



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 11/1//2011
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November

- Nov 17, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Nov 20, Packer Game – , Noon (Mike Bushman)
- Nov 27, Double Portions (preparations), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 12:00-2:00 pm, (Mike Bushman)
- Nov 28, Double Portions (cooking/serving), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 7:00-Noon, (Mike Bushman)

December

- Dec. 10, ARC Christmas Party, ARC of the Fox Valley, 1:00-4:00, (Ron Wisnewski)
- Dec 11, Packer Game – , Noon (Mike Bushman)
- Dec 25, Double Portions (preparations), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 12:00-2:00 pm, (Mike Bushman)
- Dec 25, Packer Game – , 7:20pm (Mike Bushman)
- Dec 26, Double Portions (cooking/serving), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 7:00-Noon, (Mike Bushman)

Grand Knight's Report:

October was busy but you stepped it up and volunteered to cover 4 Bemis brat frys, 2 Packer games, Double Portions, Brewfest, Winnebago Mental Health party, 40 Days for Life vigil at the Gillette street abortion place, Nativity Scene repairs, fan cleanings at St. Pat's by Mike, Jerry, and Lloyd, landscaping at St. Margaret Mary's by Tom and Tim, and a Pancake & Porkie at St. Gabriel's. It was not all work and no play though! Those that participated had a beautiful fall day of golf and a delicious dinner at the Landing Day event co-sponsored by the Menasha and Neenah councils. Thank you all for a great month! Looking ahead to November we close out with 3 more Bemis Brat Frys, 2 Packer games, and a double portions meal. Raffle tickets will be coming. November is light in fundraising events so let's make the push on the raffle tickets once you have them in hand.

Don't forget scrip. Remember to put a Brother Knight's name on the form when you buy scrip. I can give you names. It helps pay for Catholic education, helps the Church and helps us. Scrip purchases can be used for both Catechism classes and schooling.

Think seriously about taking an hour of adoration, there are both day and night hours available. And last, but not least, get your survey of membership activity back to me. If you did not get one, there is a link on the website. Fill it out and return it please.

Knight of the Month – Mike Simonis:

My choice for Knight of the Month is Mike Simonis. In addition to cashiering at the Bemis Brat Frys Mike does hospital and in-home sick visitation, helps with ARC events, works the Tootsie Roll campaign, co-chairs the peanut butter drive, and helps with the knowledge contest. He prays the Rosary daily (hopefully I am one of the beneficiaries), is a money counter, ushers the 5:00 pm Saturday. Mass, helps at the parish picnic, pancake & porkie breakfasts, attends the degrees, monthly meetings, does Packer concessions, golfs, and bowls (knees permitting). Mike loves baseball, (was pretty good in his time I have been told) and is just an all around great guy. There is the story of God's bargain with Abraham; in a nutshell if there are 10 good men on earth God will not destroy it. I think Mike may be one of those 10. Thanks, Mike!

Family of the Month – Butch and Donna Boushele:

Butch and Donna are our family of the month. They have 6 children: Vickie (56), Peggy (55), Sandy (54), Mark (52), Jeff (51) and one passed away in infancy. With the exception of Peggy, who lives in Minnesota but is still a Packer fan, thanks to her husband Doug growing up in the shadow of Lambeau field, everyone lives in the area. From their 5 children Donna and Butch have 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Butch, in addition to volunteering for the Knights, ushers at church. Donna and Butch have been married 59 years. Donna recently had knee replacement and is doing great. Donna was an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and delivered to the home-bound. She is a talented wedding cake baker and painter of Butch's woodworking projects. Butch chaired the Tootsie Roll drive for 12 years, and was warden. Now, when not in Arizona, Butch works the Bemis brat frys, attends meetings, the family picnic, Landing Day golf and enjoys his family. Thanks, Butch and Donna!

