

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**NEENAH COUNCIL #5514**  
**Mike Bushman, Grand Knight**  
**October 4, 2016**  
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**GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:**

Welcome Brother Knights. September was a fairly quiet month for us. We had the brat fries at Bemis, Double Portions on Sep. 28. We only have one Packer game in September. We also had the Diocese meeting in Green Bay on Sep. 24. Let's not forget our annual Steak Knight on Sept. 20, which had a very good turnout.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ JEROME VAN HANDEL**

Jerry has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since February 1969, and made an immediate impact that is still being noticed and appreciated today. He is a Third Degree Knight, and a member of St. Gabriel Church, where he has been involved in just about everything. He fills in as usher, was one of the yearly Roundup main guys, and cooks meals for seniors and other cookouts. He works at the Brat Fries, Double Portions, Tootsie Rolls, Valentine and Christmas dances, Pass, Punt and Kick contests, etc. He helps out at St. Vinny's. He drives the shuttle at Theda Clark Medical Center. He is in charge of the trailer used to bring grill and food items to and from the Brat Fries, and makes sure the trailer is always in working order. He is known in his neighborhood and in our council as Mr. Fix-It. He and Phyllis have a son, Andy who is a parachute jump instructor. Jerry regrets that his doctor told him not to try jumping out of an airplane, because of complications with his hearing loss. Phyllis has not accepted the offer because she is a firm believer that her feet belong on the ground and not in the air. Congratulations to Jerry Van Handel, Knight of the month for October 2016.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ DR. GARY AND JANICE BANKS**

Gary is a Third Degree Knight, recruited by Gene Larza and joined in July 1999. Gary and Janice have three sons: Kevin, 42, Alan, 41, and Phillip, 36 and three grandchildren. They are both Eucharistic Ministers at St. Margaret Mary; supply the Church garden with plants; and help out at Spiritus Ministries at Mt. Taber, and Perpetual Adoration. Janice taught after-school religion through the Church's CFC program. For many years, Janice worked at the school's library. Gary was our Council's treasurer for many years. He is a retired dentist and Janice is a retired RN. They both served in the US Army, as Gary was in combat in Viet Nam and Desert Storm. Janice was an Army nurse. Gary is a member of the American Legion while Janice is the American Legion Auxiliary's treasurer. Both their parents also served our county in the military. Gary's dad was in the Air Force and served in Japan and Korea. Gary spent 23 years in the US Army Reserves. Both were involved as Boys Scouts leaders, received many awards. Gary was District Commissioner for the Boys Scouts. After retirement, Gary volunteered at the Public Dental Clinic and Janice still volunteers at the Orphan Animal Rescue Service for Cats. She would like to take her work home, but Gary says "four cats is enough." They have always loved to take care of animals, from cats to horses. Gary also takes care of maintenance at Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Center. Congratulations to Janice and Dr. Gary Banks, Family of the Month for October 2016.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:**

Brother Knights: Again, I have to stress the importance of keeping the records up-to-date. **If any of you have a change of address, new cell phones, or any matter relative to the above, I would like to hear from you.** It is getting dues time shortly; that is why this information is important. **I can be reached at 920-722-3690 or emailed at [yomrst@sbcglobe.net](mailto:yomrst@sbcglobe.net).** If any life member would like a Traveling card, let me know.  
*Remember: The only preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

SEPTEMBER 2016	BEGINNING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	\$ 435.42	\$ 548.80
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT	15,713.45	16,681.00
SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT	7,624.59	7,625.21

**READING OF THE BILLS:** None this month

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- + We received a Christmas postcard from??
- + We received communication from Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, regarding the Respect for Life Program. The theme for this year is "Moved by Mercy"

**PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- + Rich Gagner reports the Punt, Pass and Kick was held on Sept. 17; 10 Knights attended and 1 guest. There were 102 participants.
- + Sal reported Steak Night had six perspective Knights present; food was great and everything went well.
  - Paul Wolters recognized Jerry Robak for 25 years of chairing Steak Night
- + Diocesan Meeting was held on Sept. 24 and attended by Ed Sypek and Bob Yost. There was a video presentation; the meeting moved quickly and was upbeat.
  - Encouraging Councils to obtain the Shining Amor Award.
  - They would like celebration of birthdays reestablished in the Councils,
  - Esto Vir information will be coming out; it is scheduled in March 2017. The lead speaker is Fr. Larry Richards.
  - The State Knights of Columbus presented a check to Bishop Ricken of the Green Bay Diocese for the Catholic Education Fund in the amount of \$10,000 and \$2500 to Catholic Charities.
  - There are expected delays in getting the Knowledge Contest distributed to the Councils
  - "Disciples on the Way" booklet program
    - We will be doing our distribution the weekends of 10/08 and 10/15/2016
  - Have Councils approach parish priests to have affirmation of wedding vows on Father's Day
  - Promote Knights of Columbus "Promote Life" program & to attend March for Life in January
  - We won following awards at the meeting:
    - PKD plaque for 102% participation
    - Complete Council Award
    - Columbian Award
- + Spiritus event on Sept. 26/fundraiser. Tom Bozile, Ed Sypek & Mike Bushman planned to attend. Spiritus Team does over 160 youth retreats across the state, per year.
- + **DOUBLE PORTIONS:** (Mike Bushman) We served 148 people a boiled dinner

