



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 1/3/2012
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January

- Jan 17, DD District 10 meeting, Menasha Club House, 7:30
- Jan. 21-22 Knowledge Contest (Rich Gagner) more information to follow
- Jan 31, 2nd Degree Exemplification, Winneconne Kaudy Hall, 7:00pm (Chuck Rohr)

February

- Feb 11, ARC Valentine Dance February 11 (Paul Wolters)
- Feb 12, Pancake/Porkie Breakfast Fundraiser for Joseph – St Gabriel, 7:00 am to 12:00 noon (Gary Elmer)
- Feb.17-19, Retreat, Monte Alverno (Tony Ansems)
- Feb 29, 2nd Degree Exemplification, tbd, 7:00pm (Chuck Rohr)

Grand Knight's Report:

As a reminder, we usually include two voluntary contributions on your annual bill. PKD (Penny a Knight a Day) is \$3.65 and the Respect Life fund is \$3.50. If you would include an extra couple bucks with your dues it would be appreciated. The alternative is we usually take money from fund raiding accounts to make 100% contribution levels. Thanks.

Speaking of charitable contributions, there are a couple of additions to December; Mike and Lloyd prepared and served a dinner at the Warming Shelter Dec. 22. Mike removed the 8 Holy Water Fonts from the entrances at St. Gabriel's, had them polished and clear coated, then re-installed them in time for Christmas. Marv Spielbauer and Rich Gagner stepped forward to prepare a Double Portions meal in February and March. Chris Rigotti volunteered to grind the meat from the Bemis Brat fries into hamburger. Mike will use this for the January Double Portions and Rich and Marv are welcome to use to supplement their meal preparation in February and March. Keep in mind we will still need help serving February and March for Double Portions.

Chris Rigotti made a donation in the name of the Knights to Father Carr's Food Pantry of 80 lbs of cheese before heading south for the winter. December was one of the best months of 2011 for Knights - seeing a need and handling it.

Knight of the Month – Mike Bushman:

Mike Bushman is my choice for January Knight of the Month. I like to start the year off with the best example of leadership and volunteerism in our council. Last year was Bob Gehr. This year it's Mike Bushman. Mike leads and organizes his team for Double Portions, Packer Vending, St. Pat's maintenance crews, and jumps in wherever else he is asked. A good example was his effort at St. Gabriel's in getting the water fonts polished and new water bowls and inserts ordered. In addition, when asked to prepare a meal for the Emergency Shelter, he didn't hesitate. He leads a team to sell brats for charity at Bergstrom, is open minded to suggestions and changes to improve efficiencies at Packer games and other events, something that is not to be taken for granted. Mike also works with Levy in finding us additional fund raising opportunities. Thank you, Mike! And thank you, Sylvia, for sharing Mike with us!

Family of the Month – Jon and Dawn Bolwerk:

Jon and Dawn Bolwerk are our family of the month. Jon has held most the offices of our chapter including Grand Knight. He co chairs the Packer vending with Mike, participates in coffee and donuts, tootsie rolls, raffles, set up the speaker nights when GK and is our present treasurer. Dawn is usually right beside when not with her busy PA job and weekly volunteering at the emergency shelter. Jon and Dawn have two daughters. The elder, Jackie, is a pre-pharmacy student in Milwaukee and the younger, Gabbi, is a busy middle schooler, helping around the house when not in school, practicing or playing volleyball and serving Mass. Jon's dad, Willy Bolwerk, sponsored him in the Knights and would be proud of Jon's many accomplishments in the Knights. Thank you, Jon and Dawn, for your gifts to the Knights, Church, and community.

Financial Secretary's Corner: My Brother Knights:

By now everyone has received your billing statement for 2012. Please notice that the PKD & Respect For Life are not included on that bill. However, the annual amounts of \$3.65 and \$3.50 are optional to cover PKD & Respect For Life. They may be added to your dues payment, but do not put them on the same check along with raffle ticket payments. They are separate accounts. Our raffle ticket goal for 2012 is 468. The \$2.00 rebate from each ticket sold goes into our Seminarian Vocation Fund, so please extend extra effort in trying to sell all you have received. For all Honorary Life members, you may receive a traveling card by request from your Financial Secretary. Otherwise, they are no longer an automatic issued card.

Remember: "Nothing is as trying as not trying at all"

Chaplains Report - Corporal Works of Mercy and Neenah 5514 reviewed

Matthew 25 v 35-41 35 For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink: (Our council fed thousands of hungry folks through our food drives, Father Carr's, St. Joseph's Food Pantry. We were able to do this by feeding others at Brat Frys, parish picnics, and Packer games). I was a stranger, and you took me in: 36 Naked, and you covered me: (individually and as a Council we supported homeless shelters, unwed and domestic abuse shelters both volunteering and financially) sick, and you visited me: (our prayers and individual visits have generated gratitude in verbal and written thanks from those we prayed for and visited) I was in prison, and you came to me. (Marv's ministry for the youth at Winnebago Mental Health, our ARC dances opens social networks for caregivers and clients that not have opportunities for socializing beyond our efforts, and our sponsorship through tootsie roll sales, raffle sales, and other fundraisers benefit a laundry list of those physically, mentally and spiritually imprisoned.) 37 Then shall the just answer him, saying: Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed you: thirsty and gave you drink? 38 Or when did we see

you a stranger and took you in? Or naked and covered you? 39 Or when did we see you sick or in prison and came to you? 40 And the king answering shall say to them: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me. For 2012, let's do more in more ways! God Bless as we go forward in this New Year!

