

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

Welcome Brother Knights. Last month. We had our Recognition Night, and the State convention where another one of our members became a Medallion Award winner. This is the highest award given to a member of the Knights of Columbus. I will take this opportunity to ask all past Medallion award winners to wear their medals to the June Meeting so we can get a picture of all for the next history book.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ NICHOLAS LASHUA

Nicholas Lashua and his wife Nicole are members of St. Gabriel Church. Nick joined the Knights in 2000, recruited by one of our most valuable members, Nick's father, Dewey Lashua. Dewey served our council in many capacities, including Grant Knight and since he passed away, we all still miss Dewey very much. Nick attended St. Gabriel Grade School and is now working for Pick and Save on the South side of Neenah, after working in several car dealerships and car washes with his brother in law, Collin Behm. Nick greets everyone with a big smile and a firm hand shake and has a genuine personal interest in everyone. He has helped with porky pancake breakfasts, Bemus Brat Fries, Tootsie Rolls, etc. and has served our Council as Inside Guard. Nick is now a 3rd Degree member. He was a very active member in the Boys and Girls Brigade. Nick and Nicole love to ride their bikes and love to watch movies. Basketball is his favorite team sport. Congratulations, Nick Lashua, Knight for of the Month for May 2017.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ CHRIS & KATHYLEEN RIGOTTI FAMILY

Chris and Kathyeleen Rigotti are members of St. Gabriel. They had one son, Joshua, who unfortunately passed away way too early. They were very much involved in the last few years of Joshua's life, taking care of him. In 2008, Chris was recruited into Knighthood by his friend Paul Wolters. He has been an on and off usher when needed and has assisted with Brat Fries, Double Portions, pancake porky breakfasts, punt, pass and kick events, whenever he is available and not residing in their summer condo in Cape Coral, FL. He serves as Eucharistic Minister and has served with the senior meal program at the church. He also cooks in his spare time, for the American Legion and at Kathy's Church, Trinity Lutheran and helps at double Portions. Chris Started out teaching 3rd and 4th Grade at Coolidge School in Neenah and then spend the next 28 years in sales at American Can Company. In his spare time, he serves on the Board of the Midwest Clippers and in the winter, he is active with wood carvers in Fort Meyers and Punta Gorda in Florida. He enjoys wood carving with many other members of our Council. Congratulations to Chris and Kathyeleen Rigotti, family of the month for May 2017.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:

Brother Knights: As of this newsletter, we still have 27 with unpaid dues for 2017, plus years before 2017. As I have stated before, if you are having a problem, please call me so something can be worked out. There are many ways to accomplish that.

Congratulations to Art Borsenik and Greg Weyenberg for 50 years (this year), for being a Knight of Columbus. Way to go, guys!

A lady gave Bob a check for \$100 towards their 4th Degree work. Bob tried to return, but she would not take back. Bob put the money towards the Seminarian Account.

Remember: Wise men still seek Jesus

TREASURER'S REPORT:

| April 2017 | BEGINNING BALANCE | CLOSING BALANCE |
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| COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT | \$ 1,803.93 | \$ 1,156.21 |
| PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT | 23,777.23 | 22,872.09 |
| SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT | 10,054.51 | 6,455.39 |

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

- Mike Bushman - \$52.13 for Double Portions.
- Lloyd Delveaux - \$62 for St. Pat's.
- Art Schmeichel - \$35 for the convention.
- Art Schmeichel - \$104.92 for service dinner

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Paul Wolters reported via email on the Porky Pancake the Knights and the CFC had last month on Palm Sunday. The breakfast went very well and they took in over \$1,300.
- Paul Wolters also stated that he was honored to receive the Medallion Award. He also thanked Mike Bushman for his support.
- We received a thank you from Sandy Jensen for our donation of \$500 to help her with her floors.
- We received an invitation for Mathew Rapp's first mass on July 2nd at 10 am at St. Gabriel's. A light reception follows.
- We received a thank you from Father Carr's Place 2B.
- We received a thank you for sponsoring a mass for Bob.
- We received a thank you from Spiritus Group for our \$750 donation in February.
- We received a thank you from St. Joe's Food Pantry.
- We received a copy of the letter State sent to Paul Wolters regarding being the Green Bay Diocesan Medallion Award Winner.
- We received an invitation from the Immaculate Mary Council of Greenville for a clay shooting event on May 13th.
- We received a thank you from Soar Fox Cities for the Valentine's Day party.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

