



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 4/2/2011

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April

- Apr. 14, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Apr. 21, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Apr. 28, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- April 28-30, Tootsie Roll Drive at Stores (Chad)
- Apr. 29-May 1, May K of C Convention, Radisson Convention Center, Green Bay (Ed Sypek)
- Apr. 30-May 1 Tootsie Roll Drive at Parishes (Chad)

May

- May 1, Mid Wisconsin Chippers, Monarch Gardens, Setup 9am. (Chris Rigotti, Ron Wisniewski)
- May 3, Business Meeting, 7:00pm (Ed Sypek)
- May 5, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- May 5, St. Vincent De-Paul, 4:00pm - 6:00pm (George Hintz)
- May 7, Brat Fry, Pansy Nursery, Cecil St., setup, 9am. (Bob Gehr)
- May 12, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- May 14 (?), Brat Fry, Pansy Nursery, Cecil St., setup, 9am. (Bob Gehr)
- May 15, Coffee and Donuts, St. Margaret Mary Church, Neenah, after both Masses
- May 19, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- May 21 (?), Brat Fry, Pansy Nursery, Cecil St., setup, 9am. (Bob Gehr)
- May 26, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)

June

- June 1, Clergy Cruise, Fin 'n Feather II, Winneconne
- June 2, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- June 3-5, Irish Fest, Leach Amphitheater Oshkosh
- June 7, Business Meeting and Election of Officers, 7:00pm (Ed Sypek)
- Every Thur. until Nov 10, excluding July 7, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE TOOSIE ROLL DRIVE NOW – CONTACT CHAD OLSEN (diverchad@aol.com – 920-751-8566)

Grand Knight's Report:

Thank you to all who attended and helped with the recognition dinner, and helped with the St. Pat's Pancake Porkie Breakfast, double portions prep and serving, peanut butter and jelly drives, and St. Vincent De Paul. A great month and another exiting one coming up with Tootsie Rolls, St. Margaret Mary pancake and porkie, state convention, brat fry's, wood chippers vending, and much more as the month progress. Fantatstic! Get signed up for the Tootsie Roll drive, now! There are still prime times and locations available! Do something; it is expected and necessary to have you on board for these events to be successful and for the Knight to accomplish our mission of creating thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Knight of the Month – [George Hintz](#):

Our council was blessed when George and his wife Ginny moved back to Neenah and our council. George has become a regular at Bemis brat fry's, St. Vincent de Paul, Pancake Porkie events, Chippers, tootsie rolls, State bowling, Landing Day golf and any other events he can help with. He jumped in to head up the St. Vincent de Paul work night and coordinates volunteers to make sure his head count is accurate.

It has been great having George back in the council; you are an inspiration to us all!

Family of the Month – [Tim and Mary Hewitt](#):

Tim and his wife Mary are our family of the month. Tim transferred back to our council last year wishing to be more active, which he certainly is. He leads our councils pro life and family efforts, attend council meetings schedule permitting, works the tootsie roll drive, has parish assignment for in home visitation, volunteers at the emergency shelter, played Santa Claus for Father Carr's, has a regular Eucharistic Adoration hour, and is on several parish committees at St. Pius Appleton where he and Mary are members. Tim and Mary have 2 daughters, one which is experiencing a difficult pregnancy and whom we will pray for. Tim and Mary have been on the front lines of the pro life battle for some time now!

Thank you, Tim and Mary, for being the face of Christ in our council!

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

Brother Knights: Per our last newsletter, the absolute Deadline for the State Raffle tickets will be April 15th. A huge "Thank You" goes out to all Brother Knights in reaching our Goal, and surpassing the set figure of 459 tickets to put Neenah Council #5514 in the "Bonus Bracket".

If your present membership card still reads 2010, your dues are now "PAST DUE". At present we still have 16 members with unpaid dues for 2011. If you are having a problem, please either call me at 722-3690 or E-Mail me at yomrst@sbcglobal.net so any problems can be resolved.

