

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

Welcome Brother Knights. I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving meeting with family and friends. Looking back it was a fairly quiet month. We had 1 Packer game which was well attended. Looking forward, we have the year-end volunteer hours to get turned in so we can remain a non-profit organization. We have 2 Packer games this month December 11th and the 24th. As of now the 24th game is a noon game and we are going to treat it as such. That being said, sign-up sheets for both games are going around, if you can help out great if not Thank You for helping throughout the year.

Remember that at Christmas, Christ is the reason for the season, so Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH ~ DONALD KOLLER

Donald Koller, married to Barbara for 45 years, member of St. Gabriel Church, 3rd Degree Knight, recruited by Wayne Peterson in November 1980. Don has been involved as an usher, Communion distributor, serving Mass at Funerals, helping Father serving Mass during the week, former soccer coach, Cub Scout leader, taught CFC along with Barbara, led the Rosary at St. Gabe on Monday nights, Divine Mercy, both at St. Gabriel and St. Margaret Mary, rummage sales, craft sales, Round-Up, pancake porky breakfasts. Don made a pilgrimage to Medugorje. with the Knights, he has served as Treasurer, Social Chairman, attended retreats at Monte Alverno, and Tootsie Roll sales. Don also has been very active with the VFW brat/hamburger fries, road clean up, and poppy sales. He and Barb enjoy watching six grandchildren's sporting events, all local, including the record-breaking Kimberly High School Football team, with several of his grandsons on the team. He has single-handedly donated six gallons of blood, and is a proud Veteran of the US Marine Corps. He also helps Barb taking care of her 56-year old brother, who is disabled, and needs help going to doctor appointments, take care of finances, etc. Congratulations to Don Koller,, Knight of the Month for December 2016.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ MICHAEL & CAROL POKORNY FAMILY

Michael and Carol Pokorny, daughter Jennifer, 38, and Matthew, 34. Mike joined the Neenah Knights in May 2011, recruited by Mike Maibe. Mike is a Third Degree Knight, and volunteers at Packer games, porky pancake breakfasts; Punt, Pass and Kick; Knowledge Contest, Tootsie Roll Drive, and Perkins restaurant greeter and has been Warden of the council 2014-2016. He and Carol sold scrip for St. Gabriel for more than ten years, they both co-chaired the Round-Up for two years, and both volunteered to help in the beer tent for many years. Mike chaired the St. Gabriel Winter break for four years and volunteered at the event for eleven years. Since retiring from Kimberly Clark in 2009, he has volunteered at Theda Clark Regional Medical Center. He is currently assistant treasurer of the Volunteer Auxiliary, where he also served as President for two years. He is currently Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee, and also chairs the Munch and Learn Committee. He also volunteers at the main information desk as an escort. Carol works at Kimberly Clark as a Distribution Analyst, and is currently serving as President of the Neenah Eagles Aerie 1099. Mike likes bicycling, bowling, and he and Carol enjoy attending concerts and plays, and spending time with their two grandkids. Daughter Jennifer lives in Sacramento, CA, and holds a PhD in Psychology. She is a researcher for University of California, Davis and is a co-founder of Think Elephants International. Son Matthew is married with two children, lives in Neenah and works at Valley VNA Senior Services in Neenah as an assistant dietician and cook. Congratulations to Mike and Carol Pokorny, family of the month for December 2016.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER:

Brother Knights: As I have stated in the past, there will be one billing starting in 2017. The PKD is an optional charge, but the Culture of Life is not. Again, if any of you have a new email or phone number, please call me with the information. It is most important. This note also appears on your bill. Phone: 920-722-3690.

Remember: The grace of God is sufficient; have you tested it?

- ✚ We received a \$100 donation from Dan Bornemann's neighbors, Mr. & Mrs. Vandy Nachazel. Motion made by Dennis Rudolf to put the money into our Seminarian Account. Motion seconded. Motion passes unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MONTH 2016	BEGINNING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT	\$ 593.60	\$ 854.04
PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT	16,681.00	19,139.78
SEMINARIAN ACCOUNT	7,625.86	7,626.49

Total income for brat fries in 2016 was \$7,617.28; up from \$6,614.24 from last year

READING OF THE BILLS: The following additional bill was read

- ✚ Mike Bushman, \$31.96 for Double Portions

COMMUNICATIONS:

- ✚ We received a thank you from Living Our Faith in Haiti for our financial support.
- ✚ We received a thank you form St. Joe's Food Pantry.
- ✚ We received a thank you from the Winnebago Mental Health Facility for the Pizza/Bingo Party.
- ✚ We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Boy Scouts for all our support.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

- ✚ Ed Sypek reported that we received a request for support from US2 Fox Cities – a prostate cancer support group.
- ✚ Ed Sypek reported that a form is available for planning Catholic funerals. Catholic funerals are down 40% to 50% in just a few years. The form is a way to request a Catholic funeral, including specifics of the mass.
- ✚ Art would like members to review the Veterans Voices magazine and let him know if it is worthwhile.

