



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL-5514 – MEETING OF 12/7/2010
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December

- Dec. 18 ARC Christmas Party, ARC of the Fox Valley, 1:00-4:00, (Ron Wisnewski)
- Dec 22, Council Family Night, SMM Friendship Hall,
- Dec 26, Packer Game – New York Giants, Volunteer 11:00am, Game 3:15pm (Mike Bushman)
- Dec. 26, Double Portions (preparations), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 12:00-2:00 pm, (Mike Bushman)
- Dec. 27, Double Portions (cooking/serving), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 7:00-Noon (Mike Bushman)
- Dec 30, St. Vincent De-Paul, 4:00pm - 6:00pm (George Hintz)

January

- *Jan. Knights Annual dues paid, please consider additional for PKD and Respect Life Fund*
- Jan ?? Knowledge Contest, St. Gabriel (Bob Nackers)
- Jan 2, Packer Game – Chicago Bears, Volunteer 8:00am, Game Noon (Mike Bushman)
- Jan 4, Business Meeting, 7:00pm (Ed Sypek)
- Jan 17, DD District 10 meeting
- Mar 24, St. Vincent De-Paul, 4:00pm - 7:00pm (George Hintz)
- May 5, St. Vincent De-Paul, 4:00pm - 7:00pm (George Hintz)
- May 22, Memorial Mass/breakfast. St. Gabriel, 8:30am. (Roger B.)

Grand Knight's Report: Tonight I am acknowledging the following Knights for their efforts this past year. **Marv Spielbauer**, Memorial Mass and breakfast, WMI party, **Bob Gehr** Bemis Brat Fry's, **Roger Bramm** Pancake Porkie breakfast, **Mike Bushman** Double Portions and Packer concessions, Knights at Perkins, **Chris Rigotti**, Senior lunch and double portions, **George Hintz** and **Joe Nemecek** St. Vincent De Paul work night, **Jerry Robak** Fourth of July and steak and awards night dinners, **Paul Wolters** Arc Valentine's Day Party, **Tony Ansems** Monte Alverno retreat, **Bob and Paul Nackers**, **Rich Gagner** for the PPK and Knowledge Contest, and **Ron Wisnewski** Arc Christmas Party, **Chad Olsen** and **Dan Bornemann** Tootsie Roll drive and family picnic, **Lloyd Delveaux** state bowling and golf outings double portions, chef extraordinaire, **Jon Matthews** and **Kevin Zimmerman** for taking on movie night again this year. (Dec 22), **Dennis Howard** the newsletter and mailings, **Art Schmeichel** the website and **Jon Bolwerk** Social night and for your leadership as Grand Knight in 2009 and 2010. Thanks guys for leading and organizing these projects and making them all great successes! *Thanks guys for leading and organizing these projects and making them all great successes!*

Knight of the Month – Tom Jensen:

Tom Jensen is our Knight of the Month. Tom is a new member the Knights of Columbus joining in the fall of 2009. Tom is involved with the Knights by working the ARCTootsie Roll drive and has worked a number of brat fries. Tom serves our community by being one of the driving forces and heading up the Neenah Fun run. This is a great event for children that encourage them to exercise and be active. He also works with the Hospice program through Theda Clark, making people lives a little bit easier in a difficult time.

Thank you Tom for with your efforts you make the Neenah Knights 5514 and for making Neenah a better and healthier community!

Family of the Month – Joe and Elaine Wojtowicz and Family:

Joe along with his wife, Elaine, and their four children, Stephanie, David, Joseph, and Brian are our family of the month. Joe has been a Knight for eleven years, serving our council diligently with the particular attention to recruiting new members and encouraging them to attain higher degrees of membership. He and his family are members of Saint Margaret Mary parish where Joe has served on the parish council, the Education Committee. He has also served the church in the roll of Sever schedule and is a substitute adorer. He has served the Knights by working the annual tootsie roll drive and is an expert at making pancake batter for the pancake breakfasts.

Thank you Wojtowicz family for the serving the Knights of Columbus and SMM community!

Financial Secretary's Corner: My Brother Knights: A very Sincere 'Thank you' to all of you for your prayers and the beautiful fruit basket received during my recent illness and recovery. All was deeply appreciated.