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

Chaplain's Report:

Wood - Jewish tradition tells us that wood is a symbol of suffering and of change. Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of a tree, Moses made an arc of wood per instructions from God, and a wood table to place the bread, Noah constructed an ark of wood, wood is gathered to offer sacrifice, and Jews symbolize their Exodus, in the feast of the tents or booths. They construct a lean-to with a loosely constructed wooden roof, so loosely constructed that heaven maybe seen through the openings in the roof. In wedding ceremonies the Jewish bride and the groom traditionally have wed under a canopy made of wood. Our "wood chippers" know about wood. The long hours standing, sitting contorted in awkward positions trying to duplicate the exact carving technique required for the piece they hope to bring out of the wood. The nicks and cuts, the stiff hands and fingers. And as we journey onward in this time of Lent we see the wood of the cross, on which we gained our salvation, our freedom, we see the heaven of our Exodus. Heaven through the suffering on the wood, through suffering, the price for our freedom is paid; suffering is the necessary cost of real love. For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son.

Program Chairman's Report:

- Ed Sypek reported on the ESTO VIR MEN'S CONFERENCE on March 5th at St. Pius Catholic Church. Ed mentioned that it was a good event that gets you pumped up in your faith.

- Jerry Robak reported on the Recognition Dinner. We had 39 paying members and seven guests. \$507 was taken in and expenses were around \$580.
- The peanut butter and jelly drive collected 256 containers. 165 containers were collected at Saint Margaret Mary's and 91 at Saint Gabriel's. All containers were delivered to Father Carr's Place 2B.
- Joe Nemecek reported on Saint Vincent DePaul night on March 24th. There was a good turnout and they were able to clean out the back room. St. Vincent DePaul night has been working out well.
- Ten Knights helped out with the St. Pat's Porkie and Pancake breakfast. \$1,004 was raised for St. Pat's.
- Tim Hewitt went through the 4th Degree in Appleton on April 2nd. There were a total of 91 candidates, which is a very big class. 68 Knights worked the event. 500 people were served for the banquet.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for food service for the Mid Wisconsin Wood Chipper's event on May 1st at Monarch Gardens. We will need ten people to help with the event.
- John Mathews said that Father Allen was committed to the Clergy Cruise. Jon will be checking with Father Mike Ingold.
- July 24th will be the next Memorial Mass at Saint Gabriel's. The Mass will be conducted by St. Gabriel's new Priest, Father Larry Siedl. Ed Sypek stated that we should try to schedule the mass to coincide with the Family Picnic.

Community and Public Relations:

We will need volunteers for the April 25th Double Portions. Mike will be out of town. Mike also needs six volunteers to cook and debone turkeys and deliver to him by next Wednesday.

Pro Life: Youth:

Bob Nackers reported 229 participants in this year's Knowledge Contest. Several students won First place at District and at the State Contests.

Tootsie Roll:

A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Tootsie Roll Drive. We need help with one of the masses and people for the short-notice list.

Golf:

Lloyd mentioned that he is starting to put together teams of four for the State Golf Tournament that will be at the Idlewild Golf Course in Door County on July 9th and 10th. You do not have to be a Knight to attend. Contact Lloyd at home if you would like to attend.

Brat Fry's:

- Bob Gehr reported that a number of brat fry's are listed on the activity sheet. Bemis Curwood on Cecil Street stated that we can start as soon as we want. Bob signed us up to start on April 14th. We will have about 30 brat fry's at that location this year. A signup sheet was passed around.
- We got a call about a month ago from Pansies Nursery. They would like us to have a brat fry at their store on May 7th from 10 -2. This will be Mother's Day weekend and we were told that we should expect large crowds. They would also like us to do brat fry's the following three Saturdays. Since Saint Margaret Mary's will not be doing a rummage sale, we can offer the three other brat fry's to the SMM Youth Group. Jon Bolwerk will coordinate the Youth Group.

