. Trustees will bring this up under unfinished business at the next meeting. Chuck will check with other Councils to see if we can get several to help.
- Dennis Rudolph would like to update our accounting software. More to follow.
- Dennis Howard made a motion to donate \$200 towards Friends of Haiti. Motion seconded by Jon Bolwerk. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Programs Chairman's Report:**

- The Advent Kick-off Dinner on December 3rd at St. Gabes went very well. Scalloped potatoes, ham, mac & cheese and hot dogs were served. Father Larry took some extra food home.
- Chuck Rohr reported on the 1st Degree on December 10th in Menasha. Chuck mentioned that it was originally going to be cancelled but he was asked at Roger Bramm's funeral to have the Degree for two Knights.
- Mike Bushman reported that the Spiritus Lunch at Mt. Tabor on December 11th went well. The students enjoyed and appreciated the meal.
- Jerry Robak reported that the ARC Christmas Party was a hit. Thanks to Marv and other for all the stuffed animals. The Valentine's Day dance will be February 14th.
- Mike Mabie reported that he had good help for coffee and donuts on December 14th, but parishioner turnout was not great.
- Marv reported that the Memorial Mass on December 14th went over very well; we served 40 people (although only had 32 reservations). Marv mentioned that we could use more donations for the event, the good will offerings did not cover the meal expenses.
- Let Chuck Rohr know if you would like to attend the 4th Degree on January 17th in Burlington.
- Mike Bushman stated that there will a Cel O' Bration Breakfast/Blitz at St. Patrick's on March 15th. Will be the same time as the Bowling Tournament. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

### **Community and Public Relations:**

- 3 nescos of chili were prepared for the Double Portions meal on December 29th. 135 people were served and there was no chili left.
- The next meal on January 26th will consist of left over brats and baked beans.

### **Communications:**

- We received a thank you from St. Gabriel's for the donation towards 240 hymnals.
- We received a thank you from Georgia for helping with the St. Gabriel's Advent Dinner.
- We received a thank you from the Spiritus Group for hosting a luncheon.
- We received a Christmas Card from Adam Sekel in his native language.
- We received a thank you from Father Carr's Place 2B for our donation.
- We received a thank you from the Winnebago County Mental Health Institute for our donation of fruit and candy.
- We received a thank you from Saint Margaret Mary's for our donation of 50 Catholic Youth Bibles.

### **Trustee's Report:**

- Ed Sypek reported that the 2014 History Book is done.
- Ed Sypek stated that there will be a Men's Retreat on March 26-29 at the Jesuit Retreat. Everyone will get a private room and bathroom. You can sign -up on-line or contact Ed Sypek.
- Ed Sypek will lead a small group reviewing the Mathew Kelley Book that was handed out at Mass. Ed is looking for input on what night of the week the group should meet. See Ed if interested.
- Ed Sypek is selling Support Life T-shirts.

### **District Deputy's Report:**

- **1st Degrees:**
  - Each Council is to host at least 1 - 1st Degree before June 30th. Each Council's requested date must be submitted at/or before the District meeting. It will be 1st come, 1st serve. There are requests for a Saturday and a Friday evening 1st Degree. Discuss at your meeting and chose a date.
- **2nd and 3rd Degrees:**
  - Feb. 21, St. Gabriel, Neenah, 2nd Degree Reg: 8:30, 3rd Degree Reg. 11:30 (this date needs to be confirmed).
  - March 14 ?, Fond du Lac Clubhouse
  - March 15, Our Lady of Lordes, Depere, 8:45 am
- **Fourth Degrees:**
  - January 17, 2015, Burlington, 12:00, (262) 246-4232
  - February 7, DeForest, 10:30 am, (715) 423-0939
  - April 11, 2015, Appleton, 9:00 am, Bishop Ricken, Honoree
- The District 10 Winter Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 19th at 7:00. Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program and Membership Directors should attend. Any other member is invited. I am considering a new format this

year. Instead of presentations, we will have a roundtable about the various subject matter. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting. It will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 519 Knapp Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902 (corner of 6th & Knaap), and we will meet in Laennah Hall which is located between the church and the school. Entrances are located on the east, west and south sides of the building. The parking lot is on the west side or behind the church. Please RSVP as soon as possible. It will make it easier for the host Council to plan the food.

