



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 2/1/2011**  
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**February**

- February 11-13, Retreat, Monte Alverno (Tony Ansems)
- Feb 12, ARC Valentine Dance, ARC of the Fox Valley, 1:00-3:00pm, Set-up 12:15pm (Paul Wolters)
- Feb 19, Men of Christ Conference, Milwaukee Theater, Registration: 6:30am – 8:30 am admission (Morning Mass: 7:00am, Conference: 9:00am, Mass: 4:00-5:00pm)
- Feb 25-27, Retreat, Monte Alverno (Tony Ansems)
- Feb 27, Double Portions (preparations), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 12:00-2:00pm (Mike Bushman)
- Feb 28, Double Portions (cooking/serving), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 7:00am-Noon (Mike Bushman)

**March**

- **Mar 1, Business Meeting, 7:00pm (Ed Sypek)**
- Mar 5, ESTO VIR MENS CONFERENCE, St Pius X Catholic Church, Appleton, WI
- Mar 5-6, Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive, both Parishes, (Mike Simonis, Bob Yost)
- Mar 8, Council Recognition Dinner, Nicolet Clubhouse, 5:30pm social, 7:00pm Dinner (Jerry Robak)
- Mar 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Fond du Lac
- Mar 13, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, De Pere
- Mar 24, St. Vincent De-Paul, 4:00-6:00pm (George Hintz)
- Mar 27, Pancake and Porkie Breakfast, St Patrick's Parish, Menasha (Mike Bushman)
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**April**

- Apr 2, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton
- Apr 2-3, K of C State Bowling Competition, Pro Bowl Lanes, Green Bay (Lloyd Delveaux)
- **Apr 5, , Business Meeting and Nomination of Officers, 7:00pm (Ed Sypek)**
- Apr 10, Pancake and Porkie Breakfast, St. Margaret Mary's, after both Masses (Marv Spielbauer)
- Apr 29-May 1, May K of C Convention, Radisson Convention Center, Green Bay (Ed Sypek)
- Apr 30-May1, Tootsie Roll Drive at Parishes (Chad)

**Grand Knight's Report:**

In January, we had the knowledge contest, thanks to a new approach by Bob Nackers and Rich Gagner we should have a record number of participants, the last regular season Packer concessions, thank you Jon, Mike, Dan, and all who worked so hard to make this year go so smoothly. I want to especially thank the Bornemann, Zimmerman, Rosenbaum, Sherwood, Bolwerk and other families for their help with the St. Margaret Mary's coffee and donuts. The kids served and cleaned up. They did such a thorough job there wasn't much for the Knights to do but drink coffee, eat donuts and talk. Hopefully someone got some pictures! A great Sunday morning event by all involved. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as many stayed almost to noon after a 9:30 Mass. We also hosted a District Deputy meeting.

Going forward we are preparing for what is to come in the next 11 months, raffle ticket sales, dues, PKD, and Respect Life, remember many rely on you for this financial support. In February we will have our ARC Valentine dance, several retreat opportunities thanks to Tony Ansems and Men of Christ conference in Milwaukee on the 19th. Work night at St. Vinnie's on the 10th, bowling practice for the state competition, and sign up for Esto Vir conference at Pius in Appleton in March. Bob Gehr will cover more events to come in his report.

**Knight of the Month – Joe Nemecek:**

Joe is our Knights of the month for February. Joe is visible in his parish St Gabriel's, participating as an usher, attending retreats, helping with the parish rummage, and volunteering in the parish office, and parish picnics. As a Knight he has participated in the Pancake Porkie breakfasts, knowledge contests, and monthly meetings. Within the greater Neenah community you will find Joe at hospital visitations, working with Habitat for Humanity, the Emergency shelter, St. Joe's food pantry, and St. Vincent De Paul.

***Thanks, Joe, for making the Knights, parish, and community better!***

**Family of the Month – Dan Rosenbaum Family:**

Dan Rosenbaum Family is our family of the month. Dan, Theresa, and Tim. are relatively new to the Knights, only joining us in October of last year. In his talk after his First Degree Dan said his family is his focus in life, trying to do all in his power to help his wife and son grow in Catholic life. Dan's volunteerism started working extensively with the scouting programs and youth centered activities. In the short time Dan has been a Knight he has embraced every activity we have offered from raffle tickets, pancake porkie breakfast, coffee and donuts, to offering to take tootsie rolls to his place of work, Pierce Mfg. Going forward it will be up to all of us to keep great folks like Dan and his family active and engaged in the Knights.

