



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514 – MEETING OF 9/7/2011

kofcneenah5514.com

GRAND KNIGHT Ed Sypek - 920-725-0760

sypeked@yahoo.com

Insurance Agent – Joseph M. Molosky – 715-330-5178

joseph.molosky@kofc.org



September

- Sept 15, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Sept. 17, Punt, Pass, Kick, Neenah High School, 12:00 (Bob Rich Gagner)
- Sept 22, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Sept 25, Double Portions (preparations), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 12:00-2:00 pm, (Mike Bushman)
- Sept 26, Double Portions (cooking/serving), St. Patrick's Cafeteria, 7:00-Noon, (Mike Bushman)
- Sept 29, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)

October/November

- Oct 2, Packer Game – 3:15pm (Mike Bushman)
- Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Oct 9, Neenah 5514 / Nicolet 1838 Annual Golf Outing, Sherwood Forest GC, 3:00, (Lloyd Delveaux)
- Oct 9, Landing Day Dinner Nicolet 1838 Clubhouse, Social, 5:00, Dinner, 6:00, (Lloyd Delveaux)
- Oct 16, Packer Game – , Game Noon (Mike Bushman)
- 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)
- Nov 3, 10, 17, Brat Fry, Bemis-Curwood Cecil St., setup, 8am. (Bob Gehr)
- Nov 14, Packer Game – , Game 7:30pm (Mike Bushman)
- 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:

Packer games and brat fries are a time to earn money to give away. Accept the challenge to sign up and join in! Excellent job by the guys that removed the shelving at St. Pat's and reinstalled it in our storage room at St. Margaret Mary's. Pink never looked so good! The clear plastic storage boxes will help keep track of supplies there. Speaking of supplies, mark your calendars for St. Gabriel's pancake and porky breakfast this October 30. Get the activity survey filled out and back to me as soon as possible. Get ready for charity raffle tickets. Last year's outstanding effort resulted in about \$1,400 for our council's Seminarian fund and a nice contribution to the Dioceses Seminarian fund.

Knight of the Month – Mike Pokorny :

This month we recognize one of our newest Knights as Knight of the Month, Mike Pokorny. Mike is now the Vice-President of the Theda Clark Auxillary for 2011-2012 Slate of Officers. Mike and his wife, Carol, also sell Script after Mass on Sundays. He joined the Knights of Columbus in May of 2011. He volunteers at the front desk at Theda Clark guiding guests to different locations throughout the hospital. He is a member of St. Gabriel and has chaired St. Gabriel's Winter Break fundraiser for a number of years. This past year was with the help of fellow Knight Andy Teska. Mike is a great and welcomed blessing for our council. We aim to emulate his volunteer efforts in our council and bring his talents to full fruition.

Family of the Month – Gerry and Janet Van Handel Family:

Gerry and Janet Van Handel are our choice for Family of The Month. Gerry is a past Grand Knight and continues to be involved in both the Knights and his parish, St. Gabriel. He and Janet have been, or currently are, parish trustees, on the parish council finance committee, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, lecturer, and funeral server. They co-chaired the youth worship committee and chaired the bingo tent for the St. Gabriel's Roundup. Gerry is a Scout Master and both were involved in Cub Scouts as den father and den mother. This year, Gerry golfed and bowled in the state events, helped with Tootsie Rolls, raffle tickets, pancake and porkie breakfasts, family picnic, memorial Mass and a number of our events and fundraisers. Gerry and Janet have 2 grown boys: Michael, 42 and Jay, 41. In addition to golf and bowling Gerry likes to ride his recumbent bike around town. Thank you, Gerry and Janet for your help, guidance, and participation. Don't stop!

Thank you, Gerry and Janet, for everything you do!

Financial Secretary's Corner: My Brother Knights:

Brother Knights, as of this newsletter, we still have members with unpaid dues for the current year. As I have stated before, if there is a problem, don't hesitate to either call me at 920-722-3690 or e-mail me at yomrst@sbcglobal.net, so a solution can be worked out. Also, if you know of a Brother Knight not receiving his newsletter, please call me. We are currently having a problem with e-mail boxes being full. There were thirteen rejections on the last mailing. If you need to update your e-mail address please notify me.

Remember: God's gifts put man's dreams to shame.

