

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514
Mike Bushman, Grand Knight
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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:

Welcome Brother Knights. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year celebration with family and friends. Looking back, it was a fairly quiet month. We had 2 Packer games which were well-attended.

Looking forward, we have a playoff game this weekend and the appreciation dinner for Lambeau on the 10th. We also have the year-end volunteer hours to get turned by in January 23rd so we can remain a nonprofit organization. Please remember when submitting your dues that raffle ticket money and dues must be on separate checks.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ SAL VITALE

Sal Vitale has been a member of St. Gabriel Church since 1995 and became a Knight in June 2016, and is currently a 3rd Degree, going for the 4th Degree this fall in Green Bay. Chad Olsen recruited Sal. He and his wife Kathryn have two daughters, Caroline, 15, and Elizabeth, 13. He is a Commercial Real Estate Broker, born and raised in Milwaukee, moving to Neenah in 1991, getting married to the Neenah girl he met while attending UW Madison. Sal has been very active in the Council in his short six months of membership, participating in Green Bay Packers concessions, Tootsie Rolls, and is the new Chair Person for our Council's Steak Night Event, following in Jerry Robak's able footsteps. He coached girls' basketball at St. Gabriel School, and helps with his Church's Building and Grounds Team. He co-chaired St. Gabriel's annual Brew Fest, and worked at the Church's winter break events. He has been active in the Neenah Rotary, and has devoted much of his spare time to the Knights of Columbus and has been successful in bringing in a new member, while continuing to recruit. Congratulations to Sal Vitale, Knight of the Month for January 2017.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ JON & DAWN BOLWERK FAMILY

Jon and Dawn Bolwerk, and their daughters Jacki (24), and Gabi (17), belong to St. Margaret Mary, where Jon grew up and went through grade school. He joined the Knights 20 years ago, recruited by his Dad, Willie, and is currently a Fourth-Degree Knight. He has had several functions with our Council, including Web Master, Treasurer, Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, and currently serves as Program Director. He participates in the Knights Golf and Bowling events, SOAR's Valentine and Christmas parties, Packer Concessions, Tootsie Rolls, High School Brat Fry, Irish Fest, Pancake Porky breakfast, coffee, and doughnuts, etc. Dawn helps at their church with meal ministry, serves as Chairperson for the Back to School project, member of the Human Concerns Committee, Feeding America, and Salvation Army bell ringing. Daughter Jacki, school teacher at West DePere Middle School, has been on Mission trips for the homeless at Washington DC. Gabi is a lector at St. Margaret Mary, works at the Neenah High School Craft Fair, and blood drives. All four of the Bolwerk family members work at Tootsie Roll drives and Green Bay Packers concessions, and even worked as the whole family at concessions on Christmas Eve. They were also very active as a family with the Dan's House of Hope project. Jon is very proud of the fact that he can call many of the 70 and 80 plus year old fellow Knights, as some of his best friends. Congratulations to Jon and Dawn Bolwerk and their daughters, well deserved Family of the month for the month of January 2017.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:

Brother Knights: A BIG "thank-you" to all whom have paid their 2017 dues, PKD & Culture for Life assessments so far. Each of you by now have your annual raffle tickets. **Please do not put the annual dues and raffle ticket monies on the same check. They are two different accounts.** This seems to be an ongoing problem.

Any Life member who would like a traveling card, please call me at 920-722-3690 or email me at ymorst@sbc.global.net and I will send one out.

✚ We received an anonymous donation of \$700 for our Seminarian Account.

Remember: God sends the storms to prove He is the only Shelter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MONTH 2016	BEGINNING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	\$ 854.05	\$ 850.80
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT	19,139.78	23,807.89
SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT	7,626.49	7,727.14

READING OF THE BILLS: The following additional bills were read.

- ✚ Mike Bushman - \$405 for 500 little feet pendants.
- ✚ Mike Bushman - \$40.72 for Double Portions
- ✚ Bob Yost - \$104.72 for postage.
- ✚ Art Schmeichel - \$9.28 for label stock.
- ✚ \$150 for All Sport Trophy for Knowledge Contest trophies.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- ✚ We received a thank you from Us Too Fox Cities for our donation

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- ✚ Bob Yost and Mike Bushman will attend the District 10 meeting on January 16th.
- ✚ Chuck Rohr mentioned that they will attempt to do a Membership Drive on January 20 – 21. This needs to be confirmed with the Parishes. Otherwise, the Drive will occur in February.
- ✚ 1st Degree members are encouraged to attend the 2nd and 3rd Degrees in New Holstein. Let Chuck Rohr know if you would like to attend.

YOUTH:

- ✚ A sign-up sheet was passed around for grading Knowledge Contest papers on February 4th at St. Gabe's at 8 am.

