

**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 tonight. This month our Council had 4 brat fry's, Double Portions, 2 Packer concessions and cooked for the St Margaret Mary liturgical ministries dinner. Please sign up to work a Packer game.

When you listen to the word of God in Scripture how do you respond to it? Do you hear it with indifference, selective submission, or with the full assent of faith and obedience? Remember, tempus fugitemento mori.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Jim Gruber is the Chancellor.
- Council voted to approve the \$11,675 in items for the next fiscal year.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:**

- Quota for new members is 12 from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. So far, we have picked up one new member.
- Insurance quota for this period is 4. So far, we have picked up one. Proceeds from insurance sales are used to help fund national Knights of Columbus initiatives. Consider opening even a small policy.
- Chuck is getting closer on organizing the files.
- Chuck mentioned that they have 34 members in which they do not have records of paying dues. They will be contacting those members. Chuck believes some of the members may have paid.
- We are the only Council in the District to receive the Columbian Award.
- We received a plaque and \$700 for our support of Seminarians.
- Motion made by Art Schmeichel to pay bills read by Chuck Rohr. Motion seconded by Jerry Robak. Motion passed unanimously.

| <b>August 2018</b>             | <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> | <b>CLOSING BALANCE</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT | \$ 565.03                | 2,837.33               |
| PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT           | 22,155.37                | 24,345.86              |
| SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT             | 6,407.44                 | 6,407.98               |

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

- We received a request from Taste (St. Gabriel's PTO Brewfest) for sponsorship.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- We received a thank you for our donation towards for our Donation to Youth Mission Trip in Houston.
- We received a thank you for cooking and providing meat for the Liturgical Dinner for St. Margaret Mary's.
- We received a thank you from St. Joe's Food Pantry for our donation.

**PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- Three members attended the Appreciation Dinner for Donation to Youth Mission Trip in Sturgeon Bay. It was a very nice program. It was a great bunch of kids that went down to Houston.
- New Member Steak Night will be September 18<sup>th</sup>. The main purpose is to invite prospective members. Art will send out send an invitation letter that we can use via email. Sal will also advertise in the St Gabriel and St. Margaret Mary bulletins.
- We are looking for a date for the Landing Day dinner.
- Tom Bozile is organizing the Pancake Porky Breakfast & Memorial Mass at St. Margaret Mary's on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- We served boiled dinner with pork loins for Double Portions on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 people were served. The meal was well received.
- They will not be hosting a dinner this month. Double Portions has a bunch of chicken they want to use up.

**PACKER CONCESSION STAND:**

- Mike P mentioned that it has been an extremely challenging trying to get volunteers.
- We are required to have 29 people at each game to run our 7 stands. They can charge us \$85 for per person below the 29-threshold. We can make more if we bring more than 29.

**BRAT FRY'S:** They have 9 brat fries left this year.

**CHURCH & VOCATIONS – ST. MARGARET MARY:** 100 to 120 people attended the Liturgical Dinner for St. Margaret Mary on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Justin mentioned that it was a great event and thanks to all those who helped.

**YOUTH:** A sign-up sheet was passed around for the punt, pass and kick contest on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Show up at 11:15. It is a simple and fun event.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Mike Bushman can no longer be a Trustee – he is now the District Deputy. Art Schmeichel has agreed to become a three-year Trustee and Dick Simonis has offered to become the One Year Trustee. Motion made by Lloyd Delveaux to nominate Art as a 3-Year Trustee and Dick as a 1-Year Trustee. Motion seconded by many. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion made by Chad Olsen to sponsor St. Gabriel's Taste event for \$250. Motion seconded by Sal Vitali. Motion passed unanimously.
- Rich Gagner mentioned that it has been noticed that we are not sponsoring either Parish's bulletins. Cost is around \$350 per year per parish. There was considerable discussion regarding our history with sponsoring bulletins. One thing that may be different is that we currently publish the Knight and Family of the Months in the bulletins. Ed Sypek mentioned that he would rather donate \$350 to each Parish to do as they please. This item was tabled until next month to give the Trustees time to determine costs and evaluate sponsoring the bulletins.
- Joe Nemecek stated that we had money set aside for St. Gabriel's from a porky pancake breakfast. Amount set aside is \$1,041. St. Gabriel's has raised enough funds to upgrade the electrical service to the kitchen. The set-aside funds will be distributed to St. Gabriel's.
- Jim Gruber stated that 145 of our 188 members are over 50 and that we need to recruit younger members.
- Motion made by Sal Vitali to order 500 placemats for porky pancake breakfasts for \$15. Motion seconded by Jon Bolwerk. Motion passed unanimously.
- Supreme has come up with an initiative to recruit Millennials. Through Social Media young adults can become State E-members. We will be provided with a list of members we could contact to see if they would like to take their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. We also need to be more active in supporting Faith and Church and not just raise money.
- Father Larry mentioned that St. Gabe's will be hosting a Discipleship Formation Seminar on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 3.
- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at St. Gabriel's on September 25<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent out.

