



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 4/3/2012
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April

- April 14-15, State Bowling competition, Stevens Point (Lloyd Delveaux)
- April 27-29, State Convention, Middleton WI (Ed Sypek)
- April 29, Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Food Concession, Monarch Gardens 9:00 am (Chris Rigotti)

May

- May 1, 7:00 Business Meeting St. Gabriel's (Ed Sypek)
- May 5-6, Tootsie Roll Drive in the Parishes (Chad)
- May 10-12, Tootsie Roll Drive in the Community (Chad)
- May 12, Brat Fry for SMM Youth Advisory Team, Pansy Nursery, Cecil St., setup, 9am. (Art S)
- May 19, Brat Fry for SMM Youth Advisory Team, Pansy Nursery, Cecil St., setup, 9am. (Art S)
- May 26, Brat Fry for SMM Youth Advisory Team, Pansy Nursery, Cecil St., setup, 9am. (Art S)

Grand Knight's Report:

Another banner month, thank you all that made it a success. In addition to our regular Double Portions Meals, St. Vincent De Paul, Father Carr, and St. Joseph volunteers, we also participated in first, second and third degrees. Congratulations to all who decided to move up in these degrees. We also teamed with Menasha in a pancake and porkie at St. Pat's. My understanding is they have a need for new priest and deacon vestments. We had our council's recognition dinner this month with several prospective members in attendance, sponsored a pizza dinner for youth groups at St. Gabriel's before the showing of Matthew Kelly's seven Pillars of Faith video, and used the coffee and donuts hosting at St. Margaret Mary's for membership recruitment. April will be as full. Help where you can, there is much to do

Knight of the Month – Steve Wideman:

Our Knight of the Month is a new great addition to our council, Steve Wideman. Since joining late last year Steve has participated in most council activities, including, but not limited to: light bulb changing, Packer game vending, pancake porkie breakfasts, 2 and 3rd degree ceremonies and Esto Vir. Steve is the example to look toward when it comes to inviting new members to join us. In addition to his volunteerism, Steve is a free lance writer/photographer for the Compass and the Chilton newspaper. Thank you, Steve. You have made us a better, stronger and more complete council.

Family of the Month – David and Melissa Wojtowicz:

David and Melissa Wojtowicz are our family of the month. Dave and Melissa have 3 children, Ashley (19), Whitney (12) and Joel (10). Melissa takes care of the family but suffers from a medical condition that prevents her from getting out much. Ashley lives and works as a CNA in Algoma. Whitney is active in Brigade and sports at school and Joel stays busy with school. Dave's dad, Joe, sponsored him in the Knights. Dave is a 4th degree Knight. Dave has volunteered for Tootsie Rolls, a Packer games, Brewfest and has done an excellent job on our newsletter since taking it over last summer. Dave also volunteers at the Boys' and Girls' Brigade and various school activities where he works.

Financial Secretary's Corner: My Brother Knights:

Hats off to all members of Neenah Council #5514 for reaching and surpassing our goal of 468 State Charity Raffle tickets sold as of this letter. The absolute deadline for the return of sold tickets to the Financial Secretary will be April 19th. If your membership card still reads 2011, your dues are now PAST DUE. If there is a problem, please call me at 920-722-3690 so a solution can be worked out.

Remember: The highest kind of giving comes from the bottom of the heart.

Chaplains Report - Corporal Works of Mercy and Neenah 5514 reviewed

G.K. Chesterton put it something like this, "thinking you are a Christian by spending an hour in church on Sunday is like spending an hour in the garage and thinking you are a car".

Financial Secretary's Report:

- Raffle Tickets – We are 11 tickets over of our goal of 460 tickets as of the meeting.

Trustee's Report:

- Our Council will be passing on the request for funds to help rebuild the St. Augustine's Church in Schullsburg, WI. They were looking for Councils to pledge \$3,000 over three years.

Program Chairman's Report:

- Ed Sypek reported that the Esto Vir Men's Conference at St. Pius X Church on March 10th was a very good event. Father Larry Richards and Ambassador Keyes were speakers.

Program Chairman's Report (cont.)

