

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

Welcome Brother Knights. What a month we just had. Our Degree Team put on 2nd and 3rd Degree in New Holstein where we had 2 of our members enter into the Knighthood Degree. Please welcome Dr. Ed Scanlon and Tim Frederickson, who took the 2nd and 3rd Degree that day. If you haven't taken your 2nd and 3rd Degree, I urge you to do so. I also invite all current 2nd and 3rd Degree members to attend a degree again to see the changes and renew your vows.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ ANDY TESKA

Andy was born and raised in Markesan and him and his family have lived in Neenah for the past 20 years. Andy and his family are members of St. Gabriel Church and he has been a 3rd Degree Knight since March 2011, recruited by none other than Mike Mabie. He is in his third year of serving our council as Outside Guard, has helped at Packer game concessions, Tootsie Roll and Perkins Meet & Greet. He was involved with his church's Winter Break Program for seven years, the Round-Up and the Script table. Being an easy man to spot in the hallway at school, he was the right person to be appointed as Hall Monitor during his children's CCD classes. There were no incidents during his tenure...He served on the area's Catholic Charities Board of Trustees for nine years. Andy is very active with the Autism Society of the Fox Valley with fund raisers, football camps at Xavier High School, and children's movie outings. He worked on the Autism Grant Team to obtain state funding. UW-Oshkosh alumnus, he is currently employed at JJ Keller and an excellent choice for Knight of the Month for February 2017. Congratulations, Andy Teska.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ JAMES AND KAREN RAPPL FAMILY

James and Karen Rappl and sons, Aaron, 30; Brian, 27; and Matthew, 25 are members of St. Gabriel Church. Jim joined the Knights in October 2008, recruited by his father, Richard Rappl and no other than Mike Mabie. Karen is the Scrip Coordinator, Eucharistic Minister, Trustee of the Finance Council, and Parish Council at St. Gabriel. She is also a Seminarian Parent Coordinator for the Green Bay Diocese. Jim has been a catechist (religious educational instructor) for the past four years, teaching 6th grade at St. Gabriel. Son Matthew is a deacon and soon-to-be ordained priest (July 1, 2017) for the Green Bay Diocese. Jim enjoys sharing spiritual reflections with his brother Knights as Lector for our council. He is an Assistant Scout Master for St. Gabriel's Boy Scout Troop 81 (17 years) specializing on the Webelo recruitment arrow, making outings, and has also enjoyed being a Junior Achievement instructor for many years. Presently, he is assigned to St. Francis Xavier, St. Thomas More Campus. Jim and Karen enjoy attending bible study on Thursday evening at 6:30 led by Julie Schmitz. Karen also attends and sometimes fills in for Julie on Thursday mornings. Jim and Karen are newly blessed grandparents (Eliza Rose born on Jan 17th) and look forward to grandparenting! Summer weekends are often spent in Northern Wisconsin at their cabin on Found Lake in St. Germaine, sharing time with family and friends. Jim and Karen were born and raised in Milwaukee and met while attending Marquette University (Jim, engineering '85; Karen, nursing '84). After their wedding in November of 1985, they moved to Neenah and a short time later purchased their first and only home next to St. Gabriel, where they have been members ever since. Their sons attended St. Gabriel, Seton Middle School, and St. Mary Central High School. Karen is an RN working with cancer patients at Fox Valley Hematology and Oncology. Jim works in market research for Miller Electric. Congratulations to Jim & Karen Rappl and their three sons, Family of the Month for February 2017.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:

- ✚ Brother Knights, as of this newsletter, we still have **55 members with unpaid dues**. As a Knight of Columbus, this is your obligation to keep your dues current. Please make every effort to pay as soon as possible. If a problem, call me at 920-722-3690 and something always can be worked out.
- ✚ At present, 230 State rabble tickets have been sold. **The absolute deadline for turning sold tickets is APRIL 17, no later.**
- ✚ **Dues and raffle ticket money must be on separate checks!!**

Remember: Winning is not everything, but wanting to win is.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MONTH 2016

	\$	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT		850.80		1139.35
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT		23,807.89		23,062.17
SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT		7,727.14		9,157.90

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

- ✚ Bill for Double Portions for 01/30/2017 in amount of \$174.76

COMMUNICATIONS:

- ✚ Thank you for Bob Verdin for 5 masses
- ✚ Thank you from Fr. Carr's
- ✚ Canonization portrait Saint Mother Theresa received for KofC

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- ✚ **DISTRICT 10 MEETING** (Richard Gagner)
 - Looking for degree schedule from Council
 - Councils need to get Tootsie Roll order forms in
- ✚ **DOUBLE PORTIONS** (Lloyd D.)
 - Menu: Chicken legs, potatoes, and peas; it was good
- ✚ **KNOWLEDGE CONTEST GRADING** (Rich G.)
 - 9 volunteers, 223 tests, 160 kids participated: most took one or the other test in math or spelling; some took both. Really good scores; one boy who took 5th grade math & spelling received 45/50 on one & 42/50 on the other
- ✚ **DEGREES** (Mike B.)
 - Doc & Tim attended 2nd & 3rd Degrees on 01/28 was at Divine Savior Catholic School in New Holstein. 34 Knights took 2nd Degree/35 Knights took 3rd Degree. Expediently done & out by noon.
- ✚ **UPCOMING EVENTS:** (Jon B.)
 - This Friday is Valentine Dance, looking for volunteers (02/10)
 - Matthew Kelly May 6th – buy tickets on website

PACKER CONCESSION STAND: (MIKE BUSHMAN)

- ✚ Packer Appreciation well-attended
- ✚ Waiting for last payment from Delaware North. Playoff game netted council \$1,948, For year, estimated final payment for council \$9678.00, Total estimate for Packer Concessions for the year is \$20,100, \$75,000 for all councils for the year, 10-99s for other councils

