



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 3/3/2015
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GRAND KNIGHT – Dan Bornemann



Grand Knight's Report:

Brother Knights. Hope everyone continues to have a warm heart in these cold winter months. We will keep looking forward knowing spring is right around the corner bringing warmth and sunshine.

I want to take a moment to remind everyone that our annual Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser will be two weekends in May as we have done the last couple years. We will be manning multiple sites in the Neenah area May 7th, 8th, and 9th, which is Mother's Day Weekend. We will do the same at WalMart the following weekend, May 15th and 16th, finishing with the masses at St Gabriel and St Margaret Mary Churches the 15th and 16th. Chad Olsen is making the calls to fill the schedule. Please consider filling a couple slots over the two weekends. The money raised goes to local programs supporting our intellectually challenged community.

Knight of the Month – [Jacob Sumnik:](#)

The Knight of the Month for March is Jacob Sumnik, better known as Kuba. He is a 3rd degree Knight who came to us from Prague in the Czech Republic via the Global Outreach Program. Kuba became a Knight in November and received his 3rd degree in February. He is staying with Dan and Lori Matthews until mid-June and is a member of St Gabriel's parish. He is a junior at St Mary's Central High School where he has blended in well with his classmates, including participating in football and strength training.

Kuba has been a real asset to the Knights, his church, and the Neenah community. Since joining the Knights, he has worked more than 70 hours in Packer Concessions and plans on helping with the upcoming Tootsie Roll drive. He helped out at St Gabe's in assisting the preparation and serving of the Advent kick-off meal and is a cross bearer at the 8 am masses. Kuba assists at the Boys & Girls Brigade and was sponsored by the Knights to go to the March for Life in Washington DC in February.

Kuba has indicated that one of his personal goals is to become a Dynamic Catholic Leader and feels that participating with the Knights will help him toward that goal. Thank you Kuba for all you have given to us in your short time here and we pray that God blesses you with the rich and fulfilling Catholic life that you desire.

Family of the Month – [Steve Wideman and Family:](#)

The Family of the Month for March is Steve and Mary Wideman. Steve and Mary are members of St. Margaret Mary and have been married for 42 years. Steve is a converted Catholic since their marriage. He has been a Knight for 3 years, has his 4th degree, and is a member of the Honor Guard. He currently is a freelance writer for the Green Bay Compass and Milwaukee's Catholic Herald. Mary has been a life-long Catholic and her parents and grandparents have a rich heritage in St. Margaret Mary Parish and the Knights of Columbus. Her grandparents were charter members of St Margaret Mary some 80+ years ago. Her grandfather was also a charter member of the Neenah Knights of Columbus and the family celebrates 4 generations of Neenah Knights stemming from Mary's grandfather, father, Steve and now their son Brian. Together, Steve and Mary have been active with the perpetual adoration chapel, the March for Life in Washington DC, the local warming shelter, Mission work in Kentucky and attending Ordinations. Collectively they have also helped with parish rummage sales, scouting, coaching youth sports, teaching religious education, the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity. Many of you know that Steve has been going through cancer treatments, and while he is still receiving reduced chemo treatments, he feels he is in remission. Amazingly, one of Steve's first thoughts when he was diagnosed with cancer was that, more than anything else, he wanted to help people.

Steve and Mary have 4 adult sons, Ben, Brian, Rob and Brad and 4 grandchildren. Ben works in Marketing for Silver Lake College and lives in Manitowoc with his son. Most of you know Brian, who is a newly ordained priest at St Bernadette's in Appleton. Brian is also a 3rd degree Knight and is expecting to participate in the 4th degree ceremonies in April. Rob lives in Virginia with his wife and 3 children and is a Sergeant in the US Army. Rob has done a number of tours in the Middle East, first with the infantry and now as a driver with the Special Forces. He is also a jump master and trains new soldiers the fine points of being a paratrooper. Brad is an over-the-road truck driver living in New London. He and his wife are active volunteers for their church and community.

Thank you, Steve and Mary and your family, for your generous giving of time and talent to the Knights, the Church, and your community.

Financial Secretary's Corner:

Brother Knights: As of this newsletter, we have 31 Members with unpaid dues for 2015. Please, if your card reads 2014 your dues are due. If a problem, contact me, that a solution can be worked out. My phone number is 920-722-3690.

At present, 337 raffle tickets have been sold. Make every effort to sell your tickets. The absolute deadline for the return of sold tickets will be April 15th, NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Remember: No one know what he can do till he tries.