***Thank you Dan, Theresa, and Tim!***

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

As of this newsletter, we still have 39 members with unpaid dues for 2011. This is your responsibility to keep dues current as much as possible. If you are having a problem, please call your Secretary at **920-722-3690** or E-mail at [yomrst@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yomrst@sbcglobal.net), where upon a problem can be worked out. Also, we are still approximately 75 State Raffle tickets short of our goal of 459. Remember, for every one sold, your Council receives back \$2.00 toward our Vocation Fund. Please DO NOT combine dues payments and raffle ticket monies on the same check.

***Remember: True Love never asks, "How much must I do?" but, "How much can I do?"***

**Financial Secretary's Report:**

Bob received a letter from a Knight from the Stevens Point Council. The Knight was appointed by State to audit our books and make sure that our donations are reported to the IRS properly. Bob reported that all figures reported agreed with our books. This is the first time we have been audited.

**Chaplain's Report:**

Father Mike ends his Friday student Mass homily with a resounding Amen, to which the students shout back Amen! What does Amen mean? In the **Holy Scripture** it appears almost invariably as an adverb, and its primary use is to indicate that the speaker adopts for his own what has already been said by another. (Student response). A second use of Amen most common in the **New Testament**, but not quite unknown in the Old, has no

reference to the words of any other **person**, but is simply a form of affirmation or confirmation of the speaker's own thought, sometimes introducing it, sometimes following it. Lastly the common practice of concluding any discourse or chapter of a subject with a **doxology** ending in Amen seems to have led to a third distinctive use of the word in which it appears as nothing more than a formula of conclusion — *the end.* (at Mass ending)

### **Trustees Report**

Bob Delveaux received in the mail a request from the Boy Scouts Bay Lakes Council for donations to their Chaplain Fund which is used to send Chaplains to their summer camps. Last year we gave \$125. This will be brought up under New Business.

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

- Bob Nackers reported that we had 215 students participate in the Knowledge Contest. The tests were administered by Teachers. Bob will have an update for the newsletter.
- Bob Nackers stated that we need more Knights to help with Perpetual Adoration.
- Coffee and Donuts at Saint Margaret Mary's on January 16<sup>th</sup> went well with lots of help.
- Double Portions on January 31<sup>st</sup> went well. 68 people were served. Numbers were down due to a snow storm. Stew was served. Brat stroganoff will be served for the next meal.
- Jim Rappl provided information on "Discover the Big Picture of the Bible" with Jeff Cavins at the Holy Parish Church. Jim mentioned that this is a very interesting program. Jeff Cavins was a former Protestant Minister who turned Catholic. He has a 26 week Bible Study that he will abbreviate for this program on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Both parishes should be all set to go for the Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive. The drive will probably occur on March 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Jerry Robak reported that all is set for the Recognition Dinner at the Menasha Council Clubhouse on March 8<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Spouses, friends and recruits are invited to attend. Cost is \$13 per person. Social starts at 5:30 and Dinner is at 7:00.
- Bob Gehr made a plea for help for the Mid Wisconsin Chippers food preparation on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Last year they only had six Knights work the event, and some of those gentlemen were members of the Mid Wisconsin Chippers. Bob needs more help this year.
- Chad Olsen reported that the Tootsie Roll drive at the stores will be April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The dates were changed due to a conflict with the opening weekend of fishing.

### **Retreats:**

There are two retreats scheduled for Monte Alverno. There are six Knights signed up for the February 11-13<sup>th</sup> retreat and nine Knights signed up for the February 25-27<sup>th</sup> retreat. They will meet at Oinks from 5 to 7 before the February 11-13<sup>th</sup> retreat.

### **Awards:**

Our Council received the Columbian Award for 2009-2010 for being an active Council.

