



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 10/4/2011
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October

- Oct 16, Packer Game – Game Noon (Mike Bushman)
- Oct 18, Abortion House Witness, Gillette St. Appleton, 4:00-6:00 (Ed Sypek)
- Oct 18, Winnebago Youth Pizza and Bingo Party (Marv S.)
- Oct 20, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Oct 21, Brew Fest, Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk (Chad Olsen)
- Oct 25, Abortion House Witness, Gillette St. Appleton, 4:00-6:00 (Ed Sypek)
- Oct 25, 1st Degree Exemplification, Winneconne Kaudy Hall, 7:00pm (Chuck Rohr)
- Oct 27, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Oct 30, Pancake & Porky Breakfast, St. Gabriel's, After Masses
- Oct 30, Double Portions (preparations), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 12:00-2:00 pm, (Mike Bushman)
- Oct 31, Double Portions (cooking/serving), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 7:00-Noon, (Mike Bushman)

November

- Nov 3, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Nov 8, Abortion House Witness, Gillette St. Appleton, 4:00-6:00 (Ed Sypek)
- Nov 10, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Nov 14, Packer Game – , Game 7:30pm (Mike Bushman)
- Nov 17, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Nov 20, Packer Game – , 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)

Grand Knight's Report:

Thank you! As usual, we had a full month with 2 Packer games, 5 Bemis brat fries, double portions, steak night, 1st degree, Punt, Pass & Kick, and last, but not least, the diocesan meeting. Thanks to Paul, Marv, Lloyd and Norm for setting up the 40 Days for Life crosses. October looks to be just as busy with 4 Bemis brat fries, 2 Packer games, double portions, 2 Landing day events, Winnebago Mental Health party, 40 Days for Life rosary (Oct. 25 from 4 pm-6 pm, Gillette St. in Appleton) and a Pancake & Porkie at St. Gabriel's.

At the diocesan meeting checks for thousands of dollars from raffle ticket sales were presented to Bishop Ricken for Seminarian funding. The top councils with the most raffle tickets per member sold were Keshena (44 members averaged 48 tickets each), Crandon (24 members sold 20 tickets each), and Plainfield (47 members averaged 18 tickets each). It is easy to understand Keshena and Crandon because the casinos allow them to sell on the property but I don't know how to explain Plainfield other than just a strong effort on their part. I think we averaged about 4 tickets per member but we need to improve. Let's try for a 6 per member average which means guys you will need to step it up. I heard at the First degree Omro and Winneconne now have about 145 members. We have about 175 with far bigger parishes. We need to use all means, including the raffle tickets, as an opportunity to tell people about the Knights and build ticket sales and membership.

The 2010 tootsie roll total went down in the State while our council went up. Great job, Chad, and to all who helped! Let's focus on increasing this next spring and give your time generously to Chad when he asks in April. 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, it helps the Church and it 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. As I asked before, can you expect to spend an eternity with Jesus if you are not willing to spend an hour with him now? And last, but not least, get your survey of membership activity back to me, if you didn't get one tonight, there is a link on the website. Fill it out and return it please.

Knight of the Month – Dan Bornemann:

October's Knight of the Month has been a Knight for 10 years serving in several councils, attaining his 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree in 1991 and 4th degree a few years later. He participates in Packer concessions, has chaired family events and youth fundraisers, is a lecturer, extra ordinary minister of the Eucharist, youth/IMAJN Mass volunteer, and has organized Knight's coffee and donuts. Dan is on several degree teams, has chaired several of our council's positions and helps out wherever else he can given a busy work schedule. With 5 children and his wife, Amy, he has lived between Michigan and Wisconsin the past few years. He recently drove one of our best Packer concession volunteers, his daughter, Dannielle, to Eau Claire to start college in the morning and made it back to Green Bay for the Packer game before kickoff to help out. He is usually one of the first on the job at Packer games and stays to count receipts, so is one of the last to leave. Dan Bornemann is the choice for October Knight of the Month. Thank you, Amy, for sharing Dan.

Family of the Month – Bill and Nancy Haga:

Bill & Nancy are both active members at St. Gabriel Church. Nancy is a lecturer as well as a member of the church choir, a soloist at Sunday and funeral Masses. They are both Eucharistic Ministers at Church & Theda Clark Hospital and help serve for funeral

masses. Bill and Nancy maintain and are responsible for decorating St. Gabriel Church in preparation for all church seasons and are very active in "Helping Hands", the Wausau based volunteer mission outreach to the poor people trying to improve their lot in Jamaica and Kenya. Bill and Nancy have literally filled their garage full of donations from generous people to ship from Wausau to those in need in Jamaica & Kenya. Nancy and Bill also travel to Jamaica yearly to help in the construction of Jamaican's family homes and the construction of a storage building for the local parish in the outback of Jamaica. For over a year, Bill has been a volunteer at the Christine Ann Abuse Center in Oshkosh. Every Tuesday he volunteers his time with the maintenance of the buildings to have a better place for the clients to live. Bill and Nancy Haga are both an asset to the Knights of Columbus and to the community!

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

My fellow Knights: In previous newsletters, I mentioned that we are still having problems with inaccurate e-mail addresses and phone numbers. If you have recently changed either of the above two, please call me at 920-722-3690 or e-mail me at yomrst@sbcglobal.net with correction. Also, new membership cards have been ordered. Any Life Member who would like to have a traveling card for 2012, please contact me. Annual dues statements for 2012 will be sent in December to each member and will contain the Yearly assessment towards "Culture For Life" as requested by Supreme Council.

