



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 2/5/2013  
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#### **Grand Knight's Report:**

I was able to attend the 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification at Hortonville last Saturday. The Hortonville and surrounding councils had 24 knights proceed onto the 3rd degree. We have a number of 1st degree members who are eligible. If you are available, please consider doing so on March 3rd in De Pere. Lent is coming up quickly; remember to take advantage of the additional opportunities for reconciliation. As practicing Catholics we need to receive this sacrament at a minimum of once per year. There still are many opportunities for perpetual adoration available, see Bob Nackers if you want to sign up for an hour.

Gary Elmer received an Honorary Lifetime Membership Award.

#### **Knight of the Month –**

Paul Wolters is our Council's Knight of the Month. Paul had almost 1,000 hours of service in 2012, the most of anyone in our council. Paul is a past GK of Neenah Council 5514 and is a fourth degree knight. He is at almost all of our council meetings and events, including brat fries, ARC events and more. He is our unofficial Council photographer, having a camera wherever he goes. Besides the Knights activities, Paul is an Adorer at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, devotes time to serving Communion at the hospital and St. Gabriel's, and volunteers at the Christine Ann Center, St. Vincent de Paul's, Fishes and Loaves, and Parish activities.

Congratulations, Paul, a true example of Knighthood.

#### **Family of the Month – Jim and Karen Rappl:**

Jim and Karen Rappl along with their 3 sons are our family of the month. Jim and his wife Karen view St. Gabriel's as an extension of their home and family. Jim and Karen have 3 boys; Aaron, an engineer working at Mercury Marine, Brian, who is also an engineer working at Ingersoll-Rand in Minnesota, and Matt, who we are all familiar with, is attending St. John Vianney in Minnesota and will be graduating this spring. He has been placed at St. Frances DeSales for his final 4 years of the seminary starting this fall. Karen is a trustee and is on the finance committee at St. Gabriel, she runs the script program, is a minister of the Eucharist, co-chair of the seminarian parent support group and is on the food committee for funerals and other events. Jim is an Evangelical Catholic small group leader for St. Gabe's, is a Junior Achievement teacher for 5th graders at Catholic Central, has volunteered at the tootsie roll drives, and is an assistant scout master for Boy Scouts Troop 81. By the way Brian and Matt are Eagle Scouts.

We are thankful for the Rappl family and award them Family of the Month.

#### **Financial Secretary's Corner:**

As of this newsletter, there are still 41 unpaid card holding members of our Council. If you are having a problem, please call your Financial Secretary so a solution can be worked out. Your dues pay all Per Capita Tax to both Supreme and State Knights of Columbus plus the Culture For Life assessment, Respect Life and PKD. Without your dues, these funds have to come from the Council Membership Account. Please be prompt.

Any member contemplating receiving your Second and Third Degree in DePere on Sunday, March 3, remember, you have to have a 2013 PAID UP MEMBERSHIP CARD with you. No Exceptions.

At present, 318 Raffle tickets have been sold. Our goal in Neenah Council is 495. Please make every effort to sell tickets in your possession. The deadline for returning sold tickets to your Financial Secretary will be April 15th!

***Remember: What a grand world this would be if we could forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings.***

#### **Financial Secretary's Report:**

NONE.

#### **Program Chairman's Report:**

- Mike Bushman reported that the meal prep and serving on January 18th for the Warming Shelter went well. 16 people were served. They served turkey over mashed potatoes and green beans on the side.
- Ed Sypek reported on the District 10 meeting on January 21st. He mentioned that the State is pushing for membership blitzes.
- Bob Yost stated that the 4th Degree meeting on January 24th went well; it was their Ethnic Knight. They had two foreign exchange students speak at the event.
- Dan Bornemann reported on the 2nd and 3rd Degrees in Hortonville on February 3rd. 24 Knights participated in the 2nd Degree. 25 Knights participated in the 3rd Degree. A Priest received both Degrees that day. The Degrees went very well.
- Roger Bramm and Art Schmeichel will be on the 1st Degree Team in Oshkosh on February 6th.

- Marv Spielbauer mentioned that he needs 4 more people to help with the ARC Valentines dance at Sabre Lanes on February 15th. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Next year we should consider involving other councils to help pay for the event as it now includes the Appleton ARC.
- With Mike Simonis recovering from his injuries, Ed Sypek will head up the Peanut Butter and Jelly drive on February 23rd and 24th.
- Mike Bushman stated that they will have the same menu as last year for the Porkie/Pancake breakfast at St. Pat's on March 17th. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting. They are looking at 2 shifts, with 5 people from each council (10 total) for each shift. Mike would like to have a membership blitz during the day of the breakfast. Ed Sypek will sell raffle tickets. Jerry Robak will bring a power point presentation that will be run during the event.
- Jerry Robak mentioned that the Recognition Dinner will be March 19th at the Menasha Clubhouse. Cocktails will be at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.
- Clergy Cruise will be on June 5th. Invitations were extended in person in the past. Marv Spielbauer was told that invites should be in writing. Art Schmeichel will ask Paul Wolters to take care of the invites.

#### **Packer Concession Stand:**

- Mike Bushman reported that all volunteers who worked the Packer Concession Stand are invited to a Packer Concessions Party on February 28th from 5:30 to 8:00. Party will include dinner, a raffle and prizes. Let Mike know if you would like to attend. Mike has to send in a list of attendees. They will leave the Diner in Neenah at 4:30.