- Motion made by Ed Sypek not to read the minutes. Seconded by someone. Motion passed unanimously.
- They are looking 6 volunteers to help with hosting Father Mike Healy's retirement event. Art was able to find six 4th Degree members to help.
- Art stated that they are going to recommend that we give \$250 to help him with his epilepsy medication. He has volunteered at Packer game.
- Mike Pokorny – last call for Human Race.
- Ed needs one more person to help move a lady on June 3rd.
- Ed wants to renew our Haiti donation.
- We have a \$90 bill for the hospitality room for the State Convention.

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT:

- Dan provided information on long term care.

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- The Saint Margaret Mary High School Senior Dinner on April 22nd went well. 50 kids and families were served.
- Mike and Art attended the State Convention. Our District was well represented. The highlight was Paul getting the Medallion Award.
- Mike can go to the national convention. He was selected as an alternate. JJ got the Beacon Award which includes an automatic invitation. Therefore, Mike can go.
- Our Council received the Diamond Award for the History Book at the Convention.
- Our District raffle sales were up 5% from last year.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Lloyd reported that they served turkey and mashed potatoes at Double Portions on April 24th. The meal was well received. They served 96 people.
- Mike will oversee the next Double Portions on April 24th.

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. There are three slots left.

GOLF:

- There is only 1 team going to the State Golf Tournament on June 3-4th.
- Bishop's Charity golf outing is at Thornberry Creek on June 6th. Cost is \$200 per person

BRAT FRY'S:

- The first brat fry will be on May 3rd. They are ready to go.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nomination of Officers. The following were nominated.

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| 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 |

- Nominations are now closed. Motion made by Art Schmeichel to accept nominations. Motion seconded by Mike Mabie. Motion passed unanimously.
- Rich Gagner mentioned that we have served food the last three years for the Neenah High School post-graduation party. Motion made by Rich to supply 50 hamburgers, 50 brats and buns. Motion seconded by Ed Sypek. Knights will also grill the meat. Motion passed unanimously.
- The July meeting will be held on July 11th.
- Motion made by Art Schmeichel to donate \$250 to Mike Freidl for help with his medication. Motion seconded by Ed Sypek. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Art Schmeichel to donate \$250 towards Mike Pokorny's Human Race. Funds will go to Theda Care Neenah Volunteer Auxiliary. Motion seconded by Ed Sypek. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Ed Sypek to donate \$2,000 towards the Haitian project. Motion seconded by Jim Krautkramer. Motion passed unanimously. It will need to be voted on again at the next meeting because it is over \$500.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:

- Tony Ansems does a fantastic job on the Family of the Month awards.
- Tony Weber was pleased with how the State Convention went. We will be seeing changes in our program over the year that should make things simpler.
- There will be a Diocesan meeting on September 23rd in Combined Locks at St. Paul's.
- We should start working on our SV-7's for the Columbian Award.
- 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 5th 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 18th. We should try to make this a Parish event.
- Tony is looking to do a degree; he will schedule with Mike Bushman.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We start with the Priests and Seminarians: Frs. Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, Jim Kubicki, Mike Ingold, Brian Wideman, Justin Werner, Mike Carroll, Justin Warner and Bishop Banks. Seminarian Matt Rapp, 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 Moum, Jackie Jensen, Amy Paffel, 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 Dami, 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, Ted Westgor, Gwen Heinen, George & Marge Thierung, Tom Morley, James Bosco, Macy Van Zeeland, Eric Larsen, Michael Brickem, Colin and Becky Behm, Kathy Bornemann, Steve Wideman, Luanne Sippel, Ed Hirsh, Steve Otto, John Graham, Sherri Zwicky, Donna Bouschele, Andrew Baird, Dan Lehman, Patti Parcell, Karen Sippel and Wayne Reinhardt



Meeting adjourned by Mike Bushman at 8:15.