



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 2/4/2014**  
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**Grand Knight's Report:**

I would first like to take this opportunity to congratulate Adam Sekel and Jorge Ignacio Solis for joining the Knights of Columbus just before the meeting.

The State Convention is coming up in April. As host council we have a few roles to fill. We need to supply trip volunteers. Also, the convention needs ticket sellers and they have advertising space to sell.

**Knight of the Month – Don Boushele:**

The Knight of the Month for February is a 3rd degree Knight of 29 years. Don Boushele is one of a small number of “snow bird” members of our council who is quick with a smile and always willing to help when called upon. Don ushers at St. Margaret Mary, volunteers at the pancake/porkie breakfasts and volunteers at Tootsie Roll drives. He and his wife, Donna, pray at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Don, we appreciate your time and talent when it is available to us during the summer months. Thanks for all that you do.

**Family of the Month – Scott and Mona Sherwood:**

Scott and Mona are members of St Margaret Mary's Parish. Scott has been member of the SMM parish council and is a Eucharistic Minister, Scott and his family have worked at the Tootsie Roll drive, been altar servers and in many other ways support our faith community. Scott is involved in youth activities, including coaching youth baseball and basketball teams. It is not always easy to give of your time when you have a young family. Scott and Mona, thanks for showing us that focusing on family can be done while serving others. Keep up the great work!

**Financial Secretary's Corner:**

Brother Knights: As of this newsletter, 59% of our members have paid their 2014 Dues. Remember, your dues pay all the Supreme & State Per Capita Tax, along with the Culture for Life Assessment. The PKD is voluntary on your statement. If you have a problem, please call me at 920-722-3690 so a solution can be worked out. Dues have to be paid to take 2nd & 3rd Degrees.

At present, 312 Raffle tickets have been sold. Please make every effort to sell them. The deadline for the sold tickets returned to me will be April 15th, no exceptions.

***Remember: Worry is like a rocking chair: It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.***

**Financial Secretary's Report:**

None.

**New Business:**

- Mike Bushman's Uncle donated 70 round table cloths for the ARC parties.
- Convention delegates are as follows: Art Schmeichel, Ed Sypek, plus two alternates: Marv Speilbauer and Dan Bornemann.
- Motion made by Ed Sypek to take out a full page ad in the Convention Bulletin for \$100. Motion seconded by Marv Speilbauer. The ad will include something about our 50 year anniversary. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Ed Sypek to take out an ad in the Compass regarding Brian Wideman who is becoming a Priest. Motion seconded by Marv Spielbauer. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Bob Yost to re-activate Scott Stenson's membership. Scott does many behind the scenes activities for our Council that many do not realize. Motion seconded by Art Schmeichel. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.
- Dennis Howard stated that Friends of Haiti will be collecting 4 oz baby bottles, antibacterial soap and t-shirts that they will sew into diapers. Donation boxes will be located at Saint Margaret Mary's.
- Marv Spielbauer mentioned that he had cards made up for “in prayer of” and “in memorial of” that he placed in the Adoration Chapel. The cards have been well received. Marv made a motion to print another 1,000 cards for about \$100 for the Chapel. Motion seconded by Ed Sypek. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jerry Robak is looking for help for garden work at Saint Margaret Mary's. He is looking for Knights to help out with gardening 2 to 3 times per year. By show of hand, Jerry got a few Knights to volunteer.
- Motion made by Mike Bushman to donate \$4,000 towards the new Seton Middle School. This would match Menasha Council's donation (which they will pay over four years). Mike's motion is to pay it all at once now that we have the money. Mike said he will do his part to recover costs next year. The cost of the school is \$11M. Five families have donated \$6.5M towards the school. Motion seconded by Lloyd Delveaux. Motion passed unanimously.

**Programs Chairman's Report:**

- Marv mentioned that the Memorial Mass and Breakfast on January 12th at St. Margaret Mary's went well. The mass was wonderful and the food was great.
- Jim Rappl reported on Bible Study. They have three more sessions to go. The program is going very well. Jim reported the following:

- There will be a men's Lenten Bible Group. Times are 6:30 on Sundays or 6:30 on Tuesdays.
- There will also be a mixed (men and women) Lenten Bible Group starting February 23rd.
- There will be an Epic Study Group on Thursday at 6:30 at St. Gabriel's. The Group will study the early church fathers.
- Sign-up sheets were available at the meeting.
- Art reported that the District Deputy meeting on Jan 20th was productive.

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

- 65 people were served at Double Portions on January 27th. They served lo mein over rice. The food was well received.
- Marv reported that they are all set for the ARC Valentine's Day Dance on Feb 14th. Set-up starts at 5:15. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Marv is planning a chili type dinner for the next Double Portions meal on February 24th. We have 30 lbs. of hamburger coming.
- Peanut Butter and Jelly collection will be March 1st and 2nd at both Parishes. Ed Sypek mentioned that it was posted in the Saint Margaret Mary's Bulletin. Ed Sypek will take care of SMM. Mike Bushman will collect items at St. Gabriel's on March 3rd.

#### **Communications:**

- We received a thank you from Saint Margaret Mary's for our \$800 donation.
- We received a thank you for our \$300 donation towards the Teens for Life Trip.
- We received a thank you from Saint Vincent DePaul for our donation towards a new freezer.
- We received a thank you from the Winnebago Mental Health Institute for our donation of left over candy, soda and fruit from the ARC Christmas Party.

