

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**NEENAH COUNCIL #5514**  
**Mike Bushman, Grand Knight**  
**April 4, 2017**  
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**GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:**

Welcome Brother Knights. After a relatively slow month for this Council, the weather is warming up and so are the activities of our council. Brat fry's will be starting up before we know it. We have a pancake porky breakfast at St. Gabe's, calls from Jon about filling times for the Tootsie Roll Drive and Easter the most important Christian feast. May we never forget the pain and suffering Jesus Christ went through to save all of us.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ JOE NEMECEK**

Joe, married to Mary, is a 3rd Degree Knight, member of St. Gabriel, and joined the Knights in Menasha, in June 1966, recruited by his father. He co-chaired the Roundup for 12 years with Bob Yost, and has worked Brat Fries, Porky and Pancake Breakfasts, Tootsie Rolls, Golf and Bowling Outings, etc. He has ushered for 55 years and has served dinners for seniors with the Sisters at St. Gabriel. Joe served as President for the Holy Name Society, attending many rallies. He has served on the Town of Menasha Park Commission for many years and was Vice Chairman of the Fox Crossings Incorporation Committee and has campaigned for many years for fellow Knight, Dale Youngquist. He worked for the 2010 U.S. Senses campaign and was honored for making more contacts than anyone else in the district. He worked for JJ Keller, ran his own company, Dairyland Transport for ten years and worked as real estate broker for Bouchard Real Estate and for himself, also doing appraisals and assessments for real estate. He has been so busy all his life he had to give up his love affair with his accordion. Congratulations, Josef Nemecek, Jr., April 2017 Knight of the Month.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ DICK & MARILYN SIMONIS FAMILY**

Dick and Marilyn Simonis are members of St. Gabriel Church. They have 5 children, Jeanne, John, Jerry, Jackie, and Sue. Dick joined the Knights in Stevens Point in 1960, also recruited by his father. Dick is an usher and serves at Funeral Masses and week day morning Mass when needed. He was President of the Athletic Association and chaired the Roundups, set up carnivals and served on the Building Committee. Marilyn is a Eucharistic Minister and prepares the altar for week day Mass, she is a lector, and serves Communion at Nursing Homes, and leads the Congregation in Communion Services. Dick is a Past Grand Knight not only in Neenah, but also in Stevens Point. He chaired the annual bowling events and at one time recruited seven teams, in addition to working at SORE, Tootsie Rolls, etc. He volunteered at Boys & Girls Brigade, Boys and Cub Scouts. He also refereed soccer games at the Brigade, when his kids were involved in the game. Marilyn is Past President of the Parish Council and VP at the St. Mary School Board. Dick likes hunting and fishing and spent most of his working hours as an Architectural Constructural Draftsman with the 4X Corporation. Marilyn was in banking and was VP at Associated Bank, and President at Gilbert Credit Union. Dick is a US Army Veteran and spent two years in Germany with Marilyn and some of his children. Most of his work was done drawing maps, for the troops. They were not too far from where his granddaughter Kara is currently attending Medical School in the Netherlands. Dick was a member of the US Army band, playing both the Tuba and the French horn, but not at the same time, he added. As a family, they have travelled a lot and have visited all 50 States. Congratulations to Dick and Marilyn Simonis, April 2017 Family of the Month.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:**

Brother Knights: As of this newsletter, dues are slowly coming in but we still have 17% of our members with unpaid dues for 2017. If you have having a problem, please call me so something can be worked out. Phone: 920-722-3690. We now have in 357 State Raffle Tickets. Remember, April 17 is the cut-off date. Any tickets turned in after that date will have to be taken along with our delegate to the Convention.

- We have only sold 320 raffle tickets so far this year. We sold 430 by this time last year. April 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for turning in tickets.
- We received our Food for Family check of \$500 yesterday.
- Bob wrote five checks to Seminarians. Two came back as non-cashable due to faded numbers on the bottom of the checks.

