

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEENAH COUNCIL #5514
Rich Gagner, Grand Knight**



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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:

Welcome Brother Knights, thank you for coming tonight. Another busy month for Council 5514. 2 Packer games, Adoration chapel dinner, Bingo at Winnebago County Mental Health, Double Portions, and Brewfest. All good things must come to an end at least for a year, we had our last Bemis brat fry for 2017. Please say a prayer for those effected by the senseless church shooting in Texas.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ JAMES C. VOTAVA

James C. Votava, Third-Degree Knight, member of St. Margaret Mary, joined our Council in March 1999, recruited by Bob Gehr. Jim has always answered the call when asked to help with our Council, such as Tootsie Rolls, etc., but he has spent most of his time working for and at the Church. He is a Eucharistic Minister and conducts Communion Services where needed, regularly at Brookstone Commons Assisted Living and at the Theda Clark chapel. He composes the service program and sermon, and enjoys filling in for the priests. He was involved in starting up the Smith Building, across from Theda Clark, housing volunteer organizations, such as Best Friends, and was Chairman of the Finance Committee for many years. He served as Alumni Director at UW Fox Valley. Jim was inducted in the International Paper Industry Hall of Fame and served on their selection committee for many years. His entire working career was with American Can Company. His hobbies include fishing, playing golf, and playing cribbage. He and his partner are defending champions at the annual Neenah Club Cribbage Tourney. Jim and his wife Katie enjoyed watching their children and grandchildren in sporting events, like Amy in soccer and Ann in gymnastics, all through High School, and College. Congratulations to Jim Votava, Knight of the month for November 2017.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ DENNIS & MARCIE HOWARD AND FAMILY

Dennis and Marcie Howard, and their children, Ryan, 32, Katie, 28, and Adam, 25, are members of St. Margaret Mary. Dennis is a Third-Degree Knight, since October 2007, recruited by Dan Borneman. Marcie is an administrative assistant in the Church's Religious Education Department. Dennis works at Plexus as a quality engineer. Together they prepare and serve food at the Fox Valley Warming Center, are involved in the Renew Group, that focus their efforts to Friends of Haiti, deliver Christmas gifts to Nursing Homes, participated in the Perpetual Adoration Program, and happily assist Sr. Therese with doctor appointments, household chores, transportation, etc. Dennis helps with Tootsie Rolls, pancake and porkie breakfasts, SOAR Christmas programs, volunteers as an usher, and he sponsors RCIA candidates. Marcie is a Eucharistic Minister, co-chairs the Haiti Outreach Program, was involved in planning Fr. Mike's retirement as well as the retirement of two sisters and three parish employees, recently. She also coordinates the Nursing Home Christmas Giving and the annual Plant sale. They enjoy travelling, their favorite place is Door County, and they spent three weeks in New Zealand, surviving a 7.1 earthquake. Marcie belongs to two bunco groups and one book club, and they both enjoy playing Euchre once a month. Congratulations to Dennis and Marcie Howard, Family of the month for November 2017.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:

Brother Knights: With 2018 fast approaching it is time to think about your 2018 dues. Remember, there is one billing only. You will be billed your dues, the Culture for Life and the OPTIONAL PKD of \$3.65.

- Any life member who would like a traveling card, just call at 920-722-3690.
- We still have 18 members with unpaid dues for 2017. Please send them in as soon as possible.
- Daniel Van Boxtel is our new field agent. he can be reached at 920-659-1918.

Remember: The man who walks with God always gets to his destination.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

OCTOBER 2017

	BEGINNING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	\$464.39	\$ (-) 202.01
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT	\$18,591.97	\$23,116.46
SPECIAL PROJECT ACCOUNT	\$7,375.83	\$8,076.48

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

- Ordering a new Seminarian plaque from Supreme. It is due in January.
- New bills \$219.13 for Bingo at Bago to Jim Krautkramer.
- Double portion Bushman \$119.98
- Adoration dinner Bushman \$302.34

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Holy Hill St John Bosco Youth Day
- Knight's Supreme for Hurricane relief donation
- St Joe's – Thank you and Impact Report
- Dick Wilkinson family for funeral masses

- Winnebago Mental Health – Thank you's for Tootsie Roll Drive and Bingo
- Spiritus Annual Report

