



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 12/6/2011  
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### December

- Dec 25, Double Portions (preparations), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 12:00-2:00 pm, (Mike Bushman)
- Dec 25, Packer Game – , Game 7:20pm (Mike Bushman)
- Dec 26, Double Portions (cooking/serving), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 7:00-Noon, (Mike Bushman)

### January

- Jan 1, Packer Game – , Game Noon (Mike Bushman)

### Grand Knight's Report:

November was busy but you stepped it up and volunteered to cover three Bemis brat fries, two Packer games, Double Portions, 40 Days for Life vigil on Tuesday at the Gillette St. abortion place, and a First Degree. We also funded the food for four St. Gabriel's students of St. Mary's Catholic Central fundraiser to "March 4 Life" in Washington D.C. Thank you all for a great month!

Looking ahead to December we have two Packer games, a double portions meal, ARC Christmas party, Family Movie night. raffle tickets and dues are coming if not already here.

Think seriously about taking an hour of adoration, there are both day and night hours available. Please get your survey of membership activity back to me. If you didn't get a survey, there is a link on the website. Fill it out and return it please.

Don't forget Scrip, write in a Knight's name, it helps!

### Knight of the Month – Art Schmeichel:

Art, our current Chancellor, is the choice for Knight of the Month. Art stays busy with various Knight's and St. Margaret Mary's projects. He has worked youth brat fries, Packer games, tootsie roll drives, family picnic, St. Vincent de Paul, run for parish trustee, and is presently chairing our feasibility study into the audio loop program at St. Margaret Mary's. Art helps out as FS on the degree team. He has been the go to guy, taking vendors through the Church and fielding questions and asking questions in order to decide the projects feasibility. One of the reasons I asked Art to help on this is his wife's hearing issues and her testimony on how miraculous it is to hear after not being able to for so long. In addition Art has volunteered as an usher, helps out at the IMAJN Mass, teaches 9th grade religious formation with his wife, Mary, and volunteers where needed.

### Family of the Month – Gary and Sarah Cunningham:

Gary and Sarah Cunningham are my choice for Family of the Month. Gary is fairly new to the Knights but he has jumped in and helped with ARC, Pancake & Porkie, Tootsie Roll, Family Picnic and any other event his busy schedule at Grand Rental Station has allowed him to participate in. Gary and Sarah have two sons, Patrick, 17 and William, 15. When not at Grand Rental or Krueger's, Gary and Sarah accompany their two young men to chess tournaments throughout the Midwest. Both sons are accomplished competitors in the game. Gary and Sarah are extra ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, attend bible study, and Sarah teaches 10th grade religious formation (God Bless her) and both are active members of St. Margaret Mary church. Thank you Gary and Sarah for all you do for the Knights, the Church, and the community!

### Financial Secretary's Corner: My Brother Knights:

Many of you who receive your newsletter via e-mail may have already been sent your Annual dues statement along with the six Knights of Columbus State Charity raffle tickets. See enclosed letter for explanation. The PKD of \$3.65 along with the \$3.50 Culture for Life donations are optional. All Council dues, PKD and the Culture for Life are payable by check made out to Neenah Council #5514 or by cash payments. **DO NOT, REPEAT, DO NOT put raffle ticket monies on the same check when paying your annual dues, PKD and Culture for Life etc. These are two separate accounts.**

**Remember: You may depend upon the Lord. May the Lord depend upon you?**

### Financial Secretary's Report:

None.

### Trustee's Report:

None.

### Program Chairman's Report:

- The Abortion House Witness ended on 11/1/2001. Ed Sypek reported that it went well and was a good experience.
- Bemis – Cecil Street plant would like us back next year.
  - Leftover meat will need a destination
    - Save brats for next year
    - Turn hot dogs over to Kevin Zimmerman to be used on the SMM movie night the upcoming Saturday.
    - Use the hamburgers on this month's 2nd portions meal
    - We will be looking into brat suppliers for 2012
- Green Bay Packers
  - November 14th game yielded \$73.00 per persons by 18 volunteers.
  - November 20th game yielded \$71.00 per person by 18 volunteers.
  - Volunteers are needed for the December and January games.