- ✦ BREWFEST: (Mike Bushman) Looking for a sponsor; last year we sponsored in the amount of \$250.
- ✦ LUBE-A-THON (Mike Bushman): \$15 for an oil change, Mike & Art will be helping. Proceeds go to Make-a-Wish Foundation.
- ✦ PANCAKE & PORKY at St. Margaret Mary Parish is on 10/23. Signup going around. Please sign up.
- ✦ WINNEBAGO MENTAL HEALTH: PIZZA KNIGHT on 10/25, volunteers need to meet at Copps at 5:25 pm (Pick N Save)
- ✦ TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE proceeds were \$400 to Winnebago Mental Health, \$650 to the Autism Society, & the remainder \$3354.21 to SOAR.
- ✦ First Degree on 10/12 in Menasha
- ✦ Landing Day on 10/08: golf & dinner at Menasha Club House. Golf at 2:00; dinner at 6:00.

**GOLF:**

- ✦ K of C Golf event in Denmark went well. Dan reported no one from our Council, besides himself, went. All proceeds went to a girl with cancer. The top auctioned off apple pie went for \$1200.00

**BRAT FRIES:**

- ✦ Brat Fries are going well. There are four left.

**PACKER CONCESSION STAND:**

- ✦ Five events are done; we've been paid for four. The check was roughly \$3500, which is over \$800 per event. After Delaware North gives us back our "hold back", we expect to be making about \$100/per person, per event. We've averaged 8 to 10 workers for the first five games.
  - Mike recognized some families that have been helping:
    - Delveaux, Bolwerk, Bornemann and Schmeichel Families

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ✦ A motion was made to support Brewfest in the amount of \$250 by Mike Mabie and seconded by Ed Sypek; all were in favor.
- ✦ A motion was made to support Dennis Rudolph's Haiti project building a fence, in the amount of \$1000 by Ed Sypek, seconded by Rich Gagner; all were in favor.
  - On a side note, Dennis Rudolph reported there would be a Haiti meeting on 10/5 at 6:30. All are welcome to attend.
- ✦ Jon Bolwerk gave a presentation on Unite, the web hosting product for our new website

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✦ Dan will have a sign-up going around if you need a Knights of Columbus shirt, or you can email Dan or Rich Gagner with your shirt request.
- ✦ The set-up time for SOAR Christmas party is to be determined

**DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:**

**Building the Domestic Church pamphlets:** Brothers you need to make sure that the parishioners know what this is about before handing the booklets out. I would suggest the following be done in the form of a pulpit announcement or church bulletin:

*In the pages of this booklet, you will find monthly themes, meditations and Scripture verses which may help you place God and faith at the center of your lives. By doing so, you can reach your children the importance of humbly looking to God for assistance in all things. As the program is designed to be flexible to meet the continuously changing needs of your family, you can start during any month of the year, completing projects at the times most suitable for you family. Whichever method your family chooses, we encourage you to set aside a regular time on each Sunday of the month to consider together the month's meditation and Scripture passage. This program provides a regular opportunity for families to come together on "Families to be Full and Alive".*

Again, please discuss this with your parish priest or parish leader before handing out the booklets. Bishop Ricken has given us his full support on this we just need to be assured that the clergy is up to speed on what this is about.

- ✦ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree scheduled at St. Edward's in Mackville on 10/08/2016; let's get working on our 1<sup>st</sup> degree members.
- ✦ Upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> degrees & openings:

DEGREE	2016	LOCATION	DEGREE	2017	LOCATION
2 <sup>ND</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup>	Oct. 8	St. Edward's, Mackville	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Jan.	8810
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Oct. 11 @ 6PM	1838	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Feb.	5514
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Nov.	11305	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Mar.	1838
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Dec.	614	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Apr. 13	11305
				May	Need
				Jun	Need

- ✦ I need to have dates for upcoming church drives that coincide with the degrees that have been scheduled throughout the district. Church drives will be mandatory at for every district to host a council church drive each month.
- ✦ Please provide with me the names of members of your retention committee I need to submit this to the State. Again, as you heard at our diocesan meeting the Deputy Grand Knight needs to Chair the committee.

**Thanks for all you do and I appreciate all your efforts for making District 10 a relevant part of the Knights of Columbus.**

**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, Garland Smith, Ken Rosenbaum, Shawn Coenen, Dick Winter, Hannah Sherwood, Mary Jean Schuelke, Joseph Morin, Mary Younger, Joseph Mourn, Jackie Jensen, Amy Paffel, Rosemary Schmitz, 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, Marv Spielbauer, Kathryn Nemecek, Ron Wisniewski, Mary Kay Heath, Lynn Billings, Julie Giese, Al Gresch, James Votova, Mark Turowski, Mary Brandt, Bruce Darni, Bruce Howe, Derrick Kessler, Julie Nackers, Bill Heinen, Mike Getchius, Larry Easton, Dick Wilkinson, Char Van Handel, Reda Weinman, Kathy Reiland and Brad Kosmel.



**Meeting adjourned by Mike Bushman at 8:07 pm.**