**REPORT ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE:**

- Ed Sypek read a letter from an appreciative family for the Honor Guard participating in a funeral. Ed mentioned that the Honor Guard is one of the main faces of the Knights of Columbus.
- Ed mentioned that they are very busy and could use new members.
- There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification on October 6<sup>th</sup> in Winneconne. It is a shortened version and tuxedos are no longer mandatory.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:**

- As your new District Deputy, it is part of my job to relay messages from the State Council to everyone in our District. Retention of current members is, as I stated at the District Deputy meeting, is our responsibility to those men on your suspension list. We are to do whatever we can to retain them as Knights.
- Church drives are necessary for us to help increase our numbers. When we suspend a Knight, we must replace him with someone new. I will need a list of your upcoming church drives and any scheduled Admission degrees. We have a team in place to help with the church drives if you need the help. Your Diocesan Membership Chair has a Pulpit speech that can be read at all Masses. You only need to ask.
- We are perceived as an organization of "old" men. The average age of a Knight today is 65 years old. With that in mind the Knights are gearing toward a younger generation. It was suggested that we get one of the youngest members to give the Pulpit speech at the church drives.

**LECTURER:** Jim Rappl read the gospel reading for next Sunday and the story of St. Gregory.

**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 and Deacon Tom Gritton

Amy Paffel, Andrew Baird, Becky Kouba, Bernice Rudolf, Bernie Kropidlowski, Bev Wickman, Bob Benson, Bob & Ceclia Greene, Bob Deopker, Bruce Darni, Char Van Handel, Colin & Becky Behm, Connie Schraven, Dale Youngquist, Dan Leeman, Daniel Lella, Derrick Kessler, Dick Winter, Don Wichman, Donna Bouschele, Ed Hirsch, Ellen Hendrick, Evan Williams, Frank Muehlenbein, Garth Walling, George Gullick, George & Marge Thierung, Jackie Jensen, James Bosco, James Votava, Jean Brafam, Jerry Van Handel, Jill Perason, Jim Zwicky, John Ravinsko, Joseph Morin, Joseph Mourn, Joseph Putzer, Joseph

Wojtowicz, Judy Kaul, Julie Giese, Jack Giese, Julie Nackers, Julie Schmitz, June Ingold, Kaitlyn Damico, Karen Hill, Karren Sippel, Kathy Rigotti, Katie Votova, Ken Rosenbaum, Larry Easton, Luanne Sipple, Marcie Gehr, Marge Frohna, 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, Paul Bongers, Ron Kouba, Ron Wisniewski, Sam & Cathy Neuman, Shawn Coenen, Sherry Zwicky, Sister Jolene Van Handel, Steve Wideman, Steven Hammer, Ted Westgor, Terry Chang, Tom Freehley, Tim Hamblin, Wally Maynard and those on the Perpetual Adoration Prayer List.



## Congratulations!

Jim Rappl • Rich & Karin Gagner Family

### September 2018 Knight of the Month

**Jim Rappl**, a member of KC Council 5514 since 2008, is a Third-Degree Knight. He was recruited by Mike Mabie. Jim has served as the Council Lecturer since 2014. He has also worked the Tootsie Roll drives and is the Council liaison to the Vocation Director for the Green Bay Diocese. When asked about the greatest reward as Lecturer, Jim says "Sharing insights from the Holy Spirit with my brother Knights is the greatest reward." He finds inspiration for his reflections from the daily Mass readings, stories of the saints, and topics he hears discussed on Relevant Radio. "

Jim is married to Karen and they have been members of St. Gabriel's Parish for 31 years. They have three adult sons: Aaron, married to Lydia, Brian, married to Christie, and Fr. Matthew. Fr. Matthew is currently the parochial vicar at St. Raphael in Oshkosh and is also a priest celebrant at St. Mary in Omro and Winneconne. Jim and Karen also have 2 grandchildren- 3-month-old Lucas, and 19-month-old Eliza.

**Church Activities:** Jim is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. He believes it is a privilege to be able to share the Body and Blood of Christ with his fellow Catholics. As a 5th/6th grade religious education teacher he brings the children into church to pray before the tabernacle. When the children are asked toward the end of their year of instruction what their favorite aspect of their religious education was, they most often respond, "the time before the tabernacle". Jim also is a substitute adorer for the Twin Cities Adoration Chapel.

