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COLUMBIAN CLUB OF WATERVLIET officers: Bruce Meyers Glen Giannetti Art Stanley Robert Herman
Rick Hubona Joe Giapa Ryan Ott

SICK OR IN DISTRESS---

Len Wurn REC Frank Simanton Pete Mannino
PGK Art Stanley Don Young

plus Robert Ott (son of DGK Bill Ott and Ryan Ott's brother) Sandy Teunissen
Rick Lara's wife (cancer) Ruth Frogberg(Deacon Art's daughter)

MEMORIUM---In your prayers, please remember the souls of PDD Bill Grover and Lorraine Ott and Jim Healy's sister, Jeannie.

Brother Grover was not a member of our council, but he was very helpful to the council and officers as he performed his duties as district deputy and after he had given up the post.

Lorraine Ott was the mother of PGK and current DGK William Ott, and grandmother of Brother Ryan Ott.

Jeannie was one of Jim's siblings and has battled ill health for several years. May their souls Rest in Peace.

5TH SUNDAY---Please join your brother knights in praying the rosary after the 8:30mass on Sunday, March 31, 2019. As is our council's custom, this rosary is in remembrance of the souls of our brother knights that have passed before us. GK Mike Duffy is arranging to get prayer cards to add the prayers for Divine Mercy to the ceremony.

Our deceased brother knights did the groundwork for making our council what it is today. We have the responsibility to continue the council's growth.

INSURANCE SCAM???---One of our brother knights was contacted by a person that claimed he was the new K of C insurance agent for our council. The caller requested the knight's social security number among other information. This knight happened to be a former K of C agent and smelled something rotten. Our brother gave the caller nothing and contacted FS Paul Nickels to let him know about the hoax.

BRIAN O'NEILL IS STILL OUR AGENT AND I DOUBT HE WOULD EVER ASK FOR A SSN OVER THE PHONE.

YOU will hear about any agent change through a council meeting or from this newsletter.

THANK YOU---At the March general meeting, the council enjoyed a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner prepared by Brothers Robert Kempczynski(who was married to a nice Irish girl), George Patterson, Bill Teunissen and Paul Baes. The dinner was fantastic and everyone enjoyed themselves before the meeting.

HAVE YOU ASKED A CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN TO JOIN LATELY?

EASTER EGG HUNT---Brother Ryan Ott has volunteered to be chairman of the event this year. The council is hoping for better weather than last year and a great turn out from children of the parish, our own children / grandchildren, neices and nephews. The council started this event a long time ago to provide a smaller, safer experience for the local Catholic community than the much larger public event. The usual age limit is 5th grade and under but please check the parish bulletin for more information.

BUDGET PROCESS---DGK Bill Ott is asking council members that have ideas for programs or donations for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to present their ideas and proposed budgets to him or another officer before the May officer's meeting. This gives all of us April and part of May to present our ideas to the officers and the officers to present the council a proposed budget in May. [This process is not in the normal duties of a DGK, but Bill Ott has been doing it for so long that the officers have dropped it on him again.]

BINGO!!--The budget process mentioned above goes nowhere without the bingo, unless someone comes up with another major fund raiser. The bottom line is that the council has lost some excellent bingo workers, due to their passing away, and they need to be replaced. The council needs callers, another cashier, another inventory person, and some workers. The chairmen would like to maintain the two weeks on and four weeks off schedule that has served the council well in the past. SO, we need you to volunteer and a chairman will teach you any job you would like to do. Contact Paul Nickels 468-8540 Ron Ostrowski 468-3410

St. JOSEPH PARISH CLEAN UP---On April 13, FS Paul Nickels and whomever would like to help will be finishing the landscaping in front of the rectory, freshening the mulch around the parish grounds, and weeding the flower beds in front of the church. This is a general spring cleanup outside of the church. If you can help, please contact Paul. 468-8540

OTHER PARISH NEEDS---Several parishioners have complained about the condition of the parish cemetery. Our pastor and the parish administrator have asked for help. We will need another day in late April or early May to go after the cemetery. One of our members said he would take care of the brush if the brush was placed in one location toward the back of the cemetery.

The rules for the cemetery have been printed in the parish bulletin every week for a couple of months now. The parish hopes that, now that the weather is warming, families will bring their plots up to the standards set by the cemetery rules.

SO, if necessary, we will need volunteers to remove the brush, remove some plants people have put in w/o permission, and remove some statues and some perpetual lamps that are affecting the normal trimming of the grounds. Please contact FS Nickels.

There are other projects around the parish that need repair and sprucing up. The parish has not had a regular maintenance person on staff in years but normal maintenance has to happen. A few things are:

- paint the entry doors and trim on the parish garage
- paint the rectory gutter, doors and trim
- remove and replace some warped/rotted boards on the deck behind the rectory
- stain the deck
- repair the water spigot at the cemetery

If you are able to do one of these projects, please let FS Paul Nickels or Building and Grounds Chairman Jason Hicks know.

I HOPE YOU ARE HAVING A PRAYFUL LENT

I WISH YOU A JOYOUS AND
BLESSED EASTER SEASON