#### **Trustees Report:**

- A sign-up sheet was passed around for Winter Break. There is room for 4 couples.
- The EstoVir Men's Conference is the 1st Saturday in March at St. Pius in Appleton. Sign up on-line or contact Ed Sypek.
- There was discussion on Deacon George Alex Thierjung. His Permanent Diaconate Ordination was on January 25th. He mentioned that he had fond memories of his time with the Knights of Columbus and that they helped steer him into the Diaconate program.
- Ed Sypek mentioned that he would like to see us put together another team for the Adoration Chapel. We currently share 2 shifts per week amongst 8 Knights. He would like to see another 4 Knights share a time slot.

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

I thank Our Lady of Lourdes Council 614 for hosting the District 10 - 2nd and 3rd Degree on January 18th. We had 16 - 2nd Degree candidates and 26 - 3rd Degree candidates. This included 5 candidates for each Degree from District 10. Due to the excellent job performed by the South Fox Valley 3rd Degree Team, they are being certified by Supreme. Congratulations. We are still looking for Degree Team members for all three Degree teams. Please prayerfully consider joining us.

Upcoming 1st Degrees: Feb. 11th at St. Josephats in Oshkosh, March 11th Kaudy Hall, in Winneconne (6:00), April 7th at St. Raphael's in Oshkosh (6:30), May 1st at St. Mark's in Redgranite (6:30), and June 3rd at St. Josephats in Oshkosh (6:00). Let me know if you have any candidates.

Upcoming 2nd and 3rd Degrees: March 15th in Fond du Lac and March 16th in De Pere

Upcoming 4th Degree: April 12th in Waukesha

We have a lot of members that are eligible for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degrees. Contact your candidates now. If you sponsored a 1st Degree member, you should see your member through the other Degrees.

Don't forget your 2014 Convention responsibilities. We all should also be obtaining program book ads, and raffle prizes. It is suggested at least 2 raffle prizes per Council. Councils should be discussing a Council ad for the program book.

Our District is short \$1,478 of our goal to send the Team Wisconsin to the National Games. You were notified of any shortfall at the District Meeting. Please do what you can to help these Special Olympians. They deserve and need our help. Contact me for information on submitting your donations in so they are applied correctly.

Our Goal is one member, per council, per month. In keeping with this goal, by Jan. 31, 2014, each council should have recruited seven new members. We have a moral obligation to ensure that every eligible Catholic man should be offered the chance to better himself through the Knights of Columbus. Each Council's required Spring Blitz needs to be completed by March 18th. Supreme is requesting Church Blitzes the weekend of March 15th-16th. Please plan accordingly.

From our General Agent:

1. Please be sure that the Form 100 are being fully completed by. All of the spaces need to be filled in.
2. Occupation is my first clue in knowing if they are licensed insurance agents who sell competing product. If they are retired, we still would like to know what they did- you never know how that could benefit your council.
3. Wife's name- we really would like to know her name before we sit down at their kitchen table. Last 4 digits of their Social Security number tells me that I can sell them annuities or life insurance if they have the need.
4. Question #4 is really for the benefit of your Council to confirm their eligibility, and how well they already know us. The "Interest/Preference" section at the bottom is really a great council tool. It should give an indication of how this new member

can, and will be willing, to help us grow. When I look back at old Form 100's, it is interesting to see that most men who quit paying dues (becoming a "prior member") within two years of joining a council, never filled out the bottom section of the form.

Let's get out and sell raffle tickets, so there's more money to send back to our Councils for our local charities!!!! Remember, Charity is the principal of the 1st Degree.

**Extra:**

- Gary Neumeyer and Family received the Green Bay Diocesan Family of the Month for March 2013.
- Chad and Tina Olsen received the Green Bay Diocesan Family of the Month for June 2013.
- Dennis and Marcie Howard received the Green Bay Diocesan Family of the Month for August 2013.
- Paul Kerscher was acknowledged for being a 4th Degree member for 40 years.

**Good of the Order:**

Joseph Putzer, Marcy Gehr, Paul Bongers, John Kessler, Sister Donna Marie Kessler, Terry Chang, Erik Duffy, Bud Wickman, Wally Maynard, Evan Williams, Garland Smith, Dan Rosenbaum, Andy Collar, Shana "Beck" Lorraine Borcnik, Shawn Coenen, Dick Winter, Hannah Sherwood, Dee Kasperek, Jean Breyer, Mary Jean Schuelke, Joseph Morin, Mary Younger, Joseph Mourn, Jackie Jensen, Jim Rhymer, Donn Quinn, Mike Burns, Bob Baier, Craig Ryder, Amy Paffel, Janet Van Handel, Carol Clark, Ron Wisniewski, Leonard Rudolf Tony Holt and Ester Gagner.

**Priests:** Paul Radeski, Conrad Kratz, Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, Jim Kubicki, Larry Adler, Mike Ingold, Dave Kasperek and Justin Werner. Our Seminarians; especially Brian Wideman and Matt Rappl.

***Meeting adjourned by Art Schmeichel at 8:36 pm.***