Packer Concession Stand:

Mike Bushman provided an update on the Kenney Chesney concert at Lambeau Field on June 11th. We will need 35 people and he will be seeking members from all Councils and Haven of Hope. Mike would like to see our Council have 10 to 12 members work the event. This will be a 14 hour day.

Unfinished Business:

No one has yet to volunteer to be on the Double Portions Meal Committee. Mike needs help planning and preparing additional meals.

New Business:

- Renewal of Food Pantries contributions. The last checks for Father Carr's and St. Joe's food Pantry will be cut in May. Bob and Tony would like to cut checks quarterly to cut down on the numbers of checks issued. Rich Gagner recommended staggering payments so we are not hit with two large payments in the same month. Rich made a motion that we cut a check to Father Carr's for \$600 in June to cover in June/July/August and issue a \$200 check to St. Joes for July. A \$600 check would be cut to St. Joes in August. Motion seconded by John Elsinger. Motion passed unanimously. There was some follow-up discussion. Rich Ganger amended his motion so that a \$600 check would cut for one of the food pantries in June and another \$600 check would be cut for the other food pantry in July. Both checks would cover the timeframe of June/July/August. Jon Bolwerk seconded the amended motion. Amended motion passed unanimously.
- Jon Bolwerk reported on Dan's House of Hope for adolescent and young adults. They want to build a home similar to the one the Sherwood's stayed in during their stay in Boston. The new home would be constructed in Houston Texas. Dan's House of Hope will be holding a volleyball tournament at Xavier on June 18th. Jon is looking for the Knights to supply the meat and grill. We would be reimbursed for the meat. The event will be held from 10 to 2. This will be put on our next schedule.

District Deputy's Report:

- Good evening Brother Knights. This month's report is short. In April your Council should have your Council Officers nominations ready to present to your members. Nominations should have started.
- You should have had a membership blitz (WRAP) during March. Please email me with the following information ASAP. The State is already looking for this information.
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS - BE A FAN OF OPPORTUNITY - MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE 2014. Don't forget the drive to fund the expenses of Team Wisconsin to the 2014 National games in New Jersey. It would be nice if all Councils could make a donation each year towards this goal, rather than wait till the last minute. The goal over 4 years amounts to an average of \$0.75 per member per year. I am sure that would be easier than trying to meet an average of \$3.00 per member the last year. For this drive we are including all monies received from the recycling effort and any Tootsie Roll donations made to Special Olympics Wisconsin towards our goal. Councils can find various ways of raising these funds, raffle, breakfast, card party, bingo party, etc. Remember that these athletes are counting on the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus to MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE. Contact John Benisch, Special Olympics Coordinator, before sending in your contribution to make sure it is credited to your Council correctly. He can be reached at: 4645 HWY 80, Pittsville, WI. 54466. Phone 715-884-3197. [e-mail---johnb45@tds.net](mailto:johnb45@tds.net)
- As always, let me know if you have any candidates so we can plan our 1st Degree exemptions. There will be at least another 1st Degree this month.

Good of the Order:

Betty Gehr, Don Ashley, Joe Wojtowicz, Becky Larza, Dewey Lashua, John Kessler, Lee Sherwood, Hannah Sherwood, Luke Peters, Dan Rosenbaum, Grace Rosenbaum, Vernie Stark, Brian Younger, Megan Sattler, Jerry Linzmeyer, Randy Foth, Gene Berndt, Mary Brandt, Mark Kohlbeck, Dan Stunger, Tim Hewitt's unborn granddaughter experiencing some medical issues in uterine, Ginny Hintz, Dorothy Kain, Terry Weir, Ruth Spielbauer, Tony Ansems, Sarah Apa, Dave Dewitt, Jim Kaufman, Faye Daniel, Richard Branigan, Les Van Orem, Frank Stilp, Don Wichman, Barb Wichman, Father Paul Radeski, Father Tony, Father Allen and Father Ingold.

Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek at 8:26 p.m.