- ✚ Contract coming from Delaware North 3/01

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✚ Medallion Award Candidates (Ed Sypek)
 - Paul Wolters Medallion Award for 2016/submitted candidate/no information on status
 - Ron Wisnewski candidate for 2017 Medallion Award / write letter in support of Ron
- ✚ Zyperfest – request to buy raffle tickets/no action
- ✚ SMM \$750 in trust from Pancake & Porky proceeds / ice machine needed for funerals. Cost is \$1700, we contributed \$750. No motion necessary, funds just need to be released
- ✚ Spiritus Challenge- matching fund drive coming up. Donors have already given \$50,000 and then campaign for another \$50,000 matching donations. Challenge other councils to donate as well. Ed made motion for our council to \$750 donate to Spiritus, 2nd by Jerry VanHandel, motion passed unanimously.
- ✚ Flock notes – Cross Plains Council trying to raise money for ultrasound/State Council will match any donations. Motion to make \$1000 donation for ultrasound; they run \$25 to 30K. Motion made for \$1000 to Cross Plains Council, 2nd by Mike Mabie. Motion passed unanimously.
- ✚ St. Margaret Mary High School Senior Brunch: Art met with Tina P., RE Coordinator. Looking for donation of \$200 for costs. Motion for \$200, 2nd by Rich; motion passed unanimously
- ✚ Oshkosh Council 614 trying to raise money to build Knights of Columbus monument- cemetery. Tombstone already exists for unborn children. Solar powered spotlight on monument that would be right next to the existing tombstone. \$20K cost of monument – Monument will say “Unborn”; first one in the state. Looking for funds. Will prominently state Knights of Columbus. All councils & groups that have donated on one side. \$500 donation suggested for donation by Rich, would be under “Guardian Angel”. Motion for \$500 towards Monument for Oshkosh 614. Joe discussed need for this monument. Discussion on Bella donations in amount for \$1000. For Doc Sonnleitner who founded Tootsie Roll Drive. Services v. monument. Motion on floor to donate \$500 for unborn monument by Rich; 2nd by Ed, 1 dissent, motion passed.
- ✚ Motion to donate to Bella \$1000; costs several thousand per year to maintain. Motion to donate \$1000 made by Ed, 2nd by Gary Elmers, motion passed unanimously.
- ✚ Paul Wolters: call from Brittany Schroeder, Youth Minister/Faith Formation Coord grades 7-12. Partner w/CAC to have Porky & Pancake breakfast to off-set costs for teens to attend summer camps. Teens will be helping in doing work around kitchen, dishes, etc. April 9, 2017. Signup. Leftover eggs? Mike has 2 BAGS of eggs/1 box of sausage. April 9 is Palm Sunday. 2 shifts: 6:30 to 9:30; and 9:30 to 12:30.
- ✚ Mike B. request from Connor Quick will take year off World Race – route from Romania to India. Mission Trip and also intense discipline camp. Preaching gospel, human trafficking, father’s love to many tribes. Cost is \$15,000/ has generous donor to match. Menasha Council donated \$250. Motion to donate \$250 to Connor Quick. 2nd Lloyd D. motion passed unanimously.
- ✚ Golf – entry forms, churches, hotels if anyone is interested. Stevens Point (Mike Bushman) June 3 & 4
- ✚ District Deputy Meeting received Columbian Award for past Grand Knight, Daniel Bornemann.
- ✚ Family of the Month Diocesan: Joe & Elaine Wojtowicz
- ✚ Pick date for next 1st Degree: 1 candidate. Next one is March 22 in Menasha; membership drive on 03/19 in Menasha; membership blitz. 1st degree will be hosted in June by Council.
- ✚ Lighthouse table: DVDs/How’s it going: Rich will look into need
- ✚ Jon B. Chaplains in the military – 280 catholic chaplains in military and the is need 800. Consider for next meeting to support Catholics in military.
- ✚ (Mike B) US Open – to volunteer, go online, under Knights of Columbus State Council and sign up with council’s name and pick dates you want to work.
- ✚ (Mike B,) Esto Vir conference March 4 – cost is \$50; looking for volunteers. Last year reimbursed \$50 for volunteers. Help people sign in, monitoring adoration; make sure priests are where they need to be, Ed & Mike going as Honor Guard.

DISTRICT DEPUTY’S REPORT (NONE):

LECTURER’S REPORT (Jim R.)

- ✚ Bible study run by Julie Schmitz on Thursday morning & evening. @ St. Gabe’s On Mary – 4 weeks into it but pop in if you can. Or, go to www.forms.org, put in parish code: St. Gabe’s has membership to this. You can take part in bible studies on your own or join group. Jim Rappl will send you a text with information
- ✚ Jim attended presentation by Kyle Clements “Tricked into Complacency, Exposing the Artful Deceiver” Kyle featured speaker for Milwaukee’s 2016 Men’s Conference; draws from 15 years’ experience training Catholic priests in exorcisms. Over 125 people attended this seminar. Jim shared points from presentation with Knights.

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 Mourm, 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, Ron Wisniewski, Mary Kay Heath, Lynn Billings, Julie Giese, James Votova, Mark Turowski, Mary Brandt, Bruce Darni, 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 Wallen, Mike Simonis, Mark and Pam Franz, Sister Jolene Van Handel, Mike Hintz, Ted Westgor, Gwen Heinen, George & Marge Thierung, Tom Morley, Bob Glass, James Bosco, Casey Veras, Macy Van Zeeland, Eric Larsen, and Ed Hintz.



Meeting adjourned by Mike Bushman at 8:23.