Those of you who receive your newsletter via E-Mail have already received the billing statement for 2011. For those who receive the hard copy your statement will be enclosed with the newsletter. ALL statements contain the dues figure along with the (C-L) symbol which stands for 'Culture for Life', an automatic assessment of **\$2.00** levied by our Supreme Council and payable by all except Honorary Life and members on disability. The PKD of **\$3.65** and the Respect for Life **\$3.50** remain optional at your discretion. All Council Dues, PKD, Respect for Life & Culture for Life may be paid by either cash, or a check made out to Neenah Council #5514 and sent to me. **DO NOT, REPEATING-DO NOT** combine raffle ticket payments on the same check. They are two separate accounts. Hope to see all of you at the next Council meeting. Remember: It is not Christmas without Christ.

Program Chairman's Report:

- Bob Gehr mentioned that they recently completed this season of brat fries. They had 27 brat fries this year at the Cecil St. plant. Bob Gehr also stated that they have the full support of the Plant Manager and Human Resources person to come back next year. Bob is hopeful we can continue the brat fries next year. They may also have a brat fry this winter. Thanks to the Dirty Dozen crew for all their hard work.
- Marv Spielbauer reported on the Memorial Mass on November 7th. 44 people attended. It was a very nice service with good food.
- John Mathews reported that the 2nd and 3rd Degree on November 7th was quite an experience. John was the only one from our Council to go through the Degrees that day. Jon Bolwerk also attended.
- Perkins night is December 9th. Mike needs one more greeter from 5 to 8 pm. Proceeds go towards our Council's portion of sending the State Special Olympics delegation to the International Special Olympics.
- George Hintz mentioned that they should be all set for working at St. Vincent DePaul's on December 30th. The hours are now from 4 to 6 pm.
- Ron Wisniewski mentioned that he could use more help with the ARC Christmas Party on December 11th. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Show up at noon.

Community and Public Relations:

- Mike Bushman reported on Double Portions on November 28th and 29th. Mike purchased 3 turkeys. Thank you to Tina Olsen, Judy Delveaux and Sylvia Bushman for cooking the turkeys on the 27th.
- This month, they will not be cooking on the Sunday (12-26) before serving due to the Packer Game. Mike will be making chili, and will be start cooking on the 27th at 8:00 in the morning.

- There was discussion of purchasing industrial can openers for St. Gabriel's, St. Pats, and St Margaret Mary's. Chris Rigotti believes the cost is \$60 each. There was discussion as to whether Saint Margaret Mary's or St. Gabriel's needs one. This will be researched and brought up in January.
- Marv Spielbauer reported on the Winnebago County Mental Health Institute Pizza Party on November 16th. Marv mentioned that it was a good time and the kids appreciated the event. Marv will look into doing it again next year.

Retreats: Tony Ansems - a second weekend has been added to the Monte Alverno Retreat. The second weekend is February 11 through the 13th.

Awards: Lifetime Membership – [Lloyd Delveaux and Joe Zoronski](#); VIP award, membership recruitment (two members this year) - [Mike Mabie](#).

Church and Vocations, St. Gabriel:

Roger Bramm reported on a great Porkie and Pancake Breakfast at St. Gabriel's on November 14th. Approximately \$1,145 was raised.

Insurance: The joyous holiday season is in full swing - Happy Holidays! A popular movie, shown often this time of year, is "It's a Wonderful Life." In it, the lead character (played by Jimmy Stewart), in a moment of desperation proclaims "it would have been better if I had never been born." His "guardian angel" then gives him the opportunity to see how much different lives of his friends and family would have been had he, in fact, never been born. None of us will have that opportunity. But, like George Bailey, we do have a positive impact on the lives of our friends, our families and those in our communities. We do this through our membership in the Knights of Columbus, by volunteering in our churches and communities and, not insignificantly, by making sure we have enough life insurance. Life insurance will allow your family to remain in their home, and maintain their lifestyle, if something should happen to you. It will guarantee a college education for your children, or even your grandchildren. It will ensure a comfortable retirement for you and your wife. It can even help your favorite charity to continue its humanitarian work.

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Youth: Bob Nackers gave an update on the Knowledge Contest. A date has not been set yet. Bob visited with the principals of Saint Gabe's, Saint Margaret Mary's and Seton. Bob mentioned that the Teachers would be willing to give the tests in their classrooms and would also grade the tests. Public school children would not be able to take the test this year. Bob stated that this would be a trial year. It was mentioned that Bob should check with the CFC office. Bob said he will check with the CFC Coordinator. The Knowledge Contest will probably be the 2nd week of January.

