

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – December 1, 2015
GRAND KNIGHT ~ Dan Bornemann
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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:

Welcome Brother Knights. It is December and the Christmas season is coming quickly. Be kind to everyone you interact with. Keep in mind that Christmas is a religious event celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Be patient with others. I pray for God to help me be a good, Catholic gentleman all the time. I recommend all of us keep this in mind and keep Christ in Christmas!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:

Brother Knights: As I stated a year ago, there will be only one billing for your dues from now on. On the statement enclosed, the PKD of \$3.65 is a voluntary donation. The \$2.00 Culture for Life is an assessment by Supreme and payable by all members. Please make every effort to keep your dues current.

Remember: Count your blessings, try to name them all one by one

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ NORM SPIELBAUER

Norm attends St. Margaret Mary and has been a member of the Neenah Council since October 1964, 7 months after the Neenah Council was formed. Norm is a third degree Knight and is currently not very active due to some physical limitations. This did not seem to bother Norm for the longest time but now he is more home bound. Norm has spent most of his time as warden for the Neenah Council. He was recruited by his father-in-law. For many years Norm was Deacon at St. Margaret Mary Parish and helped with Bingo. He helped out with Brat Fries, Soar Christmas and Valentine Dances, Tootsie Roll Drives, Porky Pancake breakfasts, Pizza and Bingo parties, and whenever someone needed help. He ran the Holy Mary Devotion readings at St. Mary Church, for the longest time. He comes from an athletic family, and got to be nicknamed Speed 1 when in High School. Congratulations, Norm Spielbauer, Knight of the Month for December 2015.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ MARV & RUTH SPIELBAUER

Marv and Ruth attend St. Margaret Mary; have six children, Kathy, Jane, Ann, Tom, Jim and Peter. Marv is a 3rd Degree Knight and charter member of the Neenah Council. He was recruited by his brother, Norm's father-in-law, who also happens to be Marv's father-in-law. Ruth is involved with St. Vincent de Paul, and for 45 years, has been making Baptismal gowns, at 50 gowns a year, that makes 1,700 during her lifetime. Marv has been serving Communion for shut-ins for the past 33 years. He coordinates the Wisconsin Mental Health Institute Pizza and Bingo events, Valentine and Christmas dances at SOAR, cooked meals at Mt. Tabor, supported Perpetual Adoration since its inception, Porky Pancake breakfasts, tootsie rolls, and Memorial Mass and breakfast. Their children are active too. Tom, who now lives in Dusseldorf, taught CCD classes and was a fundraiser for Charities. Jim is a fund raiser for his Church. Peter was PTA Chairman. Kathy is part of a Sponsor Family for Christmas group and Jane works with domestic violence and sex abuse victims. Grandchildren are also very much involved in their Church activities as they are chips of the old block. Because of Marv's athleticism, he was appropriately nicknamed Speed 2 when in High School. Congratulations, Ruth and Marv Spielbauer and entire family, Family of the Month December 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

NOVEMBER 2015	BEGINNING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	\$173.18	\$(56.53)
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT	\$13,674.09	\$13,981.93
TOTAL BALANCE	\$13,847.27	\$13,925.40
SPECIAL PROJECT ACCOUNT	\$ _____	

Marv Spielbauer mentioned that the \$700 from the porkie/pancake breakfast was given to Saint Margaret Mary's. The money has been designated for new audio/visual equipment for Friendship Hall. They will let us know if they do not plan on purchasing audio/visual equipment so that the money can be designated for another use.

READING OF THE BILLS

The following additional bills were read:

- \$103.70 to Mike Bushman for Double Portions.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Thank You from St. Gabriel's for \$500 donation towards collection baskets
- Punt, Pass, and Kick Winners -- 12 year old Myles Steward (Neenah) got 2nd place at State.
- DD Tony Weber requested 5514 host a First Degree in January. We will do a membership drive prior to the First Degree.
- We received a thank you from the Mount Tabor Center for our sponsorship. Our Council was included in their Annual Report.
- Marv Spielbauer brought a thank you from Lori Allman of SOAR for our Tootsie Roll donation.
- We received a correspondence that Saint Margaret Mary's that they are still looking for help with valet parking. There are sign-up sheets in the Usher's Room. Responsibilities include setting up a sign outside and waiting to see if someone needs valet parking.
- Jerry will be selling leftover meat from the brat fries after the meeting.
- Chuck will be taking over the History Book duties. Please remember to take pictures of events and bring clippings or bulletins to Chuck.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

- Ed Sypek mentioned that they received a request for a \$200 sponsorship from the 4th Degree Grand Knight in Chicago to help facilitate a regional March for Life event in Chicago.

