

**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 on this lovely evening. Maybe we should have had this meeting outside. This month our council had a 4th degree exemplification, Awards night dinner with a great speaker from the Salvation Army, Knights state convention, and Double Portions. A couple of highlights from the State Convention, we elected new officers with Jack Wrbanich as the new State Deputy and the per capita is being increased to \$8.50. Our council and members won a couple of awards, Diocesan Family of the month for May 2017 was Chris & Kathleen Rigotti and the diocesan Family of the month for August 2017 Tim & Mary Hamblin. Also, congratulations go out to everyone in Council 5514 especially Chuck Rohr, we won Diocesan History book award for 2017. Does anyone know the Saint of the day for today? St Joseph. Earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was known for his willingness to immediately get up and do what God told him to do. May we all follow his example.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ JEREMY SEARL**

Jeremy Searl. Jeremy and Jenny, and their two children, Abigail and Brody, live in Neenah and attend St. Gabriel Church. He was raised Lutheran, and in 2005 went through the RCIA program at St. Bernard, in Appleton, and joined his wife, Jenny, in the Catholic Church. Jeremy is the Finance Director for Fox Crossings. He is a Third-Degree Knight and was recruited by Dale Youngquist. Jeremy has dedicated much of his spare time to children in the parish, especially with the Cub Scouts and coaching sports at the St. Gabriel grade school, like basketball, and volleyball, and baseball with Neenah Baseball, and soccer with the Neenah Soccer Club. He is the liaison between his church's cub scout dens and the local Cub Scouts Organization. He is currently den leader for 4th grade boys and helps run the popcorn drives. He has helped with the church's winter break, and pancake breakfasts for Catholic School week. He has helped our council with Packer concessions, tootsie roll, pancake porky breakfast, etc. He and Jenny are greeters at their church, and their children are attending Catholic schools. Congratulations, Jeremy Searl, Knight of the Month, for May 2018.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ RYAN & CHRISSEY GOETHEL AND FAMILY**

Ryan and Chrissy Goethel, members of St. Gabriel Church. They have eight children, Veiga, 19, Milo, 18, Eli, 17, Casey 13, twins Resa and Gretta, 8, Hugo 7, and Gus, 5. Ryan is employed at Plexus, has been involved with the annual Lent Fish Fry's program, for 20 years, starting out helping to clean up the cafeteria, to eventually be in charge of it. Ryan's main motivation for doing this, is to provide a family atmosphere with affordable Friday Night Fish, a long time Catholic tradition. Chrissy has been chairperson for the Social Concerns Committee for the past ten years, collecting cards and gifts for the Christine Anne Center, partnering with St. Margaret Mary to raise funds for Rise Against Hunger, and were able to send 20,000 meal packages to third world countries recently. She works with the Thanksgiving Food drive for St. Joe's Food Pantry, Giving Tree program and Human Youth Ministry around Christmas time, and organizing talks about human trafficking. Their daughter Veiga, when not attending College, sings with the Church choir. In their spare time, they enjoy gardening, camping, canoeing and kayaking. They are involved with Cub and Girl scouts, and Ryan cooks for the Fox Valley Community Table, on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and coaches the Robotic Team at St. Gabriel, which just returned from the National Championships. Obviously a very busy family, and a big asset to our community. The Goethel's are a well-deserved Family of the Month for May 2018.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:**



*We hold Brother Knight Bob Yost's family & friends in prayer and trust in the hope of the Risen Lord.  
Rest in peace, Bob ~ "Well done good and faithful servant..." Mt. 25:23.*

2018	BEGINNING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	\$ 3,619.57	1,688.76
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT	25,428.13	22,207.54
SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT	8,905.01	6,404.99

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

**COMMUNICATIONS: N/A**

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

- Art Schmeichel reported that St. Margaret Mary's is planning a picnic for Liturgical Ministers on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. They would like help cooking the food. SMM will pay for the food. It was mentioned that this will come up at the next meeting.
- St. Mary's and St. John the Baptist Churches in Menasha are looking for help funding their student's mission trip.

**PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- Six Knights received their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Jim Gruber from our Council was one of them. Jim mentioned that the Degree was very well done.

- Jerry Robak mentioned that 42 people attended Awards Night on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The night included a great speaker from the Salvation Army. Awards included the following:
  - Knight of the Year - Mike Bushman
  - Family of the Year – Art Schmeichel and Family
- State Convention was attended by Rich Gagner and Mike Bushman – All State Bishops were there except ours. Raffle ticket sales were down \$17,000. State is going to develop a committee to define what constitutes a charity.
- Neenah High School post-graduation party is May 30<sup>th</sup>. We provide meat and buns. We grill the meat and place in Nescos for the party that night.

**COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- Hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad were served at Double Portions on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 people were served. The meal went over very well.

**TOOTSIE ROLL:**

- The Tootsie Roll Drive will be May 10, 11, 12 and 17, 18. A sign-up sheet was passed around. There are a lot of slots to fill.

**GOLF:**

- State Golf tournament is June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Arbor Vita. Let Mike Bushman know if you would like to attend by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**BRAT FRY'S:**

- The first brat fry is tomorrow morning. Joe Nemecek requested donuts.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- It was mentioned during the State Convention that it is thought that we owe Special Olympics \$448.50. This will be tabled until the next meeting.
- No action was taken on the request from St. John's and St. Mary's to help with the Youth Mission trip.
- This year's installation of Officers will be hosted by council 5514 in at St. Gabriel's. June 18 at 7:00pm.
- Nomination of Officers. The following nominations were read.

Grand Knight – Rich Gagner	Warden – Jerry Van Handel
Deputy Grand Knight – Sal Vitale	Inside Guard – Jeff Heinen
Chancellor – Jim Gruber	Outside Guard – Andy Teska
Recorder – Chad Olsen	3-year Trustee – Mike Bushman
Treasurer – Dennis Rudolph	2-year Trustee – Dan Bornemann
Advocate – Mike Mabie	1-year Trustee – Art Schmeichel

**DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:**

- We have a 1st degree scheduled on May 10th at St. Raphael's council 11305. We have 2 candidates so far so please make every effort to get more candidates to attend this degree. Make sure all candidates arrive by 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start time.
- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree May 5<sup>th</sup> being hosted by Fr. Herb council 1797 in New London registration is at 8:30am and the degree starts at 9:30am.
- The tentative date for the installation of officers for this upcoming fraternal year will be June 18th. This year's installation will be hosted by council 5514 in at St. Gabriel's. at 7:00pm on Monday. We need to have 100% participation with all the councils in District 10.
- Start working on the completion of your SP-7 Columbian Award Application and submit it as soon as possible the deadline is June 30th.
- RETENTION + ACTIVITIES+ RECRUITING = MEMBERSHIP



**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, Ann Lorenz, Becky Kouba, 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, Connie Schraven, Dan Leeman, Daniel Lala, Derrick Kessler, Dick Winter, Don Wichman, Donna Bouschele, Ed Hirsch, Evan Williams, Garth Walling, George Gullick, George & Marge Thierung, Hannah Sherwood, Jackie Jensen, James Bosco, James Vovota, Jean Brafam, Jill Perason, John Graham, John Ravinsko, Joseph Morin, Joseph Mourn, Joseph Putzer, Joseph Wojtowica, Judy Kaul, Julie Griese, Jack

Giese, Julie Nackers, Julie Schmitz, June Ingold, Karen Hill, Karren Sippel, Karen Stenson, Kathy Rigotti, Katie Votova, Ken Rosenbaum, Larry Easton, Luanne Sipple, Marcie Gehr, Mark and Pam Franz, Marty and Lola Ruge, Mary Brandt, Mary Jean Schuelke, Mary Kay Heath, Mary Poindexter, Mary Wilkinson, Mary Younger, 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, and those on the Perpetual Adoration Prayer List.

**MEETING ADJOURNED BY RICH GAGNER AT 7:56 P.M.**