



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 3/6/2012
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April

- April 3, 7:00 Business Meeting St. Gabriel's (Ed Sypek)
- April 14-15 State Bowling competition @ Stevens Point (Lloyd Delveaux)
- April 27-29, State Convention, Middleton WI
- April 29, Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Food Concession @ Monarch Gardens 10:00 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)

Grand Knight's Report:

February was another solid month. We helped the Putzer family with medical bills by sponsoring a pancake breakfast, we fed a hundred more people at Double Portions and a number of us prayed and rested on retreat at Monte Alverno. We celebrated life at the ARC Valentine Dance (a special thank you to Laverne Wisniewski for the beautiful corsages for the Valentine King and Queen), we corrected and dismayed over spelling and math results of the knowledge contest, and we planned for more events in March including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees. Thank you!

Remember: dues, raffle tickets, PKD and Respect Life contributions are needed for us to continue to do for others as we would have them do for us. We need someone to manage either the Pancake breakfasts at St. Gabriel's or the ARC Valentine's Day party. Paul needs some relief. See Paul, he has a file on what is needed for each event.

Knight of the Month – [Dick Simonis](#):

Our March Knight of the month is Dick Simonis. Usually a snowbird in Arizona, Dick decided to spend the winter with us this year and it has been a blessing for the Council. In the past month he helped at every event including the ARC Valentine's party, knowledge contest grading and Putzer pancake breakfast. In the summer he can be found playing golf, helping at Bemis brat fries and volunteering where ever he is needed. Thanks, Dick for hanging around this winter. It has been appreciated.

Family of the Month – [Jerry and Phyllis Van Handel](#):

Jerry and Phyllis Van Handel are the Family of the Month. Anyone who has been involved in any of our Council's projects knows Jerry. He is the 83 years old and out works everybody else. Jerry and Phyllis have 4 grown children: Tom, Christine, Daniel, and Kevin. Christine we know from the Packer games. She is following in her folk's footsteps volunteering and helping out whenever and wherever needed. Jerry and Phyllis enjoy traveling, fishing, golf, and building and repair projects. It's a good thing, too, because whenever we need help with repairs on the grill, trailer, or work in the church Jerry is there to help. When St. Gabriel's needs the sump pumps under the church replaced Jerry is the one that volunteered to crawl under the length of the church to replace them. At St. Pat's he was the guy at the top of the inside of the church working on the ceiling fans. Jerry is also active in the American Legion and serves as a greeter at St. Gabriel's. Jerry is also a volunteer driver for Theda Clark. Thank you Jerry and Phyllis for everything you have done and continue to do!

Financial Secretary's Corner: [My Brother Knights](#):

As of this newsletter, we are still short 50 raffle tickets toward our goal of 468. At this time, one year ago, we had already reached our goal. Please make every effort to sell your tickets. Remember, this is the only funding our Seminarian Fund receives at \$2.00 per ticket refund to the Council. Members, it is your obligation to keep your dues current. At present, we still have many with unpaid dues for 2012. If you are having a problem, please call me at 920-722-3690 or e-mail me at yomrst@sbcglobal.net so a solution can be worked out.

Remember: The only preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today.

Chaplains Report - Corporal Works of Mercy and Neenah 5514 reviewed

Last month, the chaplain's report informed about Fr. Rafaeli Mallena. As the cruise ship Concordia began to sink he risked his life to save the Eucharist. This month Columbia Magazine had an article on Knights in the Philippine island of Mindanao. After a Church bombing the Knights put themselves in personal danger, organized a patrol to guard and search for explosives before and during Mass and other Church activities. Another magazine "Catholic Answers" headlined "Would You Die for your Faith." An article about the War of the Vendee 200,000 French men and women gave their lives to protect their religion and their faith during the French Revolution. During the French Revolution, thousands of clergy were put to death. What precipitated it? The Clergy's refusal to abide by a government mandate to swear allegiance to the anti-Christian National Constituent Assembly. As our country goes through its challenges, a standard was set... at Calvary. During this Lenten season we decide, faith or as the author, teacher, and composer (Clockwork Orange) Anthony Burgess was quoted as saying "Just because I don't believe in God, doesn't mean I am not a Catholic!" From Revelations 12v4 "the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered; that, when she delivered, he might devour her son."