- If any member receives an e-mail from Praesidium with an invitation and unique log in information to Praesidium's website to take the mandatory Praesidium Armatus online safe environment training, please don't ignore it. When applicable, Praesidium will send a second email to request authorization to conduct a background check. Those members required by the Board to take the mandatory training must complete the Praesidium Armatus online training and background check authorization within 30 days of receipt of each email.
- GREEN BAY DIOCESE KNOWLEDGE CONTEST: Saturday, February 14, 2015 starting at 8:00 am, Kimberly, WI. Please plan Council level accordingly.
- **Green Bay March for Life**
  - Green Bay Saturday, January 17, 2015 Notre Dame Academy 610 Maryhill Drive; Green Bay 54303
  - Help to support Bishop David Ricken and the ProLife Rally and March for Life. The Honor Guard has been requested to attend. Members of the Assembly and their families, Knights and their families are encouraged to attend.
  - Presentations begin at 10:00am in the auditorium. The Honor Guard is to attend in their regalia. About 11:00am the March for Life into the streets of Green Bay. The Honor Guard will change out of their regalia and into their winter wear for the march. Those who cannot march (about 2 miles) can attend the indoor prayer/Adoration in the Chapel. Refreshments will be available upon completion of the march.
  - Honor Guard, Please RSVP, by January 10th
  - Click on the following link for flier <http://kofcknights.org/Events/MARCH%20FOR%20LIFE-GREEN%20BAY%202015%20FLYER%20FINAL%20PDF.pdf>
  - For more info: Larry Ziarnik Commander, Marquette Assembly
  - Phone: (920) 468-1979 e-mail: [larryziarnik@aol.com](mailto:larryziarnik@aol.com)
- A new Grand Knight's Guide (#5085) was mailed to each council. This guide replaces and supersedes all previously published Grand Knight Handbooks and documentation.
- The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) is due by January 31. It measures each council's success throughout the calendar year.

#### **Why Join the 4th Degree?**

Old Glory "The Flag of the United State of America". "We Love It and Shall Ever Defend It". The Flag represents freedom, liberty, Patriotism, Our Constitution and Bill of Rights. Fourth Degree Knights act on these principles and what is right and honorable. "How"? By supporting and defending truth in the public arena. Protecting faith in civic life, such as the American examples of "One Nation Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" on currency. Funding, restoring, and serving in Church initiatives and events. Patriotism, the Fourth Principle of our Order is Loyalty to that Principle. Fourth Degree Knights hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable. Fourth Degree Knights are committed to building lives of character.

The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus. It is a group of outstanding Sir Knights who are dedicated to the service of their Church, their country and our Order. These men are unified in the Fourth Degree when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families and into how we serve our fellow man.

The need for strong role models has never been greater. If the sanctity of life, family values, and true religious freedom are to survive, democratic nations need greater commitment from people of faith. That's what the Fourth Degree Represents. We are the pinnacle of Knighthood. We live, serve and protect the truth. It's an Honor.

- Father Brian Wideman will be going through his 4th Degree in Appleton.
- If interested, contact Bob Yost.

#### **Good of the Order:**

**We start with the Priests and Seminarians:** Frs. Paul Radeski, Conrad Kratz, Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, Jim Kubicki, Mike Ingold, Dave Kasperek, Brian Wideman and Justin Werner. Seminarian Matt Rappl.

#### **Members and Family**

Joseph Wojtowicz, Joseph Putzer, Marcy Gehr, Paul Bongers, Terry Chang, Erik Duffy, Wally Maynard, Evan Williams, Garland Smith, Dan Rosenbaum, Andy Collar, Shawn Coenen, Dick Winter, Hannah Sherwood, Dee Kasperek, Mary Jean Schuelke, Joseph Morin, Mary Younger, Joseph Mourn, Jackie Jensen, Jim Rhyner, Donn Quinn, Mike Burns, Amy Paffel, Carol Clark, Ron Wisniewski, Tony Holt, Rosemary Schmitz, Mary Salm, Ester Gagner, Steve Wideman, Katheryn Mellot, Bernice Rudolf, Naz Belbusty, Norm and Mary Spielbauer, Bernie Kropidlowksi, Jody Pearson, Lynn Teska, Brandon Mayer, Bruce Howe, Gene Lerza, Bunnie Lerza, Jill Pearson, Bob Gehr, Bob & Cecilla Green, Jean Brafam, Ted Dekleyn, Sam and Cathy Nueman, Dan Stunger and Karen Hill.

***Meeting adjourned by Dan Bornemann at 8:39 p.m.***