

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather. It is wonderful to see the green grass and spring flowers again. When you see these changes after a long cold winter it even puts new life into us.

On Palm Sunday the St John Vianney Parish took up a food drive for ECHO. The Council offered to donate \$1.00 for each pound of food donated and \$1.00 for each dollar donated. We would match up to total of \$1500.00. The parish more than obtained the challenge and our Council will be sending \$1500.00 to ECHO.

On Easter Sunday the SJV Knights of Columbus sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 8:15 and 9:45 Masses. The egg hunt was led by the Easter Bunny. The egg hunt was enjoyed by the children and even many of the parents. Everyone enjoyed the juice, coffee and donuts at the social. Pat McDonald does a great job running this social each year. We thank Pat, the Easter Bunny and all the Knights who make this event a success.

I would like to thank all our Brother Knights who sold Charity Raffle tickets at the Blackhawk Credit Union locations. It is great you gave your time to sell tickets. Also a thank you to our Brothers who purchased raffle tickets. I hope we have a winner. Also, thanks to Brother Jeff Smith and Jim Hansen for all the work they did with this raffle.

The 2015 Tootsie Roll Drive be held on **May 1, 2 and 3, 2015**. Brothers Dave Riyeff and Mike Thiele are coordinating the Drive for our Council. I know everyone will give some of their time for this event which helps so many people who are less fortunate.

I would like to welcome three new members to our Council. They are Brothers Jerry Kauchak, Ryan Olley, and Roger Burdick. Please give our new members your support.

I would also like to congratulate Sir Knights Scott Fratianne and Phil Galassie who became members of the Fourth Degree on April 11, 2015 at Appleton, WI.

On **Saturday May16, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.** there will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification at Jefferson WI. This is a great opportunity for you 1st Degree members to advance Degrees. If you are interested in participating in this Exemplification please contact John Sotiros or Mike Hinaus.

The State Convention was held at Green Bay, WI on **April 25 and 26, 2015**. Mark Lessner, Dave Brusky and Mike Hinaus represented our Council at the Annual Convention. Next year the Convention will be held in Wisconsin Dells. I hope more Brothers will take time to attend this event.

On **May 30, 2015** our Council will serve the ECHO Dinner. Mark Lessner again agreed to use his culinary skills in preparation of this dinner. Please make plans to help Brother Mark with this event.

Our next meeting will be at Marian Hall on **May 7, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.** Rosary will be at **7:00 P.M.** There will be lunch and social time after the meeting. Please make plans to attend.

Peace,

Michael Hinaus - Grand Knight