*Remember: Begin each morning with a talk with God.*

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**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**MARCH 2017**

COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT  
 PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT  
 SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT

**BEGINNING BALANCE**

\$1,619.46  
 \$27,406.07  
 \$9,513.62

**CLOSING BALANCE**

\$1,803.93  
 \$23,777.23  
 \$10,054.51

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**READING OF THE BILLS:** N/A

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- We received a thank you for our donation of \$250 towards Conner Quick's mission trip.
- We received a thank you from St. Pat's for our donation of \$700 towards the youth mission trip.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

- Matt Rapp will have his ordination soon. Jim will bring this up during new business

**PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- Chad reported on the Cel O'bration breakfast at St. Pats on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The breakfast seemed to go well, although there were too many "cooks" in the kitchen.
- Bob Yost reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification on April 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported it went very well. They had 97 candidates. All Honor Guard members had to stand in line and be inspected by someone from Supreme, who also personally thanked each and every one of them. This is the first time this ever happened. Three Priests and one Brother when through the Degree.
- Paul Wolters stated that they are all set for the April 9<sup>th</sup> CFC Porkie Pancake Breakfast at St. Gabriel's. He would like kids to help with eggs and food.

- Awards Night will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Menasha Clubhouse. Cocktails are at 6 pm. Dinner is at 7 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around. So far 35 have signed up. Members are welcome to bring their wives and guests. Deadline to sign up is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jerry Robak.
- Art mentioned that they are all set for the SMM High School Senior Recognition Dinner on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be serving a spaghetti dinner.
- Mike Mabie reported that he talked to Jim Krautkramer regarding the Winnebago County bingo night. The County has a group to cover the spring event, but fall is available.

**COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- Lloyd reported that they served spaghetti made with venison at Double Portions on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The meal was well received. Lloyd reported that attendance has been down for the last 3 months. He believes they served 90 people; whereas they typically served 120 people.
- Mike will be in charge of the next Double Portions on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**RETREATS:**

- Ed Sypek reported on the Annual Retreat at the Jesuit House in Oshkosh on March 24-26. Ed mentioned the Leader was remarkable. Ed highly recommends attending. People from 8 States and 3 countries attended, including 20 non-Catholics.

**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:**

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

**GOLF:**

- Contact Lloyd if you would like to attend the Bishops Charity golf outing at Thornberry Creek on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$200 per person.

**BRAT FRY'S:**

- The first brat fry will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are ready to go. Jon Bolwerk pointed out that no one objected when Bob called the crew old.

**PACKER CONCESSION STAND:**

- Dennis Rudolf reported on the meeting at the Menasha Clubhouse on March 11<sup>th</sup> with all groups that work with on at Lambeau. Dennis mentioned that the meeting went well and there seems to be good interest. Dennis also mentioned that Mike is looking to step down as chairperson after this season.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**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 yr Trustee – Mike Bushman
Treasurer – Dennis Rudolph	2 year Trustee – Dan Bornemann
Advocate – Mike Mabie	1 year Trustee – Art Schmeichel

- Matt Rappl will have a private reception for his ordination on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They are looking for 4 bartenders. This will be a family event.
- Matt will give his first Mass of Thanksgiving on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Gabriel's at 10:00. Afterwards there will be reception for the entire parish. The Rappl family would appreciate help with the reception. Motion made by Joe Nemecek to donate up to \$1,500 for food/expenses. Motion seconded by Jim Krautkramer. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jim Zwicky mentioned that Sandy Jensen's dishwasher backed up and flooded her kitchen and dining room. The floors had to be removed and replaced. Sandy works for St. Vincent DePaul and will not accept assistance from the organization. Jim made a motion to donate \$500 to help cover the costs of the flooring. Motion seconded by Ed Sypek. Motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:**

- Each Council needs to provide a roundtable report for each parish.
- Councils should be electing officers.
- There will be training for Financial Secretaries on Saturday at the Menasha Library.
- There is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April; Councils are encouraged to do a Rosary. This goes towards the Columbian Award.
- Father's Day Affirmation – we can do our vows on June 18<sup>th</sup>. We should try to make this a Parish event.
- Tony is looking to do a degree; he will schedule with Mike Bushman.

**LECTURER:**

Jim Rappl read a reflection on manna.



**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, 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, Katie Votova, 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, Macy Van Zeeland, Eric Larsen, Ed Hintz, Michael Brickem, Colin and Becky Behm, Kathy Bornemann, Steve Wideman, Luanne Sippel, Ed Hirsh, Steve Otto, John Graham, Sherri Zwicky and Donna Bouschele.

Meeting adjourned by Rich Gagner at 8:23