Financial Secretary's Report:

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New Business:

- Mike Bushman is in charge to training Alter Servers at St. Pat's. Mike is looking for permission to spend around \$75 for pizzas for the Servers. Motion made by Marv to purchase the pizzas. Motion seconded by Ed Sypek. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Ed Sypek to donate \$500 to the Spiritus Group. This is the same amount we donated last year. Motion seconded by Jon Bolwerk. Motion passed unanimously. Ed will ask if they would like to speak at our Awards Dinner.
- Ed mentioned that the grand piano at St. Margaret Mary's is in need of tuning. It needs to be tuned every quarter or every 6 months. It costs \$125 to tune the grand piano and \$85 to tune the upright. Motion made by Ed to donate \$500 towards piano tuning and \$300 for tuning the three pianos at the school. Motion seconded by Mike Mabie. Motion passed unanimously.
- Art was approached for help with the Saint Margaret Mary's senior graduation celebration. The event will be on May 17th at Friendship Hall. They are looking to serve about 100 to 150 people. Motion made by Rich Gagner to man and sponsor the whole breakfast. This includes paying for all the meal supplies. Motion seconded by Ed Sypek. Motion passed unanimously.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for new Knight Shirts.
- Marv mentioned that St. Vincent reached their \$40,000 matching grant goal.
- Motion made by Joe Nemecek to donate \$600 to Father Carr's Place 2B for March, April and May. Motion seconded by Mike Pokorny. Motion passed unanimously.
- We will be conducting a Peanut Butter and Jelly drive. Bob Yost will take care of St. Gabes and Mike Simonis will take care of St. Margaret Mary's. They will work on dates.
- Bob Yost brought up our Seminarian donation commitment. Last year we supported seven Seminararians. We received a \$500 anonymous donation. Last year we received \$1,308 from raffle ticket sales. We no longer get \$2 per ticket. We need to apply for funds. We also get \$100 back for each Seminarian we sponsor, so our actual cost is \$400 per Seminarian. Motion made by Ed Sypek to support 7 Seminararians. Motion seconded by Mike Bushman. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mike Bushman stated that early registration for Packer Concessions needs to be in by March 27th to receive a \$500 bonus. We will cut booth 427. Mike will put in for 30 people per game. It was decided that we will sign-up for concessions again this season.
- Joe Nemecek saw on the news that the Packer's organization that gave \$500,000 to charities. Joe will look at applying for funds.
- Our delegates for the State Convention will be Dan Bornemann, Rich Gagner and Mike Bushman.
- Leftovers from the Valentine's Day Dance went to the Mt. Tabor Center.

Programs Chairman's Report:

- Marv Spielbauer reported on the Soar Valentines Dance at Sabre Lanes. There were at least 119 members from Soar that attended. We had about 12 volunteers. Thank you to Jon Bolwerk and Dan Bornemann for bringing their families. Special thanks to Laverne for making the corsages.
- Chuck Rohr reported that the 2nd and 3rd Degrees at St Gabriel's on Feb 21 went well. Mike's soup was very popular. 12 Knights went through the Degrees.
- Chuck Rohr mentioned that there will be 1st Degree at the Newman Center in Oshkosh on March 6th. It is geared towards younger men. They will have at least 5 members and it has been opened to other Councils.
- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree coming up in DePere on March 15th. Registration is at 10 am.
- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree in Fond du Lac on March 14th. Registration is at 9:45.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Perkins Meet and Greet to benefit Special Olympics on March 5, March 11, April 15 and April 23rd. We need 5 members to man the doors from 5 to 8 pm. The efforts so far have raised \$456.73 (with tips). The next 4 meet and greets should put us over our allocation for Special Olympics. The remaining funds should be used for SOAR events. Remember to wear your Knight's shirts.
- Mike Bushman stated that the Cel O' Bration Breakfast/Blitz at St. Patrick's will be a combined event with Menasha Council. The Breakfast will be on March 15th. Start cooking at 6 am. Start serving at 7 am. We will also be selling raffle tickets.
- Chuck put in a plug for joining the 4th Degree. There will be a 4th Degree on April 11th in Appleton. Candidates should be there at 9 am. We will have at least 4 members going through the Degree.
- Jerry Robak mentioned that the Awards Dinner will be April 21st at the Menasha Clubhouse. Cocktails at 6 pm, Dinner at 7.
- Chuck reported that the State Convention will be April 24-26 at the Radison in Oneida (Casino). There will be no Lady tours. They will have programs for them at the Casino. District 10 will have its own hospitality room. We will have a table at the convention for the Golf Outing.