PROGRAMS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- ✚ Three new members went through their First Degree on November 10th at St. Raphael's. Tim Frederickson, Mark Seidl and Jeremy Surillo.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- ✚ Turkey and mashed potatoes were served for the November 28th Double Portions meal.
- ✚ Ham and scalloped potatoes will be served for the December 26th Double Portions meal.
- ✚ George Hintz reported that he and Gary Cunningham are all set for the Soar Christmas Party on December 16th at Sabre Lanes. A signup sheet was passed around.

PACKER CONCESSION STAND:

- ✚ We have had a good turnout so far this year. We are averaging 10 to 14 members per game.
- ✚ A sign-up sheet was passed around for the next two games.
- ✚ Our Council made \$6,846.02 for the five games between September 25th and November 6th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ✚ Dennis Rudolf provided an estimate on how much we need to transfer into our membership account. Mike will check bylaws to determine how funds can be transferred.
- ✚ To help the membership account, it is suggested that Honorary Members donate PKD and Culture for Life dues. These total \$5.65 for the year.
- ✚ Those who have purchased ham can pick up the ham on December 17th at the cafeteria of St. Gabes from 8 to 9 am. Check should be written out to Dale Youngquist.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✚ There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree on January 28th in New Holstein.
- ✚ There will be a 4th Degree on April 1st in Green Bay.
- ✚ There will be a bus trip for the March 4 Life event in Chicago on January 15th.
- ✚ There is an Esto Viro Conference coming up in March in Green Bay.
- ✚ Motion made by Mike Bushman to donate \$1,200 to St. Mary's to cover expenses for the March 4 Life trip in Washington DC for the 3 foreign exchange students. These students have helped with Packer Concessions. Motion seconded by Marv Spielbauer. Motion passed unanimously.
- ✚ Lloyd reported that they could use younger members in the Honor Guard.
- ✚ Motion made by Ed Sypek to donate \$250 to US2 Fox Cities. Motion seconded by Tom Bozile. Motion passed unanimously.
- ✚ Joe Nemecek reported that Bella Clinic could use more little feet pendants and recommended that we donate \$500 for the pendants. This will be tabled until next meeting. Mike Bushman will do research on how much it costs to order the pendants.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT (READ BY CHUCK ROHR):

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. Even though it may not seem like it, we have much to be thankful for. I just attended the District Deputy Meeting in Tony's place while he is recovering from surgery. There is much to report and handouts to distribute at the District 10 Meeting, January 16th; Menasha Club House (746 3rd Street, Menasha); 7:00 p.m. Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors, and Membership Directors are suggested to attend. If any other member would like to attend, that is permissible. Please RSVP with a count by January 9th.

- ✚ 1st Degree this month, and you will be notified as soon as the date and location are set.
- ✚ 2nd and 3rd Degrees: New Holstein Jan. 28th
- ✚ 4th Degree: Green Bay April 1st
- ✚ I need each Council's Retention Committee information (Retention Chairman, and committee members) Names, addresses, and phone numbers. I realize many of you sent this to Tony, but the State is asking me to also gather it. Please resend to me even if you have submitted it to Tony.
- ✚ Please keep our District Deputy, Tony Weber, in your prayers for a speedy recovery and rehabilitation from his surgery. If any issues come up, please feel free to contact me, but also 'cc' Tony. He is our DD and should always be in the loop until he returns to active duty (he is doing work behind the scenes).

I wish each of you and your families a very, very Blessed Christmas and a Safe New Years.

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, Ken Rosenbaum, Shawn Coenen, Dick Winter, Hannah Sherwood, Mary Jean Schuelke, Joseph Morin, Mary Younger, Joseph Mourn, Jackie Jensen, Amy Paffel, 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, James Votova, Mark Turowski, Mary Brandt, Bruce Darni, Bruce Howe, Derrick Kessler, Julie

Nackers, Bill Heinen, Mike Getchius, Larry Easton, Dick and Mary Wilkinson, Char Van Handel, Reda Weinman, Kathy Reiland, Brad Kosmel, Katie Vitova, John Bergstrom, Judy Krueger, Garth and Ester Wallen, Mike Simonis, Mark and Pam Franz, Sister Jolene Van Handel and Mike Hintz.

Meeting adjourned by Mike Bushman at 8:10