- Knights donated \$254.54 for food supplies for the St. Mary Central Pro Life March spaghetti dinner. The dinner generated \$1400.00 for this cause.
- First degree was held on November 23. Two new members were installed. Steve and Brian Wideman are now members of KoC 5514.
- Double Portions  
Chopped turkey with mashed potatoes and beans were made serving 107 meals.  
We will be cooking Monday morning at 7:00 am
- There is an ARC signup sheet being distributed for the Christmas party this Saturday.
- There is less than expected interest in this year's Christmas movie night. It may be cancelled if insufficient interest. See Kevin Zimmerman for details.
- The Knights will be sponsoring the coffee and donuts at SMM. There is a signup sheet going around for volunteers.
- The State bowling tournament is scheduled for this April. Teams are being formed this month. See Lloyd D. for details.
- Monte Alverno retreat is coming up. Tony Ansems will have more information at next month's meeting.
- We need a testing date for the knowledge contest from the school principals. The tests are to be released at the upcoming district deputies meeting.
- The Boys and Girls Brigade is in need of volunteers to deliver presents for their Christmas Giving program. It is scheduled for 12/22. Be there at 7:30 am to deliver presents to needy children in the community.

#### **New Business:**

- Raffle tickets are in.

#### **District Deputy's Report (Reported by Chuck Rohr and covered by Ed Sypek)**

Good Evening. I hope you all had a Blessed Thanksgiving remembering the gifts that God gave us to help others. We are in a busy time of the year. Besides the Christmas and New Year's holidays, we are approaching the half way point in our fraternal year. Please participate when your officers ask for your time involvement this past year. As an organization, we keep our tax exempt status based on every Council submitting their Fraternal Survey by the January 31st deadline. Supreme can't fudge or estimate the numbers. They have to match what is submitted.

We have had a lot of new members join our District since our last 2nd Degree. We have two 2nd Degrees tentatively scheduled as of this writing. We are looking at Tuesday, Jan. 31st and Wednesday, Feb. 29th. I will forward details as I have them. We will also be scheduling 2nd Degrees on a regular basis after that. If you take the Degree on these dates, you will be eligible to take the 3rd Degree on the weekend of March 17th. If you are a 1st Degree member, you should really consider moving up to 2nd Degree status. If you sponsored a fellow Brother into the Knights, ask him to attend the 2nd Degree and drive him there. We are planning a 1st Degree for Winneconne at 6:00 on Tues. Dec 13th in Winneconne. If any member would like to join the Degree teams as a substitute, please let me know. Mike Jordan can always use backups.

Your Council members should be thinking of and should be working on a nomination for the Medallion and Family of the Year Awards. The deadline is approaching quickly. The Green Bay Diocesan Medallion Award winner was from District 10 in 2010 (Gary Elmer, Neenah Council 5524). All of your Councils have members worthy of these awards. Honor them and do the paperwork.

We will have our District meeting in January. I will notify you of the date, location and time when it is finalized. If any of your Councils are participating in the Free Throw or Knowledge Contests, email me ASAP. I have to get you the information before the District meeting. The Convention packets are going out shortly. Please open and go through the materials when you receive it. There are some early deadlines. Now is the time for the Councils to start considering the Delegates and alternates.

The Roundtable program has become a priority in this State. As Knights of Columbus, we are to support our Priests and Parishes. The roundtable coordinator is the person Father can call on when he needs our help. We always ask for his support with Church Blitzes, announcements, fundraising etc. Let's let him know he can count on us. Any Council with more than 1 Church, even if they are under the same Priest, needs a roundtable at those locations. Make it easy for your Grand Knight. Step up and offer to try the position for a year. I expect each Council to bring the information or their roundtable Coordinator to the District meeting. The duties of the coordinator is probably no more than what the member is probably doing, except an extra 15 minutes a year completing 2 forms. There is no excuse that our District can't be at 100% for roundtables.

There will be more information coming at the District meetings and January report. I want to say I am thankful for all of your understanding and patience during my time of mandatory overtime. Hopefully it is coming to an end, and things will be back to normal. I do want to wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas, and a safe New Years. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas and in your hearts. The Knights and their families in this District exemplify the meaning of our Catholic Religion.

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

Remembered in our prayers: Priests Paul Radeski, Conrad Kratz, Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, and Mike Ingold. Seminarians especially Brian Wideman, and Matt Rappl. For Marcy Gehr, Don Ashley, Becky Lerza, Dewey Lashua, John Kessler, Lee Sherwood, Hannah Sherwood, Scott Sherwood family, Luke Peters, Brian Younger, Megan Sattler, Jerry Linzmeyer, Randy Foth, Mary Brandt, Mark Lokken, Terry Chang, Tony Ansems, Tom Rebman, Shirley Schomiche, Dave Dewitt, Wally Maynard, Sister Donna Marie Kessler, Mark Bouschele, Virginia Jenson, Tom Pawlowski, Linda Gibson, Mike Kiesow, Ron Wisniewski, Evan Williams, Roger Wilinski, Garland Smith, Richard Elsing, Dan Rosenbaum.

***Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek at 8:05 p.m.***