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### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

*"There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."* **Proverbs 23:18**

Hello Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! As we enter calendar year 2015 and the last half of our fraternal year, we have a lot of positive momentum going for us! We just completed a successful Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for a seminarian in our parish and son of a Brother Knight, Tim Gawarecki. I had the pleasure to speak with Tim at the end of the dinner on Saturday and he was grateful for our support! Tim has wanted to be a priest since he was a young child and discerned during high school if this truly was the direction he wanted to go in. After intense prayerful discernment, he has chosen to enter the seminary. As I have spoken to him, the will and desire is there, and I ask you for your prayers that he has great success in the seminary and someday makes a great priest. Tim told me "in second grade, I either wanted to be a priest or a professional baseball player", how neat! I brought him over to meet my son Zach, who in second grade right now, and either wants to be a priest, a police officer, or a geologist! I thought it was really neat when Zach heard his story and told Tim he would pray for him!

Back to momentum and the great things we do, we can only continue to do these things if we bring new Brother Knights into our order! We have done a good job at recruiting this year, but we can do better! We have had four new members join since July, two in the hopper, and several potentials we need to turn into members. We will be having a First Degree on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 in the Holy Redeemer Chapel. If you have a friend interested in joining our order, now is the time to have them become a Brother Knight!

Soon we will be entering the Spring event season, our busiest time of the year. Things will kick off with the Winter Gala on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Fish Fries will follow then Ham Bingo, and Spring Degrees. This is an exciting time of the year for us and I always enjoy these events. As I look forward to this time of year, I ask that you all discern working the events, or at least participating to support the great works that we do! Lastly, thanks to everyone who has paid their dues already. We have has a wonderful response to our initial mailing, much better than previous years! If you have not already paid, please do so as soon as you can, or reach out to John Lawless or me to make other arrangements. As long as I am Grand Knight, and my successor Tom Carlson feels the same way, dues will not be a barrier to anyone who wants to be a Knight. May all of you have a prosperous 2015 filled with faith, love, and hope!

Vivat Jesus!  
Jeff

### Our Mission Statement

*Provide a means by which Catholic men could Support the Catholic Church. To Provide Financial Protection to protect their Families. To Engage in works of Charity to Benefit the less fortunate.*

### 2014-2015 Officers

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## 2015 Forecast: Keep a CLOSE Eye On Your Retirement Funds!

Many financial analysts are quite worried about what they see as an "overvalued" stock market. The rise in stock values over the past several years was due in large part to the US government's program of "quantitative easing" and the Fed's holding interest rates at "emergency lows." The purpose of this, of course, was to shore up a struggling economy and help the US recover from the Great Recession. Quantitative Easing has now ended.

What does all of this mean for you? Your retirement money is in the crosshairs of factors beyond your control and it is important that you know it! Not only will US government and Federal Reserve policies impact your money, but so might other factors:

- 1) Interest rate hikes: slows housing and borrowing, but will help conservative investors
- 2) Oil prices: don't expect them to stay low forever
- 3) The EPA war on coal production: Energy cost increases may mean a slower economy
- 4) Keystone pipeline: Continued delays may mean higher oil prices and political infighting
- 5) ObamaCare: Yup! This is going to be in front of the Supreme Court again in 2015
- 6) Potential Supreme Court vacancy and protracted nomination battle
- 7) Increased in terrorist attacks or civil unrest at home and abroad
- 8) Vladimir Putin's continued dictatorial crackdown in Crimea and Ukraine

Any of the above factors will have at least some effect on your money. Many analysts are recommending that 2015 might be the time to "play it safe" by putting your money in a non-volatile place.

If you have any questions about the safety of the Knights of Columbus annuity, IRA, and Roth IRA programs please contact me right away. You will be in good hands. As always, you will never be pressured into buying anything. I give you my word.

God bless and Happy New Year!  
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Brother Knights that made our pancake breakfast happen so we could warm our community with new Coats for Kids! Listed from left to right: Frank Schultz, Jim Selchow, Al Worm, John Zakroczymski, Richard Grode, Mike Beigle, Joe Fox, Terry Thelen, Mark Slaikeu, Denny Reber, Santa (a.k.a. Scott Mogren), Ed Erickson, Richard Reber, Hank Schultz, Gary Gardner, Robert Schaefer.



## Calendar of Events

Winter Gala: Help is needed with setup on Thursday February 5th in the evening, Friday February 5th during the day, and take down on Saturday February 7th. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Jeff Schmidt at [651-368-1699](tel:651-368-1699).

Council Leadership: The call is out for potential new leadership. Help shape the future of our council! If you have interest and questions on commitment, expectations, or anything council leadership, please contact Jeff Schmidt at [651-368-1699](tel:651-368-1699).

Recruit, Recruit, Recruit! The February Membership Drive will be here before we know it. Interesting in helping, talking up the Knights after mass or being a partner family for interested members, contact Frank Schultz at [651-770-0749](tel:651-770-0749).

Upcoming meeting topics. Looking for a reason to come to a future meeting? Come hear about the history of the St. Michael the Archangel prayer. Hear about the influence area Catholic High Schools had on the early development of high school hockey in Minnesota. These, and other topics, will be discussed during the Lecturer portion at upcoming meetings!



Epiphany of our Lord