Remember: Happiness is being so busy you have no time to be miserable.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Bob mentioned that we closed our post office box. It was only collecting junk mail.

Chaplain's Report:

St. Therese, a cloistered Carmelite nun, died at the age of 24 from tuberculosis. Few knew of her and among the Carmelites she was an unknown. Yet, she has been extensively quoted and was made a doctor of the Church.

Therese prayed to be a missionary to the world, and a martyr if God willed it. A few Sundays ago the reading was about God's way is not our way, here is how Therese prayer was answered some 111 years after her death. Interesting also is that 1 is the numeric representation of God 111 thus being the Trinity. Here is what happened...

ST. THÉRÈSE RELIC MAKES SPACE FLIGHT

NEW CANEY, Texas, NOV. 20, 2008 (Zenit.org).- St. Thérèse wrote that she wanted to be a missionary on every continent simultaneously and reach the most remote islands -- now her dream has extended to space flight.

The Carmelite community of New Caney, Texas, enjoys the friendship of Colonel Ron Garan, who was on the May 31-June 14 Discovery shuttle mission.

Before heading into space, Garan had called the women religious to request their prayer for the voyage, and he told them he could take some small item into space on behalf of the community.

The sisters reported that the words of St. Thérèse came to mind: "I have the vocation of an apostle. I would like to travel over the whole earth to preach your name and to plant your glorious cross on infidel soil. But oh, my beloved, one mission would not be enough for me, I would want to preach the Gospel on all five continents simultaneously and even to the most remote isles. I would be a missionary, not for a few years but from the beginning of creation until the consummation of the ages."

The Carmelites gave the astronaut a relic of St. Thérèse for his flight.

Now, they report, she has traveled 5,735,643 miles around the earth for 14 days at 17,057 miles an hour. Meanwhile, the sisters commended the world to her intercession.

Trustee's Report:

- St. Margaret Mary's is selling playing cards. Organizations can sponsor a card and have their name or logo placed on the card. Fees are \$300 for 2-10 and more for face cards. They plan on selling 500 decks of cards for \$5.00 each. This is a fund raiser for the St. Margaret Mary's Youth Group. This will be brought up under new business.
- Paul Wolters suggested that we provide a donation of \$250 to the Christine Ann Center for building maintenance. The Christine Ann Center helps abused women and their children. This will also be brought up under new business.

Program Chairman's Report:

Ed Sypek reported on the Diocesan Meeting at St. Bernard Parish in Green Bay

- There will be a First Degree in Winneconne on October 25th.
- They discussed Membership Blitz.
- In 2010-2011 – Knights donated \$154.6 M dollars and had 70 M volunteer hours.
- 217 Councils were formed for a total of 14,174 worldwide.
- Columbian Squires membership stands at 21,812 in 1,565 circles.
- Membership reached an all time high of 1,816,826.
- October is Respect for Life month.
- Insurance in force reached \$80 billion on April 21st.
- Since it's founding in 1882, the Order has paid more than \$3.1 billion in death claims and more than \$10.5 billion in living benefits.
- We will be doing Sentiments for Seminarians again this year.
- Each Council needs to carry liability insurance.

Other Updates:

- Punt Pass and Kick contest on September 17th went very well. 154 youth participated.
- We actually made some money on Steak Night. Two prospective members from Steak Night went through their First Degree. Thanks to Marv for getting the steaks.
- Ed Sypek reported that the First Degree on September 29th at St. Gabriel's went very well.
- Mike Bushman made a request that we donate \$50 for hot dogs and brats and two cases of hamburgers for the Make-A-Wish Foundation drive at Bergstrom quick lube on October 22nd from 8:00 to 1:00. Last year we donated \$200 to this cause. This will be brought up under new business.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for beer pourers for St. Gabriel's School Brewfest, a fundraiser put on by the PTO taking place at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in Neenah on October 21st. Chad Olsen will call those on the list as needed.
- A sign up sheet was passed around for the St. Gabriel's pancake and porkie breakfast on October 30th. There will be two shifts for the event.
- Marv Spielbauer mentioned that this year's Youth Pizza and Bingo Party at the Winnebago Mental Health Facility will have a Halloween theme.

District Deputy's Report:

Most items discussed by Ed Sypek under the Program Chairman's Report – Diocesan Meeting

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Mike Bushman to donate 2 cases of hamburgers and donate up to \$110 for hot dogs and brats for the Make-A-Wish Foundation drive at Bergstrom quick lube on October 22nd from 8:00 to 1:00. This was increased from the \$50 originally discussed in the event they cost more than expected. Motion seconded by Art Schmeichel. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chris Rigotti to donate \$250 to the Christine Anne Center Building Maintenance Fund. Motion seconded by Bob Gehr. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Mike Bushman to support the Saint Margaret Mary Youth Program by sponsoring a playing card for \$300. Motion seconded by rich Gagner. Motion passed unanimously.

Good of the Order:

Remembered in our prayers: Marcy Gehr, Don Ashley, Joe Wojtowicz, 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, Donna Bouschele, Virginia Jenson, Mike Kiesow, Ron Wisniewski, Tom Pawlowski, Linda Gibson, Father Paul Radeski, Father Conrad Kratz, Father Paul, Father Allen, Father Larry Seidl, and Father Mike Ingold

Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek at 8:14 p.m.