Family: John Mathews reported on the Council Family Night Christmas Party on December 22nd at St. Margaret Mary's. We might have Santa Clause show up. The feature will be a Veggie Tale movie and there will be a karaoke machine.

Bowling: Lloyd mentioned that he has ten people signed up for the State bowling tournament on April 2nd and 3rd in Green Bay. To have another team, we need 5 more bowlers. Cost is \$17 per event. Lloyd needs \$51 at his house in two weeks from those who plan to attend. 3 people stated at the meeting that they would also bowl. We only need two more members to field another team.

Unfinished Business:

- It was mentioned that we have not cut a check to Dan Stunger yet.
- Trustees still need to look into providing Dan Laurent with assistance for purchasing books for the Deaconate Program.
- In October it was mentioned that one of our Parish members, a family of seven, lost everything in a fire. Ed Sypek mentioned that they have now moved into permanent housing. He was told that a gas or grocery gift card would be appreciated. Marv Spielbauer made a motion to donate a \$50 gas card. Motion seconded by Art Schmeichel. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ed Sypek reported that two members donated gas cards towards Sentiments for Seminarians.

New Business:

- No one has volunteered to be on the Meal Committee for Double Portions.
- Anna Shelley, the Advisor for Teens for Life is seeking donations to help send two foreign exchange students to the March for Life event in Washington D.C. The cost is \$350 per person. They did receive a \$62 per student grant from State Respect for Life. Marv Spielbauer made a motion to donate \$50 per student (\$100 total). Motion seconded by Rich Gagner. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Food for Hungry in Brookfield, WI request for support was brought up. After discussion, the consensus was to keep our food pantry donations local.
- Hannah Sherwood, the daughter of Scott Sherwood, was discussed. Scott mentioned that he is not sure if her treatment will be covered by insurance. Ed mentioned that they raised \$135 from the sale of magnets during the porkie/pancake breakfast for Hannah. The fact that the family is incurring considerable expenses was discussed. Motion made by Bob Gehr to donate \$1,000 in addition to the \$135 (total \$1,135) towards the Sherwood family. Motion seconded by Lloyd Delveaux. Marv brought up the fact that we gave \$500 towards Luke Peters. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ed Sypek stated that the State will give \$1,800 to Scott Sherwood from proceeds from the Raffle Ticket sales.
- We can also donate money to the Sherwood Family through the Knights to qualify for a tax credit. Give your donation to Bob Yost.
- We can also sell or purchase Keep Christ in Christmas yard sales to raise money for Scott Sherwood.
- We raised \$1,146 during the Saint Gabriel's porkie/pancake breakfast. Motion made by Lloyd Delveaux to round donation to Saint Gabriel's to \$1,150. Motion seconded by Bob Degrace. Motion carried unanimously.
- Jim Rapple provided a Seminarian's Report. Over Christmas break, Seminarians travel to local high schools as part of the Awesome Program to promote vocations. Last year we gave \$300 (\$200 gas/\$100 food) towards the Awesome Program. Jim made a motion that we give \$300 again (\$200 gas/\$100 food) towards the Awesome program again this year. Motion seconded by Lloyd Delveaux. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dennis Howard requested that members notify Mike Bushman or Bob Yost with any changes to their contact information, including phone numbers, addresses or email addresses.

Packer Concession Schedule: [\(Contact Mike Bushman @ 920-725-6600\)](#)

- Mike Bushman reported on the two Packer games. For the Dallas game, we should make about \$60 per person – we had seven people from our Council work the game. For the 49ers game, we should make \$75 to \$80 per person; it was extremely busy. We had five people from our Council work that game.
- December 26th is the next Packer game. Mike has six members from our Council signed up.
- Mike mentioned that he stills needs one more person to work the Chicago game on January 2nd.

Good of the Order: Will Scribner, Betty Gehr, Don Ashley, Joe Wojtowicz, Becky Larza, Dewey Lashua, Jeannie Lehman, John Kessler, Lee Sherwood, Hannah Sherwood, Luke Peters, Mark Kohlbeck, Brian Younger, Bill Miranda, Dan Stunger, Bob Yost, Father Paul Radeski, Father Allen and Father Ingold.

[Kraig Kaufman](#) won \$5 for have his number picked and having a Rosary (or like item) in his pocket.

[Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek at 8:30 p.m.](#)

[Make sure to get your annual surveys in, they need to be finished this month.](#)