Financial Secretary's Report:

- Raffle Tickets - Our goal is to sell 468 raffle tickets this year. So far we have sold 113 tickets, not including the ones that were turned in during tonight's meeting.
- Dues - 32 members have paid their 2012 dues, plus a few more that handed in dues before the meeting. As of July 1, 2011, we had a total of 173 members. 38 are Honorary Life and few others do not pay dues for other reasons (disabled, etc.). There are a total of 127 paying members. The bills that were sent out did not have enough room for the PKD (\$3.65) and Respect Life (\$3.50) contributions. Please remember to consider these with your payments.

Trustee's Report:

None.

Program Chairman's Report:

- The Christmas Party at the ARC on December 10th was a lot of fun. About 120 people attended. Jerry Robak did a great job as Santa Claus.
- Rich Gagner reported on the Knowledge Contest. It will be held the week of January 23rd. The TCCES schools will administer the test during school. Rich will let us know if he needs help grading tests.
- Valentine's Day Dance at the ARC will be February 11th. Setup is at 12:15. Dance is from 1:00 to 3:30. Paul Wolters is in good shape with supplies.

New Business:

- Sam Newman, a former District Deputy of District 9, requested that we pay \$25 towards printing raffle tickets for Haven of Hope. Last year we donated \$30 for this purpose. Motion made by Chad Olsen to donate \$25 for the printing of raffle tickets. Motion seconded by John Elsinger. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dan Bornemann would like to give the person who oversees our concession stand at Lambeau Field a \$50 gas card as a token of our appreciation for all her help. Motion made by Dan Bornemann to give that person a \$50 gas card. Motion seconded by Colin Behm. Motion passed unanimously.
- Rev. Daniel Schuster recommended that our Council support the following five Seminarians:
 - Michael Wilms
 - Michael Thiel
 - Gregory Porent
 - Dec. Ryan E. Krueger
 - Ryan J. Starks
- Jon Bolwerk mentioned that we have about \$1,000 more in our checkbook this year than last and that he would like us to support two more Seminarians. There was considerable discussion that we would like to support those Seminarians from our Parishes and in our Council. The Seminarians to support will be tabled until next month. Jim Rappl will contact Rev. Schuster to find out why the above Seminarians were chosen for our Council.
- The Holy Water Fonts at the entrance to St. Gabriel's Church were refurbished at a cost of \$656.54. New they would cost \$2,500. Motion made by Gary Elmer to donate the money to pay for the refurbishing. Motion seconded by Roger Bramm. Motion passed unanimously.

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

I hope all of you and your families had a joyous Christmas and a safe New Year. As we enter the last half of our fraternal year, we have a number of items to concentrate on. As always, membership, both recruiting and retaining our current members is a top priority. Remember, a prospect won't say "yes" unless you ask him first. You are all active members, so please share your passion for the Knights with prospects or current members that aren't as active. If a member isn't attending meetings, offer to pick them up on your way to the meeting.

Programs are a lot of what the Knights are about: Programs to raise money, programs to give it away, programs for the Church, family, and community. Programs are a great way to get new and inactive members active in the Council. These members can be a great resource for program ideas in addition to the official K of C programs. One program being stressed this year is the Parish Roundtable. Each Council with more than 1 Parish should have a Roundtable coordinator for each Parish. The coordinator is the go between for Father and the Council. Besides bringing Father's request to the Council and vice versa, there are 2 forms to complete annually. These forms should take no more than 5-10 minutes.

Another idea is that the Council history book can actually be a Council activity. Any Council member that sees a newspaper article, or takes a photo at an activity, should submit it to the historian to assemble in the book. The history book is a record of your Council's year, and can also be used for recruiting. The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) is a vital report. It provides the data for the number of volunteer service hours and financial contributions to charitable programs by councils throughout the Order. This data not only helps the Knights of Columbus maintain its tax-exempt status, but also is a key tool in recruiting new members and publicizing the work of the Order. Filing the fraternal survey is no later than close of business on Jan. 31, 2012. Please inform your Grand Knight about your volunteer efforts.

Councils should start planning their delegates and alternates to the State Convention on April 28th and 29th in Middleton (Madison). The District 10 meeting will be held at the Menasha Clubhouse on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:30. This meeting should be attended by the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Chairman, and Membership Chairman. All other members are invited to attend. Please let your Grand Knight know so he can RSVP me the number of those attending.

We have scheduled 2-2nd Degrees for Districts 10 and 9. There are many members who are still 1st Degree members. This could be because we haven't had a 2nd Degree in a very long time, or it could be other factors. All our members should move to the rank of 3rd Degree in order to get the most out of your Order. Please let your Grand Knight know if you will attend so he can let me know. The

Degrees are scheduled for January 31st in Winneconne, and February 29th. The February site has not been set yet, but will probably be in District 9. Both of these dates are set to allow for the 3rd Degree in DePere in March.

- Ed mentioned that we have 52 members in our Council who only have a First Degree.
- Ed further mentioned that our Council needed approximately \$4,454 to fund our Council for the past year and that we raised \$23,051 in our Project Account.

Good of the Order:

Remembered in our prayers: Marcy Gehr, Don Ashley, Becky Lerza, Dewey Lashua, John Kessler, Hannah Sherwood, Brian Younger, Mary Brandt, Mark Lokken, Terry Chang, Tony Ansems, Tom Rebman, Shirley Schomiche, Wally Maynard, Sister Donna Marie Kessler, Virginia Jenson, Tom Pawlowski, Ron Wisniewski, Evan Williams, Garland Smith, Richard Elsinger, Dan Rosenbaum, Gividas Vidoras, Cindi Bornemann, Andy Collar, Judith Delveaux, Joseph Putzer (infant), and Ester Gagner.

Father Paul Radeski, Father Conrad Kratz, Father Paul Praider, Father Richard Allen, Father Larry Seidl and Father Mike Ingold. Also please include Seminarians in your prayers, especially Brian Wideman, and Matt Rappl.

Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek at 8:37 p.m.