Community and Public Relations:

- Ed Sypek mentioned that Double Portions on Feb 23rd went well. They served noodles with venison. It was a very cold day. They served 115 people.
- They will serve ham and scalloped potatoes at the next Double Portions meal on March 30th.
- Mike mentioned that in addition to the meals they make for Double Portions, they will make an extra nesco of food for the Spiritus Group.

Communications:

- Dennis Howard made a statement thanking us for our donation to Friends of Haiti. Dennis mentioned that they made 331 diapers out of used shirts and distributed 151 diaper kits. They also raised over \$800 for water purification kits.

Trustee's Report:

- Art Schmeichel mentioned that Saint Margaret Mary's is looking for volunteers for the high school senior porkie/pancake breakfast.
- Ed Sypek stated that he will bring up a donation to the Spiritus Group under new business.
- Ed will also bring up a donation for tuning the piano at Saint Margaret Mary's.

District Deputy's Report:

Thank you to Neenah Council 5514 for hosting the 2nd and 3rd Degrees on February 21st. We had 15 candidates, including 12 from District 10. It would have been nice to have a better showing from District 10. We have over 300 eligible members that could have participated. The 3rd Degree was held in honor of Roger Bramm, recently deceased member of Neenah Council 5514. Roger was a member of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree teams. The teams always teased Roger for being a "youngster in his 90's" and being so active in District, Council and Church activities. A signed certificate in his honor will be presented to his widow.

1st Degrees:

- March 6: Newman Center, UWO, 6:30 pm
- March 11: Nicolet Clubhouse, 6:30 pm
- April 30: St. Raphael, 6:00 pm
- May ??: 5514
- June ??: Open

2nd and 3rd Degrees:

- March 14, Fond du Lac Clubhouse, 10:00 am (Candidates before 9:45)
Knights of Columbus Hall, 795 Fond du Lac Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935 US
Host District Deputy Dick Taddey (920) 602-0011 or email 2taddeydb@att.net
Uknight: <http://www.kofcknights.org/Event.asp?ID=59659&CNO=0>)
- March 15, Our Lady of Lodes, Depere, 11:00 am
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School, 1305 Lourdes Ave, De Pere, WI 54115
2nd Degree Candidates and observers registration begins at 10:00 am, Degree begins at 11:00
3rd Degree Candidates and observers registration begins at 12:30 pm, Degree begins at 1:15 pm
Host Grand Knight, Matt Diederich. at (920) 360-5926 or
District Deputy Joe Dutkiewicz at (920) 883-0524
(Uknight: <http://www.kofcknights.org/Event.asp?ID=54065&CNO=0>)

Please let me know if any of your members are attending any of these Degrees.

Candidates and members are expected to have their current membership card for admission to the degrees. Appropriate dress: All candidates and members should wear business casual. No shorts or T-shirts please.

Fourth Degrees:

- April 11, 2015, Appleton, 9:00 am, Bishop Ricken, Honoree
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W College Ave, Appleton, WI 54911
[Exemplification Fact Sheet & Registration Form](http://kofcknights.org/Events/1375_001.pdf): http://kofcknights.org/Events/1375_001.pdf

Please see State Newsletter and Uknight page for other Degrees

<http://kofcknights.org/ChapterSite/degreeSchedule.asp?D=80>

We are still looking for Degree team membership. It is not hard work, and we average 1-1st Degree per month. You probably won't be in the Degree each month unless you want to. Training is provided.

Thank you to all our Councils in helping **Father Jason** with the kitchen at the Newman center. John McCort and myself helped Father, and a few 1st Degree candidates pick up and install the appliances.

On Wednesday, **March 25**, the Order will observe the **Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child**. Councils are encouraged to sponsor special Masses, rosaries or prayer services for Knights, their families and parishioners to pray or fast in an effort to restore respect and protection for unborn children.

Good of the Order:

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

Good of the Order:

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, Donn Quinn, Mike Burns, Amy Paffel, Carol Clark, Ron Wisniewski, Tony Holt, Rosemary Schmitz, Mary Salm, Steve Wideman, 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 & Cecilla Green, Jean Brafam, Ted Dekleyn, Sam and Cathy Nueman, Dan Stunger, Karen Hill, Jim Hill, Sue Leeman, Kathy Linzmeyer, Don Pearson, Chris Rigotti, Norman Bushman, Faye Daniel, Sister Marlene Weber, Jason Watzka, Robert Hintz, Julie Jensen and Don Wichman.

Meeting adjourned by Dan Bornemann at 8:30 p.m.