

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEENAH COUNCIL #5514

Rich Gagner, Grand Knight

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:

Welcome Brother Knights, thank you for coming out tonight. A quite month for our council. We did have the Packer concession appreciation party, a pancake breakfast, a 2nd & 3rd degree, and the knowledge contest grading.

Every month I look at all the good that happens around me and I thank God that there are so many good people in the world. Thank you for your all your volunteer efforts. Also, I want to wish a happy anniversary to all the married couples with World Marriage Sunday this coming Sunday

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ THOMAS VOISSEM

Thomas Voissem, charter member of St. Gabriel Church. Tom, a Third-Degree Knight, joined our Council in September 1974, recruited by Ray Benedict and his Uncle Al Jacobs. Tom grew up in a musical family in Menasha, with 20 Uncles and Aunts, and his twin sister, who is now Sister Antone Marie, who is still teaching English to Spanish speaking people at her age 87. Several of his uncles are members of State Music Halls of Fame, and Tom has been picking and singing during regular as well as Funeral Masses, playing bass and regular guitar. He has also written songs for several services. He has done his share of Brat Fries, Tootsie Rolls, Valentine and Christmas dances for SORE, and porky pancake breakfasts. He counts money for his Church and helps with meals at Fr. Carr's place in Oshkosh. He and his wife Vida have been involved in "People of Praise" for over 50 years, where Tom provides music prior to meetings. He prepares meals and his famous sauerkraut for Community Service and entertains at the Menasha Senior Center. Another one of his favorite hobbies is spending his evenings on his computer, participating in a chatroom with friends from Kansas City, Michigan, Toronto, and Nebraska, as he is not ready for his rocking chair, yet. Congratulations to Tom Voissem, Knight of the month February 2018.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ PAUL AND LOIS KERSCHER & FAMILY

Paul and Lois Kerscher, members of St. Margaret Mary, have three daughters, Mary Kay, Lisa, and Amy. After five years in the Air Force, he spent the next 38 years as a Pattern Maker and Pattern Engineer at several Foundries, including the Neenah Foundry. Paul joined the Knights in Manitowoc in August 1962, and was very active in several Councils, including Neenah, until his retirement in 1993, when they started travelling, including ten long drives from Wisconsin to California and back. They know Route 66 like the back of their hands. Paul is a 4th Degree Knight, and was Grand Knight of our Council in 1975-1976, and Deputy Grand Knight from 1978 till 1981. He served on the First and Second-Degree teams as Chancellor. Paul was a member of his Church's House Council and functioned for many years as the Recorder. They both count money at their Church, work at the Warming shelter for the homeless, and at St. Paul Noon Meal Ministry, contributing food and helping. They work with St Margaret Mary's Human Concerns Committee, delivering poinsettias and Easter Baskets and Valentines to bereaved parishioners. They are also very active at Spiritus at Mt. Tabor. Paul loves to spend time on his computer and he and Lois love to read. They are looking forward to their 60th wedding anniversary this September. Congratulations Paul and Lois Kerscher, Family of the Month, February 2018

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:

Brother Knights: As of this newsletter, we still have 45 members with unpaid dues for 2018. Your obligation is to keep your dues up to date. Please make every effort to pay them soon. If a problem, please call me at 920-722-3690 so something can be worked out. **APRIL 17 will be the absolute deadline for getting your sold raffle tickets to me. DUES & RAFFLE ticket monies must be separate checks!**

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

2018.January	BEGINNING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	\$ -634.11	2,253.51
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT	19,764.89	19,624.46
SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT	8,077.83	8,778.57

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- We received a thank you from Daniel Svoboda for paying for his trip to Washington DC.
- We received a certificate of appreciation from Lambau Field.
- We won the Golden Pretzel Award from Delaware North.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

- Mike Bushman mentioned that we need to discuss the 2018 contract with Delaware North.
- We received a request for donation for Rise Against Hunger - \$36 provides 100 meals. Trustees will recommend we donate \$300.
- We do 4 ads in the Compass for \$100. There will be an opportunity for a 5th ad.
- 2 Saint Margaret Mary's and one St. Gabriel's piano needs tuning. Cost is \$150 per piano.
- We have been asked to help with tuition for low income seniors for the Fox Cities embroidery class. They lost state funding, so costs have increased from \$5.80 to \$51 per class.

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Six Knights went through their 2nd and 3rd Degrees at St. Margaret Mary's on January 23rd, including one member from our Council.
- Nine members helped grade papers for the Knowledge Contest on January 27th. Donuts and coffee were served.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for the SOAR Valentine's Day dance on February 16th at the Salvation Army in Menasha.
- Mike Bushman will bring a sign-up sheet for the Cel O'bration Breakfast Blitz at St. Pat's on March 18th.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Youth Mission Trip Pancake/Porkie Breakfast at St. Gabe's on March 18th. The proceeds will be used to help fund their trip to Houston.