Financial Secretary's Report:

- Raffle Tickets – We are 93 tickets short of our goal as of this morning. Deadline for tickets is the next meeting. Please push to get your tickets sold in the next month.
- Let Bob know if you will need a lunch for the Degrees in DePere on March 18th. Currently we have three members for the Third Degree and three members for the Second and Third Degree (6 total) signed up for the event.

Trustee's Report:

None

Program Chairman's Report:

- The Valentine's Day Dance at the ARC on February 11th was the largest event we have put on at the ARC with 150 people attending. Thanks to all those who helped out.
- Gary Elmer reported on the Putzer Porkie Pancake Breakfast on February 12th. Gary mentioned that Steve and Alexandria were very appreciative. Their baby Joseph has come a long way but still needs 24 hour care. You can sign up to prepare a meal for the Putzer family on a website. A link to the website can be found on our homepage.
- Marv Spielbauer reported that just over 100 bowls of venison stew were served at Double Portions on February 27th. They went through 26 lbs of meat. Thanks to those who helped.
- Ed Sypek mentioned that the Esto Vir Men's Conference on March 10th at St. Pius Church in Appleton will be a great conference. If you cannot attend the Conference you can always attend mass at 4:00 with the Bishop.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for helping with the breakfast at St. Pat's. The breakfast will be on March 18th (not March 11th as noted in the Schedule of Events).
- Mike Simonis mentioned that they are all set for the Peanut Butter and Jelly drive on March 17th and 18th.
- Recognition Dinner will be March 20th at the Menasha Clubhouse. Schweitzer will cater the event. Cocktails start at 5:30 and dinner is at 7:00. Cost is \$13 per person. Prospective members are invited to attend. We may have Father Keefe as a guest speaker.

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
- There was an end of season sale on shirts and hats. Shirts and hats were available for sale after the meeting.
- Tony Ansems mentioned that prospective members could be invited to the Recognition Dinner on March 20th. Tony suggested that we keep a binder with a list of prospective members contacted. The binder can also track the progress of contacts with the prospective member.
- Dennis Howard reported that the Parish Renew Group was collecting toothbrushes for the Friends of Haiti who will be making another trip to Haiti very soon. Last year we gave \$100 to Friends of Haiti. Motion made by Dennis Howard to donate \$100 to Friends of Haiti again this year. Motion seconded by Rich Gagner. Motion passed unanimously.
- Rich Gagner stated that he would like to look at putting on another event for the ARC in the summer, such as a picnic. This could be coordinated with the Knights annual summer picnic. Rich will look into this further and this will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Mathew Kelley's 7 – Pillars DVD will be shown to CFC students at 4:30 with a second viewing for others at 6:30 on March 26th at St. Gabriel's. The DVD is a recruitment back to Catholicism. Motion made by Gary Elmer to provide up to \$150 for pizza for the event. Motion seconded by John Elsinger. Motion passed unanimously. We will have Knights manning a table during the event with our memorabilia.

District Deputy's Report:

None

Good of the Order:

Joseph Putzer, Sylvia Bushman, Gividas Vidoras, Cindi Bornemann, Ester Gagner, Tom Rebman, Marcy Gehr, Andy Collar, Paul Bongers, Don Ashley, Dewey Lashua, John Kessler, Sister Donna Marie Kessler, Brian Younger, Mary Brandt, 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, Sean Coenen, Theresa Zorowski, Scott Henry and Jackie Bolwerk.

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 Rapp.

Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek at 8:28 p.m.