### **Packer Concession Stand:**

- We received a final report on the concession stand for this year. The last two games should average about \$65 per person. Our Council's take this year from the Stand was \$4,228.54. A total of \$13,954.56 was raised in our booth this year.

### **Unfinished Business:**

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

### **New Business:**

- Bob Yost stated that our Grand Knight recommended that we support 4 Seminarians this year, one less than last year. We donate \$500 to each Seminarian. Lloyd Delveaux made a motion that we follow our Grand Knight's recommendation and support 4 Seminarians. Motion seconded by Roger Bramm. There was considerable discussion about whether we should stick with supporting 5 Seminarians. Bob Yost mentioned that at some point we may run out funds if we continue to support 5 Seminarians. Others discussed that we should support 5 Seminarians while we can and that supporting Seminarians should be one of our top goals. Lloyd pulled his motion and amended it to support 5 Seminarians – with the 5<sup>th</sup> one supported from our Project Fund. Amended motion seconded by Tom Boziile. Motion passed with one opposing vote.
- Wines Around the World sponsorship came up. The event is a fund raiser for St. Margaret Mary's school. Sponsorship is \$250. Motion made by Rich Gagner to sponsor Wines Around the World. Motion seconded by Kraig Kaufman. Motion passed unanimously.
- Boy Scouts Bay Lakes Council Chaplain Fund came up. Motion made by Chad Olsen to sponsor a Chaplain for \$125. Motion seconded by Rich Gagner. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dennis Howard mentioned that Friends of Haiti is assembling hygiene kits again this year. Dennis asked that we consider giving \$100 for medicine and hygiene supplies. Motion made by Kraig Kaufman to donate \$100 to Friends of Haiti. Motion seconded by Colin Behm. Motion passed unanimously.

### **District Deputy's Report:**

- FYI: Information from Supreme: In a private audience at the Vatican Dec. 17, on behalf of the 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus, Supreme Knight Anderson presented the pope with a gift of \$1.6 million, representing this year's earnings from the Order's Vicarius Christi Fund, which was established in 1981. Over the past 25 years, the fund has provided \$48 million for the pope's personal charities and causes.
- Be sure to take photographs and submit "Knights in Action" reports of your activities for publication. (To submit Knights in Action news, visit [kofc.org/knightsinaction](http://kofc.org/knightsinaction).) (Good for your history Book)
- If you think your event or program could merit a service program award in one of the six "Surge ... with Service" categories — Church, Family, Pro-Life, Youth, Community or Council — don't wait until the annual call for entries to let us know.
- We would like to produce a listing of upcoming events that we can pursue for possible promotion with local media and/or for use as a feature article in one of our publications. Please send a brief description of your upcoming event (one or two sentences describing it, the date, the location and contact information) to [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org) or call 203-752-4264.
- Important Change to First Degree Practices:  
To facilitate the timely induction of new members, councils need to conduct First Degree ceremonials on a regular basis. To address this, the supreme knight has authorized a change to our First Degree practice. While the performance of memorized parts remains the preferred method for the First Degree, there will now be a trial period in which the First Degree may be conducted by reading the parts. In addition, starting now, the major parts of the Chancellor and the Deputy Grand Knight may be performed by playing the authorized recording of those parts. A mailing was sent to all grand knights of record in December that included a new edition of the large-print First Degree book, and a CD recording of the Chancellor's and Deputy Grand Knight's parts. The large-print First Degree book is intended to serve the council as the podium copy for those who do not yet have their parts memorized. Regular council ceremonial books are requested on Form #532, which is available on [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) in the Council Forms section. Each council should plan and host a First Degree at its meeting place.
- ***Please make sure all your forms are filed on time and that I get a copy of each form (see Chad Olson for the list of forms).***

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

Will Scribner, Betty Gehr, Don Ashley, Joe Wojtowicz, Becky Larza, Dewey Lashua, John Kessler, Lee Sherwood, Hannah Sherwood, Luke Peters, Terry Weir, Grace Rosenbaum, Jim VanGumpel, Mark Kohlbeck, Brian Younger, Randy Foth, Dan Stunger, James Kaufman, Family of Bobbie Easton, Gene Burndt, Teddy Van Hoof, Father Paul Radeski, Father Allen and Father Ingold.