**Education and Employment:** Jim received an electrical engineering degree from Marquette University, Milwaukee. His entire working (33 years) career has been with Miller Electric in Appleton. He is currently working as a ship, commercial truck and trailer market segment manager. His responsibilities include developing innovative welding solutions for clients.

**Community Activities:** Jim has served as an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troup 81 for many years. Two of Jim and Karen's sons earned the Eagle Scout rank. For the last 17 years Jim has worked with 5th grade Webelo scouts teaching them Indian lore and how to make flinthead arrows. The scouts are taught how to knap a flint into an arrowhead, adhere it to an arrow shaft, put on turkey feathers and create a slot for the bow string. Jim has also been an elementary school Junior Achievement teacher.

**Social and Personal:** Jim and Karen have a small, seasonal cabin on Found Lake in St. Germain. They recently have built an addition to their cabin, doing much of the work by themselves. They look forward to spending more time at their cabin making memories with their children and grandchildren.

Congratulations, Jim Rappl, Council 5514's September 2018 Knight of the Month.

### September 2018 Family of the Month

**Rich and Karin Gagner Family:** Rich and Karin are 25-year members of SMM and regularly attend the 9:30 a.m. Sunday liturgy at St. Margaret Mary's. Rich is a 4th Degree Knight in the Allowez Assembly #1199. Karin is a convert to Catholicism. Rich used to be involved in the St. Margaret Mary Maintenance Committee. He is a Saturday, 4:00 a.m. adorer in the Twin Cities Adoration Chapel. Rich is Council 5514's Grand Knight. He has chaired the Punt, Pass and Kick program and the Knowledge Contest for the last 8 years. Rich has helped with the Tootsie Roll Drive, Green Bay Packer concessions, SOAR parties, Porky/Pancake Breakfasts at St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel parishes, and the Liturgical Appreciation Picnic at Riverside Park, August 2018. Rich is in his 8th year as Scout Master for Troup 81 and has been active in Scouting for 35 years. Once a month he leads camping trips with his Scout troops. One of his favorite activities occurs in winter, when the scouts build quinzhee huts and stay overnight in their winter shelter.

Rich and Karin are individuals who focus on being involved with young adults. They truly believe that giving of oneself in service to others is at the core of their being. This is reflective not only in their own lives but has been carried on by their son, Jonathan, and their daughter, Katharine. During Jonathan's and Katharine's high school years, Rich and Karin played key roles in the post-graduation and post prom parties. Rich was charged with heading the prize committee. Rich noted how generous the Neenah community had been providing prizes for these events. Karin oversaw the Food Committee and has volunteered with the Appleton Community Blood Center.

Jonathan is a 1st degree Knight, recruited by Rich, he worked on the Tootsie Roll drives, and Green Bay Packer concessions. Jon has graduated from UW-Whitewater with a bachelor's degree in Electronic Media Communications with a Marketing minor. He is in his first year of the master's program in Communications at UW-Whitewater. He is still a resident assistant and is in his third year as the Program Manager for the UW-Whitewater radio station. He has his own show, entitled "Spin-it", which focuses on playing Classic Rock album sides. Jon has also just started producing recordings / albums for up-and-coming music artists. Jon like his dad, earned his Eagle Scout badge. Jon has been a climbing instructor at summer Boy Scouts camps and in 2018 he became the climbing director for the Gardner Dam Boy Scout camp. While at UW-Whitewater, Jon volunteered to clean roads around Whitewater and trails at Devils Lake State Park with his fraternity. He has been a resident assistant and was a staff manager for four years at the National Youth Leaders Training program. He also taught leadership concepts for incoming resident assistants at UW-Whitewater.

Katharine, while in high school, introduced Neenah grade school children to the Neenah High School orchestra and was involved in every one-act and multiple act plays, starring in 12 plays. As a member of the Neenah High School Advanced Theater Studies program, the program received first place two years in a row. Her high school senior year's competition was held at UW-Whitewater, where the program won first place. Katharine, a junior, is pursuing a Theater Major at UW-Whitewater with a Communications minor. She volunteers in the Costume Shop at UW-Whitewater making alternations for the costuming needs of plays produced by the theater troop. Katharine also works at the Art Museum at UW-Whitewater.

The Gagners also enjoy traveling, geocaching, going to plays, and classic rock concerts. Rich is currently the Quality & Safety Manager at Norka, in Appleton. Karin is a Senior Administrative Specialist at the Wipfli office located in Appleton.

Congratulations to Rich and Karin Gagner, Council 5514's September Family of the Month.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY RICH GAGNER AT 8:25 PM.