

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

Welcome Brother Knights. For the last 4 days, I have been battling a bout of bronchitis. Because of this I have missed Marv's funeral, the Esto Vir conference and my granddaughter's birthday. We have a new member to our Council, on Monday Feb. 27, Brian Weyenberg made his 1st degree at St. Margaret Mary's and on the 28th he made his 2nd and 3rd in Winneconne. Brian's father Greg also made his 3rd degree. Congratulations to both of you.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ GERALD VAN HANDEL

Gerald Van Handel, member of St. Gabriel Church, has been a member of our Council since September 1973, recruited by Roy Peterson. Jerry is a widower, with two sons, and four grandchildren, retired from Georgia Pacific. He has served his Church as Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, [formerly known as Eucharistic Minister], at Church as well as at Theda Clark, Past Trustee, helped at the Roundups, and still serves on the Parish and Financial Council. He is an adult server for Funeral Masses, and serves on the St. Margaret/St. Patrick Cemetery Board. He went through pretty much all of the chairs in our council, Grand Knight, Treasurer, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Advocate, and Trustee. He was editor of the newsletter for a while, and has helped with pretty much every project, such as Brat Fry, Tootsie Rolls, State Bowling and Golf Outings, and SOAR Christmas and Valentine's Day parties, etc.

Jerry recalls being on the road with the 1st and 2nd Degree team, coming back from a Degree Program in Manitowoc, in the middle of a snow storm, with then Grand Knight, Paul Kirscher at the wheel. The visibility was so bad that Paul asked Jerry, "Do you see the yellow line?" with Jerry answering, "We are going right over the top of it". The team did make it home safe. Congratulations, to Jerry Van Handel, Knight of the month for March 2017.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ GARY & BONNIE ELMER FAMILY

Gary and Bonnie Elmer, members of St. Gabriel, have five children, Lorrie, 49, Greg, 47, Aimee, 44, Brenda, 43, and Brad, 40. He has been a member of the Knights since November 1977, recruited by Lloyd Delveaux. Gary received the Spirit of St. Gabriel Award in 2016, for serving the St. Gabriel Community for over 30 years, using his organizational and leadership skills to help guide the parish through renovations and fundraising, as well as ongoing maintenance. He has served on the Parish Council, Finance Council, as a lector and Eucharistic Minister at nursing homes, and sings in the choir. In addition, he sits on the St. Mary Schools Board and Finance Committee. Gary is a member and officer for the board of Global Outreach and he and his wife Bonnie have been host parents in previous years. His time is spent not just in meetings and leadership roles, but lots of hours in the trenches, taking on counts of projects over the years. He has served our Council in several capacities, including the position of Grand Knight, and has won the Knights of Columbus Medallion Award. He served in the Army Reserve as a paramedic, owned and managed Mr. Doughnut restaurants and developed real estate. In his spare time, he serves on the Planning Committee for the Town of Neenah, and enjoys remodeling and being with his grandchildren, and spending time with his neighbor Jerry Van Handel who is the Knight of the Month. Congratulations to Gary and Bonnie Elmer, Family of the month for March 2017.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:

- Brother Knights: As of this newsletter, approximately 83% of our members have paid their 2017 dues. As I have mentioned before, if you are having a problem, please call me so something can be worked out.
- Don't forget, your raffle ticket. The deadline for turning them in is April 17, 2017 – no later. We have only sold 255 raffle tickets so far this year. We are far behind past years.

REMEMBER: The contented man is never poor; the discontented man is never rich...

TREASURER'S REPORT:

FEBRUARY 2017	BEGINNING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	\$1,193.35	\$1,619.46
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT	\$23,062.17	\$27,406.07
SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT	\$9,157.90	\$9,513.62

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

- Chuck Rohr - \$99.19 for History Book printing ink.
- Hillshire Brands - \$576 for brats.
- Jon Bolwerk - \$306 for Soar Valentine's Day Dance

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT:

- Dan Van Boxtel mentioned that he would like to meet with all members. He would like to discuss our benefits and update the Family Service Record.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- We received a thank you from Bella for our \$1,000 donation.