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Brat Fry, - 4,138 sandwiches. Approx \$7,200 raised this year. Left over hot dogs for sale after the meeting.
- Adoration dinner. Split cost with Menasha council Cooked too much, but donated much of it to Spiritus.
- Packer concessions report. Issues with getting paid, but games are going well.
- TASTE! A Brewfest event. The new venue worked well.
- Landing Day Golf and Dinner – Only one threesome from Neenah. Good dinner at Menasha council. Thinking about moving it to August next year
- Pancake Porkie Breakfast cancelled at St. Margaret Mary. Need to reschedule. January might be a good time to look at.
- Double Portions – Served Thanksgiving dinner in October. Serve 138 meals. Beef stew next month.
- Bingo at Bago – 19 people plus 4 workers. Had a good time. Gave out stuffed animals. Had dilly bars and Tootsie Rolls.
- St Gabe's Chili & Bingo. People raved about the chili. Served around 140 people. Thanks to Jerry Robak's group for playing music.
- Christmas Party – Sign up sheet next month,

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

- Mothers & Unborn Baby Care – Annual Bowl for Life request for sponsorship donation.
- Newman Center – Asking for a donation
- Paperback books for prisoners – St. Gabes social concerns. Bob Gehr noted that St. Vincent's may be able to provide some. Vitamins and bandages for the poor of Peru. Children's chewable and any type of adult vitamins

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Sentiments for seminarians – Motion – Bushman to donate \$500 in gas cards. Seconded by Tom Bozile. Unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Newman Center donation – Trustees suggested that we donate \$250. Motioned by Dan Borneman. Seconded by Jerry Van Handel. Unanimous approval.
- Mother & Unborn Baby Care – Table until next month
- Global Outreach – Request for funds to send students to Washington DC for the ProLife March in January. \$500 per student for 8 students. Motioned by Bushman. Seconded by Mike Pokorny. Unanimous approval.
- Dale Youngquist presented a check of \$75 to council for proceeds from ham sales.
- Sal Vitale – Keep Christ in Christmas magnets were delivered. There were not decals this year, so we got 200 magnets.

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT:

- Nothing to report. Dan VanBoxtel's contact info is on the top of the schedule sheet.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:

We have a 1st degree scheduled at Kaudy Hall in Winneconne on November 14th the degree starts at 6:00pm. If you have candidates, please let me or Chuck know or if we need to use the video to get the candidates through the 1st degree. If you are planning to support the seminarians, this year your collections will need to be dropped off to me before December 1st. In the past, we have left baskets at our parish churches to collect things like personal care items, gas cards and gift cards etc. Please send me your church drive results. 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 for every council every council is expected to have a church drives throughout the year.

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

Best Regards and God Bless!

Tony Weber, District Deputy

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We start with the Priests and Seminarians: Frs. Paul Praider, Richard Allen, Larry Seidl, Jim Kubicki, Dennis Bergsbaken, Brian Wideman, Justin Werner, Mike Carroll, Matt Rappl, Bishop Banks, Bishop Ricken, Bishop Morneau. Seminarian Patrick Costello, Deacon Dan Laurent.

Amy Paffel, Andrew Baird, Bernice Rudolf, Bernie Kropidowski, Bev Wickman, Bob Benson, Bob & Cecelia Greene, Bob Deopker, Bruce Darni, Carol Delveaux, Char Van Handel, Colin & Becky Behm, Dan Leeman, Dennis Howard, Derrick Kessler, Drew Sorensen, Dick Winter, Don Wichman, Donna Bouschele, Ed Hirsch, Eric Larsen, Evan Williams, Garth Walling, George & Marge Thierung, Gwen Heinen, Hannah Sherwood, Jackie Jensen, James Bosco, James Vovova, Jean Brafam, Jill Pearson, John Graham, Joseph Morin, Joseph Mourn, Joseph Putzer, Joseph Wojtowica, Judy Kaul, Julie Griese, Jack Giese, Julie Nackers, Julie Schmidts, June Ingold, Karen Hill, Karen Sippel, Karen Stenson, Kathy Rigotti, Katie Votova, Ken

Rosenbaum, Larry Easton, Lloyd Delveaux, Luanne Sipple, Marcy Gehr, Mark & Pam Franz, Marty & Lola Ruge, Mary Brandt, Mary Jean Schuelke, Mary Kay Heath, Mary Wilkinson, Mary Younger, Michael Brickem, 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, Teresa Burns, Terry Cheng, Tim Hamblin, Trixie Zoromske, Wally Maynard.

Meeting adjourned by Rich Gagner at 7:59 p.m.