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Ed Sypek reported on the Taize Prayer Service at St. Margaret Mary's. Ed mentioned that it was a good, prayerful event. He believed about 75 people attended the service.
- Tony Weber mentioned that 49 people attended the 1st Degree at St. Raphael's in Oshkosh.
- Marv reported that the Memorial Mass on November 22nd went very well. 28 people attended. Thanks to all those who helped. The breakfast cost \$127 and we took in \$140.
- Jerry Robak stated that there will be a Christmas Party at the Eagles Club on December 10th at 5pm. Horse devours will be served. Jerry will be playing with his eight piece band. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Tom Bozile will chair the Memorial Mass and the Saint Margaret Mary's Porkie Pancake breakfast.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Mike Bushman reported that 126 people at Double Portions plus 10 at Mount Tabor were served turkey over mashed potatoes, dressing and green beans on November 23rd.
- The next meal will be chili on December 28th.
- The Soar Christmas Party will be held on December 19th. Set-up will start at noon, dance will start at 1:00. A sign-up sheet was passed around. They have the stuffed animals needed for the event.
- Dan and Jon will help chair the Soar Valentine's Dance. We are allowed to bring hot dogs and snacks. We are not allowed to bring sodas or popcorn.

RETREAT:

- Ed Sypek stated that there will be a mini-retreat at Mount Tabor on December 2nd at 7:00 am. It is meant to help hold people over between the full retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House.

BOWLING:

- Lloyd would like to get two Teams together for the State Bowling Tournament on March 19-20 in Fond du Lac. He needs three more members to make a 2nd team.

PACKER CONCESSION STAND:

- Mike Bushman reported that we received a check for a little over \$3,500 for a total so far of around \$5,700. Our council is matching last year's totals with less people.
- We would like to have 12 members attend the remaining games. This would allow us to make another \$4,400.
- Sign-up sheets were passed around for the next two games.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mike Bushman stated that he actually bought 4 Nescos from Walmart at a cost of \$29.95 each. Three are for St. Pats and the 4th is for our Council. Jerry called him on his way to Walmart and told him that one of our Nescos just died.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion made by Ed Sypek to donate \$200 per month to Father Carr's Place 2B for the months of Dec/Jan/Feb. Motion seconded by Dennis Rudolf. Motion passed unanimously
- Mike Bushman reported that two windows at St. Pats were shot out. It will cost \$1,000 to replace. Insurance deductible is \$2,500. Menasha Council donated \$500 towards the windows. Motion made by Mike to donate the other \$500. Motion seconded by Jerry Robak. Motion passed unanimously.
- Request for donations for the Chicago March for Life event will be tabled at this time. We will be supporting students going to the Washington DC March for Life.
- Bob Yost mentioned that we got a request from the Compass asking for our help sponsoring four ads at \$25 each (\$100 total). Motion made by Lloyd to sponsor the ads. Motion seconded by Jon Bolwerk, Motion passed unanimously.
- We are in need of a Chairman for the St. Gabriel's porkie/pancake breakfasts.
- Tony Ansems started a new group for Prostate Cancer Survivors, called US2. The meetings are the third Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 at Fire Station 31 (Tullar and Breezewood).

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:

- Our Council was presented the Columbian Award for last year.
- Tony gave us our Raffle Tickets for 2016.
- We should start working on our Fraternal Survey.
- Our Council should focus on retention efforts.
- It was mentioned that one of our members (Jay Marti) was a founding member of the That Man is You program and that we sponsored the promotional materials for the program. Tony said he would bring this up in his report to State.
- Bishop Ricken is seeking a \$100 donation per council for morning coffee, donuts and bags with the K of C Logo for the Men's Apostate on March 16, 2016 at the KI Convention Center. This is an excellent opportunity for recruitment. This will be brought up at the next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Joseph Putzer, Marcy Gehr, Paul Bongers, Terry Cheng, Wally Maynard, Evan Williams, Garland Smith, Ken Rosenbaum, Shawn Coenen, Dick Winter, Hannah Sherwood, Mary Jean Schuelke, Joseph Morin, Mary Younger, Joseph Mourn, Jackie Jensen, Amy Paffel, Rosemary Schmitz, Mary Salm, Bernice Rudolf, Naz Belbusty, Norm and Mary Spielbauer, Bernie Kropidlowksi, Jody Pearson, Lynn Teska, Brandon Mayer, Jill Pearson, Bob & Cecilla Green, Jean Brafam, Ted Dekleyn, Sam and Cathy Nueman, Karen Hill, Faye Daniel, Don Wichman, Bob Deopker, Linda Morey, Tom Elcott, June Ingold, Joseph Wojtowicz, Marv Spielbauer, Kathryn Nemecek, Ron Wisniewski, Mary Kay Heath, Lynn Billings, Julie Giese, Al Gresch, Jim Votova, George Hintz and Mark Turowski.

Meeting adjourned by Dan Bornemann at 8:11 p.m.