- We heard that the Oshkosh blitz on March 11th went very well. They picked up 6 new members; their first new members in five years. No one from our Council helped with the blitz.
- Mike Simonis reported on the Peanut Butter and Jelly drive. They took in 113 jars, which is half the number of jars they took in last year.
- Our Council had a total of 6 members go through the 2nd and/or 3rd Degrees on March 18th in De Pere. It was a large event, with 88 members going through the 2nd Degree and 84 members going through the 3rd Degree.
- The Recognition Dinner on March 20th went well. Overall it was a good event with good food and good pictures.
- Two members went through the First Degree on March 29th at St. Josephat's School in Oshkosh.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for helping with food service for the Mid Wisconsin Chippers event on April 29th. Five Knights are needed for both the morning and afternoon shifts. Contact Ron Wisniewski if you can help.

New Business:

- The following Officers were nominated for 2012.
 - Grand Knight – Art Schmeichel
 - Deputy Grand Knight – Dan Bornemann
 - Chancellor – Rich Gagner
 - Warden – Tom Bozile
 - Assistant Warden – Mike Mabie
 - Recorder – Chad Olsen
 - Advocate – Lloyd Delveaux
 - Outside Guard – Colin Behm
 - Inside Guard – Nick Lashua
 - Program Director – Bob Gehr
 - 1 Year Trustee – Paul Wolters
 - 2 Year Trustee – Jerry Robak
 - 3 Year Trustee – Ed Sypek
- Motion made by Lloyd Delveaux to donate \$120 to the Boy Scouts to support a Chaplain at camp. Motion seconded by Rich Gagner. Motion passed unanimously.
- Last year our Council sponsored a hole for a golf tournament for Dan's House of Hope to be built in Houston. This year the golf event will be held at Ridgeway. Cost is \$250 to sponsor a hole. Motion made by Mike Mabie to sponsor a hole. Motion seconded by Gary Elmer. Motion passed unanimously.
- Father Keith Clark of Monte Alverno attended our Recognition Dinner and provided us with a free retreat. Motion made by Jon Bolwerk to donate the recommended cost of the retreat to Monte Alverno, which is \$160. Motion seconded by Mike Mabie. Motion passed unanimously.
- We will send a \$105 check to the Putzer family for additional donations we received since the last check we gave them.
- Ed Sypek suggested we purchase a table for a fund raiser for the Bella Medical Clinic in Oshkosh. The fundraiser will be at Bridgewood in Neenah. Ed and Cindy can attend. There is room for four other couples to attend. Motion made by Art Schmeichel to purchase a table for the event. Motion seconded by Tom Bozile. Motion passed unanimously. Let Ed know if you are interested in attending.
- Ed Sypek reported that one of our members, Andy Teska, has a son, Nickolas, with a more severe type of autism. They are getting a service dog to help Nickolas. Cost of the dog is \$9,000. It is purchased through the nonprofit Compassionate Paws. Ed asked if we would like to make a donation towards the dog. Motion made by Jon Bolwerk to contribute \$250 towards the dog. Motion seconded by Rich Gagner. Motion passed unanimously.

District Deputy's Report:

None

Good of the Order:

Joseph Putzer, Sylvia Bushman, Gividas Vidoras, Cindi Bornemann, Ester Gagner, Tom Rebman, Macy Gehr, Andy Collar, Paul Bongers, Don Ashley, Dewey Lashua, John Kessler, Sister Donna Marie Kessler, Brian Younger, Mark Lokken, Terry Chang, Shirley Schomiche, Wally Maynard, Virginia Jensen, Tom Pawlowski, Ron Wisniewski, Evan Williams, Garland Smith, Dan Rosenbaum, Joseph Putzer, Dick Searles, Shana "Beck" Lorraine Borsecnik, Dick Searles, Father Larry's mother, Eric Duffy, John Kunstmen, Trixie Zoromski, Sean Coenen, Theresa Zoromski, Scott Henry, Frank Milarski, Erik Duffy, Jackie Bolwerk, Marsha Burseyford, Don Wichman, Bud Wichman, and Fred Zorembka.

Priests Paul Radeski, Conrad Kratz, Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, Jim Kubicki, and Mike Ingold. Our Seminarians, especially Brian Wideman, Ryan Krueger, and Matt Rappl.

Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek at 8:19 p.m.