Financial Secretary's Corner: My Brother Knights:

Brother Knights, as stated in our last newsletter, Honorary Life members may receive a traveling card by request to the Financial Secretary. New cards are now here for 2012. All dues statements will be mailed in the December newsletter along with the State Charity Raffle tickets. Statements will include the automatic \$2.00 "Culture For Life" assessment set forth by our Supreme Council. The annual PKD "Penny A Knight A Day" of \$3.65 and the Respect for Life amount of \$3.50 remain optional and will not appear on your statement.

Remember: The contented man is never poor; the discontented man is never rich.

Financial Secretary's Report:

None.

Trustee's Report:

None.

Program Chairman's Report:

- Ed Sypek mentioned that today was the last night for our Council for the Abortion House Witness. Ed mentioned that the Witness was well attended. The overall Abortion House Witness ends on November 6th.
- Thanks to Jim Krautkramer for the freezer donation for storing brat supplies. It is currently in use.

- Marv Spielbauer reported that the Winnebago Mental Health Youth Pizza and Bingo Party went very well. We had 24 kids attend the event; ages 8 to 17 along with 5 Leaders.
- Chad Olsen reported on Brewfest for Saint Gabriel's School. Final numbers were not in yet, but the event seemed very successful. Thanks to all the Knights that helped out at the event.
- Mike Bushman reported on the Make A Wish Foundation food stand at Bergstrom Automotive on October 22nd. The food stand raised \$570 that day and they will be selling hamburgers through the week. Mike mentioned that the Lambeau Field hot dogs provided for the event were a big hit.
- There will be a spaghetti dinner at St. Gabriel's for the St. Mary Central Pro Life March on November 19th. Currently we have no participation in the event. Members are encouraged to attend to support SMC Youth.
- Last year Mike Bushman helped delivered cooked meals on Thanksgiving from St. Mary's in Menasha. He has not been asked to drive again this year. If contacted, Mike will send out an email looking for help.
- The ARC Christmas Party will be December 10th from 2 to 4 pm. Setup will be at 1:00. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Art Schmeichel and Jerry Van Handel have been exploring installing an audio loop at St. Margaret Mary's Church. This would be similar to the one installed at St. Gabriel's. The audio loop sends a signal to a person's hearing aid. It works with hearing aids with "tea coils." The system at St. Gabriel's cost \$13,000 to install. Art and Jerry hope to have the cost to install the system at Saint Margaret Mary's by the end of the year. Once costs are known, our Council can decide how to help support this endeavor.
- Bob Yost mentioned that he received Lifetime Honorary Memberships cards for Harold Seymour and Father Larry Seidl. Priests automatically receive Honorary Lifetime Memberships.
- Bob Nackers made a plea for help with Perpetual Adoration. Help is needed from midnight to 6 am. The following time slots need to be filled:
 - Thursday 1 to 2 am and 3 to 4 am.
 - Friday 2 to 3 am
 - Saturday 2 to 3 am and 4 to 5 am
- Bob mentioned that if the time slots cannot be filled, they may have to cancel the midnight to 6 am shifts. Please contact Bob if you can help. Consider partnering with someone to fill a spot.

Good of the Order:

Remembered in our prayers: Marcy Gehr, Don Ashley, Becky Lerza, Dewey Lashua, John Kessler, Lee Sherwood, Hannah Sherwood, Luke Peters, Dan Stunger, Jim Rhyner, Brian Younger, Megan Sattler, Jerry Linzmeyer, Randy Foth, Mary Brandt, Mark Lokken, Terry Chang, Tony Ansems, Tom Rebman, Shirley Schomiche, Dave Dewitt, Joe Nemecek, Wally Maynard, Sister Donna Marie Kessler, Virginia Jenson, Tom Pawlowski, Linda Gibson, Mike Kiesow, Ron Wisniewski, Mary Louise Lennon, Father Paul Radeski, Father Conrad Kratz, Father Paul, Father Allen, Father Larry Seidl, and Father Mike Ingold

Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek (time not noted)