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- ✚ Ham and scalloped potatoes were served for the December 26th Double Portions meal. Lloyd reported that 120 people were served.
- ✚ Chicken legs, cheesy hash browns and sweet peas will be served for the January 30th Double Portions meal.

- George Hintz reported that the Soar Christmas Party on December 16th at Sabre Lanes went very well despite the weather. They estimate they had 80 to 90 guests. Thanks to Gary Cunningham for co-chairing, Dan Bornemann and family, Jerry for being Santa and others who helped.

PACKER CONCESSION STAND:

- We have had a good turnout so far, this year.
- We had 44 people help with the December 24th game; 12 to 14 were from our Council.
- 16 people from our Council helped with the December 16th game.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for playoff game and the Packer Appreciation event on January 10th.

BOWLING:

- See Lloyd if you want to setup a team for the State Bowling Tournament in Tomah. Menasha is planning to go to the Tournament on April 1st and 2nd.

INSURANCE PROMOTION:

- Dan Van Boxtel is our new insurance agent. He would like to meet with all members and their wives

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mike Bushman ordered 500 feet pendants for Bella Clinic for \$405.
- Mike Bushman checked our bylaws and found that we transfer up to \$500 per month without written permission to pay our bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dale Youngquist donated \$110 to the Council from the proceeds of the ham sale. We made a little money on the sale and Dale donated the ham used for double portions.
- Motion made by Chuck Rohr to donate \$150 towards sponsorship for the Esto Viro conference. Motion seconded by Jon Bolwerk. Motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT (READ BY CHUCK ROHR):

- District 10 Meeting, January 16; Menasha Club House (746 3rd Street, Menasha); 7:00 p.m. There is much to report and handouts to distribute. This is also a time to bring concerns and suggestions to the District and Coordinators. Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors, and Membership Directors are suggested to attend. If any other member would like to attend, that is permissible. Please RSVP with a count by January 9th.
- Registration is open online for the Esto Vir Men's Conference on March 4 at KI Convention Center. The Green Bay Knights are committed as a major sponsor.
- State Convention - April 29-30, Stevens Point
 - Resolutions due no later than 2/24.
 - Registration open online now, 3/15 deadline
 - Convention Book Ads due 3/15
 - Delegate Certification 3/15
- 1st Degrees
 - January 10, postponed. New date to be announced.
 - February 7, St. Gabriel, 5:45 pm (candidates arrive by 5:30)
 - March 22, Menasha Clubhouse, 7:00 pm (candidates arrive by 6:45)
 - April 13, St. Raphael, 5:45 pm (candidates arrive by 5:30)
 - May, June. Host Councils need to volunteer or they will be assigned.
- 2nd and 3rd Degrees: - Let Chuck know if you would like to attend.
 - Jan. 28, New Holstein
 - March 18, Fond du Lac
 - March 19, De Pere
- 4th Degree
 - April 1, Green Bay
- Please keep our District Deputy, Tony Weber, in your prayers for a speedy recovery and rehabilitation from his surgery. If any issues come up, please feel free to contact me, but also 'cc Tony. He is our DD and should always be in the loop until he returns to active duty (he is doing work behind the scenes).

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We start with the Priests and Seminarians: Frs. Paul Radeski, Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, Jim Kubicki, Mike Ingold, Brian Wideman, Justin Werner, Mike Carroll, and Justin Warner. Seminarian Matt Rappl, Deacon Dan Laurent.

Joseph Putzer, Marcy Gehr, Paul Bongers, Terry Cheng, Wally Maynard, Evan Williams, Ken Rosenbaum, Shawn Coenen, Dick Winter, Hannah Sherwood, Mary Jean Schuelke, Joseph Morin, Mary Younger, Joseph Mourn, Jackie Jensen, Amy Paffel, Mary Salm, Bernice Rudolf, Naz Belbusty, Mary Spielbauer, Bernie Kropidlowksi, Lynn Teska, Brandon Mayer, Jill Pearson, Bob & Cecilla Green, Jean Brafam, Ted Dekleyn, Sam and Cathy Nueman, Karen Hill, Don Wichman, Bob Deopker, June Ingold, Joseph Wojtowicz, Marv Spielbauer, Kathryn Nemecek, Ron Wisniewski, Mary Kay Heath, Lynn Billings,

Julie Giese, James Votova, Mark Turowski, Mary Brandt, Bruce Darni, Bruce Howe, Derrick Kessler, Julie Nackers, Mike Getchius, Larry Easton, Dick & Mary Wilkinson, Char Van Handel, Reda Weinman, Kathy Reiland and Brad Kosmel. Katie Vitova, John Bergstrom, Judy Krueger, Garth and Ester Wallen, Mike Simonis, Mark and Pam Franz, Sister Jolene Van Handel, Mike Hintz, Ted Westgor, Gwen Heinen, George & Marge Thierung and Ed Hintz.



Meeting adjourned by Mike Bushman at 7:51.