Financial Secretary's Report:

- We received thank you's for our Fun Run sponsorship from Luke, Chloe, and Mom Owne, and from TJ Hauser, age 7, who says he enjoys seeing school friends and running. We also received a thank you from the Busch family who state that the whole family

participates and enjoys the event. The Shartz family also provided a thank you stating, "I want to express my extreme gratitude for your sponsorship, promoting a healthy lifestyle choice for our community."

- We received thank you notes from Father Carr's Place 2B, St. Joe's Food Pantry, Chris Rigotti for the card and fruit basket, Jim Rhyner for the fruit basket, and Linda Schueler of the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for our \$200 donation.
- We received a notice that there will be a 4th degree exemplification in Wisconsin Rapids on Oct. 29.

Chaplain's Report:

The book, *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*, is the story of a 17-year-old Muslim girl that circumvents Taliban restrictions on women to support herself, her nine sisters and one brother by starting a dress sewing business in Kabul and later starting a school to teach other girls and women to sew so they could keep up with demand as the business grew. If caught, she would have faced imprisonment or death. Her motto is, "It helps her community then God will protect them". Here was a teenager, with help from her 25-year-old sister and 12-year-old brother, who was able to build a business to keep her community from despair, hunger, and suffering. How does this happen? The motivation is everywhere for all of us.

- Nike, in their commercials, says, "Just do it", implying there is nothing to stop you!
- In one way or another the Bible says, "Don't be afraid" some 366 times.
- Blessed John Paul II said "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."
- Steve Jobs, at a Stanford graduating class speech said, "Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything - all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure - these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important." What is it that holds us back?

Trustee's Report:

None.

Program Chairman's Report:

- Mike Bushman stated that we need three more people for the Thursday Night game on Sept 8th and we need help for the October 2nd game which is a 3:15 game.
- Paul Reich and Jeff Heinen attended the First Degree on August 9th in Winneconne.
- Jon Bolwerk reported on the golf outing for Dan's House of Hope. We had 3.5 foursomes of Knights attend. It was a fun event, the food was excellent and there was a nice silent auction. They netted \$15,000 for Dan's House of Hope. We also received a thank you for our \$200 sponsorship of a hole at the event.
- Jim Rapp's son Matt, a Seminarian, attended the First Degree on August 14th in Berlin. Berlin had 12 members go through their First Degree that day.
- The Diocesan Meeting is coming up this week. Mike Bushman, Dan Bornemann and Ed Sypek will be attending.
- New member Steak Night will be September 13th at St. Gabriel's. A sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting. Contact Jerry Robak as late as Monday to sign up. New members who joined within the last year are welcome to attend for free if they did not attend the dinner last year.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Punt, Pass and Kick event at Neenah High School on Sept. 17th. Please arrive around 11:30 a.m.
- Marv mentioned that Bingo night at the Winnebago County Mental Health Institute will be on October 18th.

District Deputy's Report:

None.

Unfinished Business:

- A motion was made by Bob De Grace to renew our support of \$200 per month (each) for Father Carr's Place 2B and St. Joe's Food Pantry through December, 2011. Motion seconded by Ron Wisniewski. Motion passed unanimously.
- Gene Lerza mentioned that he needs members to pick-up food at Copps Food Center between 8:00 to 8:30 am on Fridays and deliver it to Father Carr's Place 2B. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting.
- Tom Jensen reported on our sponsorship of the Fun Run. They would not accept our donation of \$500 due to the fact that they received enough money from the Fox Cities Marathon. The Board of the Fun Run decided that they would like to keep our logo and the Noon Optimist's logo on the T-shirts even though they did not accept our money. They appreciate our efforts and want to stay affiliated with our two organizations.

New Business:

- Bob Gehr mentioned that we cannot continue to use St. Gabriel's freezer. Last week they had to move 13 cases of meat out of the freezer. Please let Bob know if you are aware of a freezer they can use. Bob De Grace made a motion that a committee should be formed to look into buying a freezer and where it could be located. Motion seconded by Mike Mabie. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ed Sypek mentioned that members should consider being a part of the Witness to Life at Planned Parenthood Abortion House on Gillette Street in Appleton on Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m starting Oct. 4.

Good of the Order:

Remembered in our prayers: Marcy Gehr, Don Ashley, Joe Wojtowicz, Dave Ebben, 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 Bouschel, Virginia Jensen, Ryan Starks (Seminarian), Father Paul Radetski, Father Conrad Kratz, Father Paul, Father Allen, Father Larry Seidl, and Father Mike Ingold

Meeting adjourned by Ed Sypek at 8:00 p.m.