

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514  
Richard Gagner, Grand Knight  
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**GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:**

Welcome Brother Knights. I just want to tell all of you that I am proud to be the Grand Knight of this very active council. With your help and guidance, this will be another very rewarding and successful year for council 5514. As usual, we had another busy month with Irish Fest, Clergy Cruise, Billy Joel Concert, Father Matt Rappl ordination, and of course the Bemis brat fry's. Coming u,p we have our Family Picnic at 11 am on July 16 at OHauser park south shelter - bring a side, snack, or dessert to pass. Lawn games are also welcome. The district deputy meeting is on July 17 for Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and membership directors, and before we know it our biggest fundraiser will be starting - Packer concessions. Please consider working and having fun with your brother Knights at Lambeau field.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ MICHAEL BEHRINGER**

Knight of the month for July, 2017, is Michael Behringer. Mike is married to Judy and they have three children. Mike was recruited by Jim Krautkramer and joined in February 1996. He is a Third Degree Knight and has been very active at St. Margaret Mary School and Church. He is an active member of the Perpetual Adoration Committee and has distributed Holy Communion, taught 2nd and 3rd grade religion and is still on the sub list today. He volunteered driving truck for St. Vincent de Paul and has been involved in making home calls. He was a Cub and Boy Scout leader for the Church, and trained first Communicants. As a child, he attended St. Margaret Mary Grade School and has attended daily Mass for many years. He helps at funeral lunches and setting up for weekday Mass. He has helped with Tootsie Roll Drives, but admits, he has not attended many business meetings. Musically, he tried learning to play the clarinet but that was not his thing; although, his three sons all learned how to play it and one of his sons is playing with the Appleton Symphony. He gave golf a try but quit when his first shot hit the tree that his friend was hiding behind. He drove truck for many years at Banta. Congratulations to Mike Behringer, Knight of the month for July 2017.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ DON & DONA BOUSHELE FAMILY**

Family of the Month for July 2017 is Don and Dona Boushele. They belong to St. Margaret Mary and have six children: P.J., deceased, Vicki, 62, Peggy, 61, Sandra, 60, Mark, 58, and Jeff, 57, and eleven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Dona had a twin brother, Don, who passed away at age 67. Mike Simonis recruited Don to join in 1985. He is a Third-Degree Knight. At church, Don had ushered and distributed Holy Communion. Don and Dona are charter members of the Perpetual Adoration Committee and still participate. They helped with food for the Fall Festivals. Don served as Warden in our Council and helps with brat fries, Tootsie Knowledge Contest and he headed the Tootsie Roll Drive for over 10 years. They both helped with Heart Association and Easter Seal drives. Don's favorite activity was bowling. He started as a pin setter in New London and has loved the game ever since. Held a 200 plus average and bowled a 300 game in 1991. One Father's Day long ago, he got talked into playing golf with the boys in his family and got immediately addicted, crowned it off with a hole in one in Arizona. In June, Don and Dona celebrated 65 years of marriage, which started off while Don was serving in the Navy and talked Dona into eloping and they were married in Illinois. Don attended catholic schools in Oshkosh and at St. John was named to the prestigious Holy Name Society of War Vets. He worked at American Can and Bemis. He and Dona have a hobby, woodworking, where Don would carve the plaques and Dona would paint them. Congratulations to Don and Dona Boushele, Family of the Month for July 2017.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:**

- 39 members have not paid dues. Bob will send a second notice.

Brother Knights, We are now at the halfway mark in 2017. If your card still reads 2016, now is the time to bring it up to date. Remember, if you are having a problem, please call me at 920-722-3690 so something can be worked out. Your per-capita tax, both to State and Supreme, has already been paid.

As of this newsletter, we have 33 members with still unpaid dues for 2017. Please make every effort to pay as soon as possible.

*Remember: Your "ticket to heaven" is a free pass. It was paid for by Jesus Christ!*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**June 2017**

	BEGINNING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	\$1,146.96	\$1,072.61
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT	\$21,647.67	\$18,254.74
SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT	\$6,456.05	\$6,456.63

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

- Several were read.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- We received a thank you from Father Matthew Rappl for the bartenders at his ordination reception in the evening and for our support of his ordination reception after mass on Sunday.
- We received a thank you from Father Carr's Place 2B for our donation.
- We received a thank you from the Spiritus group.
- We received a thank you from St. Gabriel's for the porky pancake breakfast.
- We received a thank you from Mike Pokorny of the Theda Care Auxiliary.
- We received a post card from the Youth of St. Pat's 2017 Mission Trip.
- We received a thank you from Father Mike for our donation in his name.
- We received a thank you and pictures from the members on the mission trip to Nebraska.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

- We received a request from St. Gabriel's for help with a headset for Deacon Tom for \$350.
- Dan Bornemann asked that we consider an ad in St. Gabriel's bulletin.

**FIELD AGENT'S REPORT:**

- Dan provided information on long term care.

**PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- The installation of officers went well.

- Jim Rappl mentioned that his son's ordination was the coolest thing he ever experienced. It was an incredibly beautiful event. He mentioned that his son's first mass at St. Gabriel's was an equally incredible event that the whole community got to experience. Matt brought left over sandwiches from the reception to Catholic Fest.
- Sal and Rich went to the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight training on July 9<sup>th</sup>. They mentioned it was led by Chuck Rohr and it was informative. Rich mentioned that a miracle occurred that day. Chuck actually used less time than scheduled.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Memorial Mass and picnic on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Paul Wolters stated that the trailer for the Senior Meal at St. Gabes on July 18<sup>th</sup> will be on-site at 9:30. Chris and Lloyd will cook. Sister did not ask for assistance with serving.
- Steak Night will be September 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- Mike reported that they served Spanish hamburger and beans at Double Portions on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The meal was well received.
- There may or may not be a double portions meal in July.

#### **BRAT FRY'S:**

- The brat fries have been going well. Sales were down last week.

#### **PACKER CONCESSION STAND:**

- We had 7 knights from our Council, 28 people total, work the Billy Joel concert. We made the minimum of \$85 per person.
- Family night is August 5<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

#### **ROUND TABLE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Lloyd talked to the new Priest at St. Margaret Mary's. He mentioned that we need a Chaplain. Lloyd has not heard back yet.
- Dennis Rudolf reported on St. Margaret Mary's needs:
  - Chairs need re-upholstering – fabric costs \$800.
  - They are looking for a new stove at the Parish Center.
- Gary Elmer had nothing new to report on St. Gabriel's.

#### **REPORT ON FOURTH-DEGREE:**

- Mike Bushman reported that the Honor Guard stood for Matt Rappl's ordination, Father Weber's 1<sup>st</sup> Mass in Greenville and the last Honor Flight.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- We have 5 Family Night tickets left to sell.
- Joe Nemecek made a motion that we donate \$3000 to each Parish. Motion was amended to donate \$3000 to both Neenah Parishes. Dennis Rudolf mentioned that a planning meeting it was decided not to support the motion. This should be lead buy round table members. Motion was not seconded.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion made by Art to pay for a headset for Deacon Tom at St. Gabriel's at a cost of \$355.90. Motion seconded by Bill Hanley. Chris Rigotti questioned the validity of the request and whether it supported our mission. Andy Teska also questioned the validity and whether the Parish should be budgeting for this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- There was discussion as to whether to place an ad in the St. Gabe's bulletin. A motion was never made in support.
- Motion made by Mike Bushman to donate \$500 to Boy Scouts. Motion seconded by Mike Mabie. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dennis Rudolf presented a list of budgeted items totaling \$9,175 for the next fiscal year. Motion made by Chad Olsen to support the \$9,175 request. Motion seconded by Tom Bozile. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:**

- District 10 meeting will be hosted by council 614 at St. Vincent's Oshkosh Heritage Hall on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please make sure that all Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and membership directors are in attendance. Please have ahead count for me by 7-13.
- Upcoming 1st degrees and openings: 5514 will host in October
- I need to have dates for upcoming church drives. District 10 must have a church drive each month.
- The Consecration of the Holy Family will be coming to our district. Please consider hosting a holy hour in your parishes to commemorate the icon. I it will be scheduled throughout the state. District 10 will have the icon available July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- All council's quotas remained the same as last year with the exception of 5514 with an increase of 1 new member and 1 new insurance.

#### **LECTURER:**

- Jim Rappl discussed a reading by St. Benedict, who is the Saint of the Day.



#### **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, Matt Rappl and Bishop Banks. Deacon Dan Laurent.

Amy Paffel, Andrew Baird, Bernice Rudolf, Bernie Kropidowski, Bob & Cecelia Greene, Bob Deopker, Bruce Darni, Char Van Handel, Colin & Becky Brehm, Dan Leeman, Derrick Kessler, Dick & Mary Wilkinson, Dick Winter, Don Wichman, Donna Bouschele, Ed Hirsh, Eric Larsen, Evan Williams, Garth Walling, George & Marge Thierung, Gwen Heinen, Hannah Sherwood, Jackie Jensen, James Bosco, James Vovova, Jean Brafam, Jill Pearson, John Bergstrom, John Graham, Joseph Morin, Joseph Mourn, Joseph Putzer, Joseph Wojtowicz, Judy Kaul, Julie Griese, Julie Nackers, June Ingold, Karen Hill, Karen Sippel, Kathy Bornemann, Katie Votova, Ken Rosenbaum,

Larry Easton, Luanne Sippel, Macy Van Zeeland, Marcy Gehr, Mark & Pam Franz, Mark Turowski, Mary Brandt, Mary Jean Schuelke, Mary Kay Heath, Mary Nemecek, Mary Spielbauer, Mary Younger, Michael Brickem, Mike Getchius, Mike Simonis, Naz Belbusty, Paul Bongers, Reda Weinman, Ron Wisniewski, Sam & Cathy Neuman, Shawn Coenen, Sherry Zwicky, Scott Stenson's Mother, Sister Jolene Van Handel, Steve Wideman, Ted Dekleyn, Ted Westgor, Terry Cheng, Wally Maynard

Meeting adjourned by Richard Gagner at 8:40 p.m.