RETREATS:

- The annual retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House will be March 22 – 25.

CHURCH & VOCATION ST. MARGARET MARY:

- The porkie pancake breakfast on January 14th was well received. We took in \$1,009 and kept running out of food.

PACKER CONCESSION STAND:

- The Packer Appreciation Party on January 4th went well. 67 people from our stands attended. The food was excellent.

REPORT ON 4TH DEGREE:

- There will be an exemplification on April 7th at the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- We need to sign a contract by March 23rd for Packer concessions to receive the early signing bonus. Mike Bushman is looking for someone to take over running concessions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion made by Mike Bushman to donate \$360 to Rise Against Hunger. Each \$36 pays for 100 meals. Motion seconded by Mike Pokorny. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Ed Sypek to donate \$350 to help subsidize classes for Seniors at Fox Valley Tech. The program helps keep Seniors socially active and many times the skills learned are used for charity. Motion seconded by Mike Bushman. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Mike Bushman to donate \$450 to tune two pianos at St. Margaret Mary and one at St. Gabriel's school. Motion seconded by Tom Bozile. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Bob Yost to pay for the 5th ad in the Compass celebrating the Green Bay Diocese's 100-year Jubilation. Motion seconded by Lloyd Delveaux. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mike Bushman will be selling our orange Lambeau Field hats for \$8 apiece.
- Joe Nemecek mentioned that Deacon Tom Gritton at St. Gabes will be forming a Help Group for Men. He will be having a meeting next Thursday at his house. Check the St. Gabriel's bulletin.
- Jerry Robak would like to schedule the Awards Dinner for April 24th.
- Jerry Robak and his group will be helping Seniors and low-income residents with tax preparation.
- Motion made by Lloyd Delveaux to donate \$300 towards the St. Margaret Mary's Youth Mission Trip. It was mentioned that last year we received an email requesting help. Motion is tabled until we receive a request.
- Proceeds from the St. Margaret Mary's porkie pancake breakfast will be set aside for a special purpose.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:

- There will be a 2nd/3rd degree on February 17th at All Saints in Berlin the degree starts at 12:00pm.
- Tootsie roll orders need to be turned in by February 12th. Please if you haven't done so get your order to me.
- 5514 will host a degree in March.
- I need to have dates for upcoming church drives that coincide with the degrees that have been scheduled throughout the district. Church drives will be mandatory for every council every council is expected to have 2 church drives throughout the year.
- Medallion & Family of the Year due February 15th
- History Books due to Me by February 1st
- Thanks for all you do, and I appreciate all your efforts for making District 10 a relevant part of the Knights of Columbus. Best Regards and God Bless!

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We start with the Priests and Seminarians: Frs. Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, Jim Kubicki, Dennis Bergsbaken, Justin Werner, Mike Carroll, Matt Rappl, Bishop Banks, Bishop Ricken, Bishop Morneau. Seminarian Patrick Costello, Deacon Dan Laurent.

Amy Paffel, Andrew Baird, Bernice Rudolf, Bernie Kropidowski, Bev Wickman, Bob Benson, Bob & Cecelia Greene, Bob Deopker, Bob Yost, Bruce Darni, Char Van Handel, Chuck Miller, Colin & Becky Behm, Dan Leeman, Derrick Kessler, Dick Winter, Don Wichman, Donna Bouschele, Ed Hirsch, Evan Williams, Garth Walling, George & Marge Thierung, Hannah Sherwood, Jackie Jensen, James Bosco, James Vovota, Jean Brafam, Jill Perason, John Graham, John Hanley, John Ravinsko, Joseph Morin, Joseph Mourn, Joseph Putzer, Joseph Wojtowica, Judy Kaul, Julie Griese, Jack Giese, Julie Nackers, Julie Schmidts, June Ingold, Karen Hill, Karren Sippel, Karen Stenson, Kathy Rigotti, Katie Votova, Ken

Rosenbaum, Larry Easton, Lloyd Delveaux, Luanne Sipple, Marcie Gehr, Mark and Pam Franz, Marty and Lola Ruge, Mary Brandt, Mary Jean Schuelke, Mary Kay Heath, Mary Wilkinson, Mary Younger, Michael Brickem, Mike Getchius, Mike Simonis, Naz Belbusty, Patty Van Handel, Paul Bongers, Ron Wisniewski, Sam & Cathy Neuman, Shawn Coenen, Sherry Zwicky, Sister Jolene Van Handel, Steve Wideman, Ted Dekleyn, Ted Westgor, Terry Chang, Tom Freehley, Tim Hamblin, Wally Maynard.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY RICH GAGNER AT 8:10 P.M.

