



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**NEENAH COUNCIL-5514 – MEETING OF 11/2/2010**  
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**November**

- Nov11, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Nov 14, Pancake and Porkie Breakfast, St. Gabriel's, After Masses
- Nov18, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Nov 28, Double Portions (preparations), St Patrick's Cafeteria, 12:00 – 2:00pm, (Mike Bushman)
- Nov 29, Double Portions (cooking/serving), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 7:00-Noon (Mike Bushman)

**December**

- Dec 5, Packer Game – San Francisco 49ers, Volunteer 8:00am, Game Noon (Mike Bushman)
- **Dec 7, Business Meeting, 7:00pm (Ed Sypek)**
- Dec 11, ARC Christmas Party, ARC of the Fox Valley, 1:00-4:00pm (Ron Wisnewski)
- Dec 26, Packer Game – New York Giants, Volunteer 11:00am, Game 3:15pm (Mike Bushman)
- December 26, Double Portions (preparations), St Patrick's Cafeteria, 12:00 – 2:00pm, (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 – 7:00pm (George Hintze)

**January**

- **JAN – Knights Annual Dues Paid – please consider additional for PKD and Respect Life Fund**
- **Jan 4, Business Meeting, 7:00pm (Ed Sypek)**
- Feb ?, ARC Valentine Dance, ARC of the Fox Valley, 7:00-9:30pm, Setup 6:00pm (Paul Wolters)

**Knights Report:**

The October calendar was filled with Brat Fries, Packer Games Landing Day golf and dinner celebration, Brewfest, 40 Days for Life, and Double Portions. Scott helped build 150 crosses at the request of St. Gabe's for 40 Days for Life 2011. We will do more if others need them. As I mentioned before, it is harvest time, time to continue our focus on raising the funds to help others. Remember raffle tickets are coming. We need at least 3 sold from each member or if you wish not to participate, send us \$20 and put your favorite charity's name on the ticket. 2011 is just around the corner, so snowbirds; it is ok to pay dues early. \$30 plus another 5 or 6 bucks for PKD and the Respect Life fund.

Looking into November we have a memorial Mass Nov. 7 at St. Margaret Mary's and Nov 14 pancake and porky breakfast at St. Gabe's. Sign up today to help at the breakfast or attend the Memorial Mass. We have a retreat at Monte Alverno scheduled at the end of February to prepare us for Lent and to rest our body and spirit. The theme is Franciscan Spirituality. Give a retreat some serious thought.

**Knight of the Month – Mike Bushman:**

Mike Bushman is our Knight of the Month. Mike has been a Knight for 33 years and has served the Neenah council as Grand Knight. Mike supports the Knights and the community by managing the Packer concession stand, walking and praying in support of the Rosary for the unborn, working brat fries, and volunteering for the Tootsie Roll drives.

Mike coordinates and manages the Knights in support of Second Portions, a local feed the homeless program. Once a month, he along with a group of Knights create the menu, organizes the volunteers in cooking and serving the food. Mike and his wife Sylvia are members and Saint Patrick's church and he is a fixture at their Lenten Fish Fries and supports Haven of Hope, a day care for special needs in Little Chute.

*Thank you Mike for with your efforts you make the Neenah Knights 5514 and the Fox Valley a better place.*

**Family of the Month – Dennis and Marcie Howard and Family:**

Dennis along with his wife, Marcie, and their three children are our family of the month. Dennis has been a Knight for three years, served our council as Warden, and is our council newsletter editor. He is currently a sponsor for an RCIA candidate and has volunteered at pancake and porkie breakfasts, Tootsie Roll drives, and the annual rummage sales. His wife, Marcie, works in the Religious Formation department at Saint Margaret Mary, is a Eucharistic Minister, co-chair of the Adult Faith Enrichment committee, and, with Dennis, is a supporter of the Friends of Haiti, are members of a SMM RENEW group and the SMM Garden club. Dennis and Marcie have three children, Ryan, Katie and Adam. Ryan is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison with a Mechanical Engineering degree. Katie is a junior enrolled at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and is currently studying abroad at Westminster University in London, England. Their youngest, Adam, is a senior at Neenah High School, works at Dairy Queen on Commercial Street, and, is in the Neenah Vanguard Marching Band, runs with the Rockets cross country team, and is on the varsity track team as a sprinter.

*Thank you Dennis, Marcie, Ryan, Katie, and Adam for everything you do.*

**Financial Secretary's Corner:**

**A message for all Honorary Life Members:** Beginning in 2011, UPON REQUEST ONLY, will traveling cards be issued to all Honorary Life Members of the council. This move will save on postage plus dual membership cards. Your Honorary Life cards issued by our Supreme Council may be used at any time for identification and entry into other Knights of Columbus club rooms.

**Billing statements** for 2011 will be mailed in December and will contain the automatic \$2.00, "Culture for Life" assessment levied by our Supreme Council. However, the \$3.65 PKD and \$3.50 Respect for Life donations will remain as optional and will not appear on your statement.