#### **Communications:**

- The Power of One Video – the video speaks to the positive impact an individual Knight has when joining with his Council in helping others.
- Alexi Harbor is entering the Aspirancy Program in Lacrosse. She is asking for help with expenses, including rent at \$450 per month and gas for going back and forth to Lacrosse. She is a Religious Education teacher in Neenah. Saint Margaret Mary's is sponsoring one month of her training. She is looking to raise \$2,000.
- The Saint Margaret Mary Teens for Life sent us a thank you for donating the food for their dinner. It was mentioned that without our donation, they would have lost money on the event.
- We received a thank you from Linda Schueler of the Winnebago Mental Health facility for the gift of treat bags.

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

NONE.

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

- Mike Bushman reported on Double Portions on January 28th. They served 118 people a spaghetti dinner with garlic bread and rolls. They had no leftovers. They used leftover items from the spaghetti dinner at St. Gabes and 100 leftover brats.
- The next Double Portions will be on February 25th. They will be serving potatoes and ham. They will be peeling potatoes Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. They may even peel potatoes during coffee and doughnuts at Saint Margaret Mary's.

#### **Brat Fries:**

- Bob Gehr mentioned that he has not received an answer yet from Bemis regarding brat fries for this year.

#### **New Business:**

- We will need a delegation for the State Convention on April 27th and 28th. Art will not be able to make the Convention. Delegates to take his place must be past Grand Knights. Ed Sypek and Mike Bushman said they would attend the Convention on our Council's behalf.
- Motion made by Rich Gagner to donate \$450 (1 month rent) to Alexi Harbor to assist with her costs in participating in the Aspirancy Program in Lacrosse as mentioned during Communications. Motion seconded by Marv Spielbauer. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jerry Robak mentioned seniors can get help with preparing tax returns through the AARP. Contact Jerry or call 215-1040.
- Ed Sypek mentioned that last year we paid for an ad in St. Gabriel's bulletin. He received an invoice for continuation of the ad in 2013 for \$360. It was stated that we did not get any phone calls from the ad. It was also stated that paying for the ad would be a way to support the Church. Motion made by Tony Ansems to pay \$360 for continuing the ad in the bulletin. Motion seconded by John Elsinger. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dennis Howard discussed that the Renew Group is conducting a toothbrush drive over Lent for Friends of Haiti. A box for the drive will be placed at Saint Margaret Mary's. Motion made by John Elsinger to donate \$100 to Friends of Haiti. Motion seconded by Tom Bozile. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bob Knackers stated that the following time slots are open for Perpetual Adoration. Please think about volunteering for a slot, or joining with others to cover a slot.
  - Thursday – 12:00 am, 1:00 am and 3:00 am
  - Friday – 2:00 am
  - Monday – 1:00 am
- Motion made by Rich Gagner to donate \$600 to St. Joes Food Pantry to cover the months of February, March and April. Motion seconded by Mike Mabie. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jon Bolwerk mentioned that the Dan's House of Hope golf outing will be on June 24th. Jon has registration forms. The event will also include a tea tasting event at a farm in Hortonville for non golfers. Jon wants to know if we would be interested in

sponsoring a hole again this year for \$250. Motion made by Mike Bushman to sponsor a hole. Motion seconded by Ed Sypek. Motion passes unanimously.

- Jim Zwicky mentioned that the Men's Crisceo will be February 14, 15 and 16th in Kaukauna. It starts Thursday night and runs through Sunday. Jim mentioned that it was a great way to renew your faith. Ed Sypek went through the event in the past and highly recommended others attend. Art and Roger also stated that this was a great experience. The Crisceo has been in the bulletins. You can apply on-line or see Jim for an application.

**District Deputy's Report (Read by Art Schmeichel):**

On October 11, 2012, the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI opened the Year of Faith. It ends on the Feast of Christ the King on Nov. 24, 2013.

Celebration of the Year of Faith is made to order for the Knights of Columbus. For that reason, Councils are asked to participate in the Council Action Plan for the Year of Faith. The plan covers four major areas: Faith Professed, Faith Lived, Faith Celebrated and Faith Prayed. These are explained fully in the pamphlet being sent to all Grand Knights and on the website [kofc.org/yearoffaith](http://kofc.org/yearoffaith). Any council completing at least one item in each of the areas cited above will receive a print of the Holy Family icon. It may be displayed in the council chamber, presented to the council chaplain or given any council member who has been instrumental in promoting the Year of Faith celebration.

In closing, I would like to encourage the Council members to actively participate in the upcoming Tootsie Roll Drive and the current State Raffle Drive. Remember, these funds come back to the area in grants and donations. Thank you, and God Bless you in all your endeavors.

**Good of the Order:**

Joseph Putzer, Cyndy Bornemann, Marcy Gehr, Paul Bongers, John Kessler, Sister Donna Marie Kessler, Brian Younger, Mary Brandt, Terry Chang, Erik Duffy, Bud Wickman, Wally Maynard, Virginia Jensen, Evan Williams, Garland Smith, Dan Rosenbaum, Andy Collar, Shana "Beck" Lorraine Borcnik, Shawn Coenen, Dick Winter, Janet Van Handel, Karen Kain, Hannah Sherwood, Dale Bellile, Dick Searles, Dee Kasperek, John Froehlke, Jean Breyer, Phil Ansems, Nazarine Belbusti, Jeff Ashley, Mary Nemecek, Mary Jean Schuelke, Kathy Rigotti, Harold Seymour, Mike Simonis, Mary Ellen Spielbauer, Joseph Morin and Betty Gehr.

**Priests:** Paul Radeski, Conrad Kratz, Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, Jim Kubicki, Larry Adler, Mike Ingold, and Dave Kasperek.

**Our Seminarians;** especially Brian Wideman and Matt Rappl.

***Meeting adjourned by Art Schmeichel at 8:30 pm.***