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Brian Weyenberg earned his 2nd and 3rd Degrees in Winneconne on February 21st.
- Chuck Rohr reported on the Esto Viro Men's conference on March 4th. 800 men attended, in which 2 of 3 were Knights. They did a procession in the cold around the block and the speakers were fantastic.
- Ed Sypek reported on the PB&J drive. Ed stated that they were still collecting jars. They should end up with more than 200 jars. The jars are being donated to St. Vincent DePaul, St. Joe's Food Pantry, and Father Carr's Place 2B. Some units were also donated to Double Portions.
- Mike Bushman stated that there will be a Cel O'bration breakfast at St. Pats on March 19th. It will be a joint Neenah and Menasha Council membership blitz. Servers and cooks are needed at 8 am and 10 am. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- There will be a fish fry at St. Pats on March 17th. The Bishop stated we could eat meat on St. Patrick's Day.
- The 1st Degree on March 22nd in Menasha is tentative dependent on whether there will be candidates.
- The 4th Degree Exemplification will be April 1st at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. Mike Bushman had a brochure regarding the 4th Degree.

- Paul Wolters stated that they are all set for the April 9th CFC Porkie Pancake Breakfast at St. Gabriel's.
- Awards Night will be April 18th at the Menasha Clubhouse. Cocktails are at 6 pm. Dinner is at 7 pm.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Lloyd reported that they served venison stew at Double Portions on February 27th. The meal was well received.
- Over 100 people attended the Soar Valentine's Day Dance on February 10th. The event went smoothly and at least 7 members helped.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:

- A sign-up sheet was passed around for the tootsie roll drive. The Drive will occur May 11-13th and May 19-21st. Contact Jon Bolwerk to sign up

BOWLING:

- Jim from the Menasha Council is looking for an alternate for the State Bowling Tournament in Tomah on April 1st and 2nd.

PACKER CONCESSION STAND:

- There will be a meeting at the Menasha Clubhouse on March 11th at 1:00 with all groups that work with on at Lambeau. The purpose is to establish rules and procedures.

INSURANCE PROMOTION:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Motion made by Jon Bolwerk to donate \$500 to the Military Chaplain's fund. Motion seconded by Chuck Rohr. Motion passed unanimously.
- Joe Wojtowicz was presented with the Diocesan Family of the Month award.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nomination of Officers. The following were nominated.

Grand Knight – Rich Gagner	Warden – Jerry Van Handel
Deputy Grand Knight – Sal Vitali	Inside Guard – Jeff Heinen
Chancellor – Tony Ansems	Outside Guard – Andy Teska
Recorder – Chad Olsen	3-year Trustee – Mike Bushman
Financial Secretary – Bob Yost	2-year Trustee – Dan Bornemann
Treasurer – Dennis Rudolph	1-year Trustee – Art Schmeichel
Advocate – Mike Mabie	

- Mike Bushman stated that 12 kids from St. Pats are looking for donations to help pay for a mission trip. Mike made a motion to donate \$700 which would pay for one student. Motion seconded by Mike Mabie. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chuck Rohr mentioned that we need delegates for the State Convention. The delegates are Mike Bushman and Art Schmeichel. Alternates are Chuck Rohr and Dan Bornemann

LECTURER:

- Jim Rappl read a reflection and a prayer.



GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We start with the Priests and Seminarians: Frs. Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, Jim Kubicki, Mike Ingold, Brian Wideman, 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, 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 Walling, Mike Simonis, Mark and Pam Franz, Sister Jolene Van Handel, Mike Hintz, Ted Westgor, Gwen Heinen, George & Marge Thierung, Tom Morley, James Bosco, Casey Veras, Macy Van Zeeland, Eric Larsen, Ed Hintz, Michael Brickem, Colin and Becky Behm, Kathy Bornemann and Steve Wideman.

Meeting adjourned by Mike Bushman