**All council dues, assessments and optional donations can either be paid by cash or a check made payable to Neenah Council #5514 Knights of Columbus and sent to the address shown on your statement.**

**Remember: Unless you think of others and do something for them, we miss one of the greatest sources for happiness.**

### **Chaplains Report:**

In light of today's elections: From Sirach "Before man is life and death, good and evil, that which he shall choose shall be given him:"

### **Trustees Report**

- Jon Bolwerk reported that Dan Stunger needs to have dental work performed prior to being considered for a kidney transplant. Jon mentioned that there was no recommendation from the Trustees. This will be brought up under new business.
- Jon mentioned the Chuck Rohr brought a request that we will consider making a donation to the Deaconate Program to help pay for books. Jon mentioned that Chuck Rohr recommend that we give gas cards to Seminarians.
- Jon stated that he inquired further on the Seminarian's Mother who needs her roof replaced. Jon stated that no account has been opened for funds, and that there was no response on when they plan on installing the roof. Therefore, this request will be dropped from further consideration.
- Jon Bolwerk presented \$227.65 in donations collected during his and Chad Olsen's surprise 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Thanks to Dawn and Tina for putting on the party and collecting donations.

### **Program Chairman's Report:**

- Bob Gehr stated that they grossed approximately \$1,600 from brat fries in October. There are three brat fries left and they had great cooperation from members.
- Lloyd reported on the Golf Outing on October 10<sup>th</sup>. They had a beautiful day and a very good dinner. Lloyd suggested that next year they make it a two day event similar to the Ryder Cup; Neenah against Menasha.
- The Landing Dinner on October 10<sup>th</sup> was a nice event with a great catered meal.
- Ed provided an update on the 40 Days for Life – Abortion House Witness. The event wrapped up last night. Ed reported that two women who came to the "clinic" decided to keep their babies during the 40 day event.
- Chad Olsen mentioned that the Brewfest event on October 22<sup>nd</sup> went well. Thanks to all the members who helped.
- It was mentioned that the St. Vincent DePaul store is basically breaking even and there is a question whether they will continue with our arrangement next year. This first came up under Communications. It was mentioned that we will contact St. Vincent DePaul and let them know they can pay us what they make while we are manning the store.
- We have one candidate scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Community and Public Relations:**

Mike Bushman mentioned that our \$100 donation to Bergstrom's for the Make a Wish Foundation grew to \$467 through the sale of burgers and hot dogs.

### **Retreats:**

Tony Ansems mentioned that the three day Retreat at Monte Alverno from February 25-27 would make a great Christmas Gift. The suggested donation for the Retreat is \$160.

### **Insurance:**

Brother Knights, November is Long Term Care promotion month. Give me a call or send me an email and I'll be glad to provide you with information on the Knights of Columbus protection benefits for members and/or spouses along with applicable discounts.

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### **Church and Vocations, St. Gabriel:**

Roger Bramm mentioned that everything is ordered for the Porkie and Pancake Breakfast at St. Gabriel's on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bowling:**

- Lloyd brought up State bowling from Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Contact Lloyd if you want to attend.* We need 3 more bowlers.

### **Unfinished Business:**

One our Parish members, a family of seven, lost everything in a fire. It was reported at the last meeting that St. Margaret Mary's Joan Bartman was spearheading an effort to collect clothes and furniture for the family. This was tabled at the last meeting until more information could be collected. The Trustees have not found out any new information. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Bob Yost mentioned that he let four messages about leaving a donation, but did not get a call back. Bob heard that the family is not interested in donations.

### **New Business:**

- Mike Bushman asked if we want to do Double Portions again next year. We will need a Chairperson and a Committee to plan out meals three months in advance. See Mike if you would like to be the Chair. Mike looks up recipes on Allrecipes.com. Motion made to continue with Double Portions next year by Rich Gagner. Motion seconded by Mike Mabie. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mike Bushman stated that we have not been paid for the meet and greet at Perkins on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Manager at Perkins was not aware that we were not paid and will look into this for us. Mike signed us up to do a meet and greet on December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will need three Knights to man the door. Mike will try to get this advertised in the Church Bulletins. Money raised will be used to pay for our Council's portion to send the Wisconsin Delegation of Special Olympians to the International Special Olympics.
- Ed Sypek mentioned that we gave about \$6,000 to Father Carr's and St. Joseph's Food Programs. Ed asked if we should continue. There is concern that the Bemis brat fries may not be able to continue next year and there is concern that the Packer Concession stand will not continue due to a lockout. There was discussion that we review our donation every quarter and that this is one of the more Christian things we can do. Motion made by Chris Rigotti to continue our \$200 donations for the two Food Pantries for Jan, Feb and March of next year. Motion seconded by Joe Nemecek. Motion passed unanimously.
- The request to help Dan Stunger pay for dental work came up. Motion made by Mike Bushman to donate \$200 to help with dental work. Motion seconded by Lloyd Delveaux. A question was brought up as to where the money would be going. Mike amended his motion to donate \$200 as long as the funds went to a trust fund. Amended motion seconded by Lloyd. Motion passed with two descending votes.

### **Packer Concession Schedule: (Contact Mike Bushman @ 920-725-6600)**

- Mike mentioned that we had 7 people from our Council work the booth for the Miami game on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 7 people from our Council work the booth for the Minnesota game on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Signup sheets were passed around for the Cowboys game on November 7<sup>th</sup> and the remaining Packer games.

### **Good of the Order:**

Karin Scribner (she passed away), Betty Gehr, Don Ashley, Becky Larza, Dewey Lashua, Jeannie Lehman, Kathy Rigotti, John Kessler, Lee Sherwood, Hannah Sherwood, Luke Peters, Mark Kohlbeck, Bob Yost, Mary Brandt, Will Scribner, Bill Gehr, Trevor Schultz, Larry Haling, Robert Huntington, Father Radetski, Father Ingold, and Father Allen, Elli Smith (passed away).

*Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek at 8:25 p.m.*