

My Brother Knights,

Blessings and greetings to you as we hopefully still glow in the joy of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. I wish you a joyous, prosperous, happy 2021. Thanks to everyone for continuing to serve our community in the midst of the challenges we still face. I want to thank Brother Dave Micek for all his work securing our lovely Christmas tree, as well as Patrick Dority and Gary Taylor for helping with the installation. A special thanks to our Chaplain, Father Schweiger, for blessing the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' sign after the 8:30 Mass on December 6th, as well as for hosting our first-ever virtual council meeting via Zoom on December 9th. I'm not sure about you, but as a teacher I often feel 'Zoomed out,' but it was nice that we could meet online and continue to fellowship in a unique way. Along with the Keep Christ in Christmas theme, the officers selected the winners for the poster contest at our December 29th meeting and we will let you know when plans are finalized to present the certificates and prizes to the winners following the 8 AM school Mass.

As we enter the month of January, we celebrate the sanctity of life. Just about all of our activities is either a celebration or a defense of life. We actually started with the Consecration to the Holy Family December 26th and 27th as prayer cards were distributed and prayed at the conclusion of each Mass. Where better to celebrate the gift of life than through the Holy Family! Our activities all revolve around January 16th. We will be praying the Novena for Life virtually starting on that day. Watch your e-mails and the church bulletin as the prayers will be sent out to pray at home with your families. January 16th is also the Nebraska Walk for Life, starting 9AM on the north steps of the Capitol. It will be the first Walk for our new council banner, a gift from Steve Smith. We cannot let Covid dim the message that this event carries to our community, so please bring your families and friends and look for our banner so we may all walk together as a parish community. One Rose One Life will also take place this weekend. We will be handing out prayer cards as people leave Mass and taking donations, so please stay a few minutes following the Mass you attend and help out.

We are also continuing our other programs, all with proper health and safety precautions put in place. Our membership meeting will be in person on January 6th. We hope to have the Annual Fraternal Survey and membership dues billings available for you at that time. But if you are unable to join us, the items will still be mailed out like they have been in the past. January 8th we have our third Pitch tournament of the year in Finigan Hall. Mike Hosek has worked hard to provide a layout that adheres to social distancing requirements and I'm told that the November event was well-received. It's also time for the council free throw contest. Jerry Frain has been successful in getting posters advertising the event into Waverly schools and we need your help scoring and shagging balls. We will start with registration at 9 AM in the gym, with the competition starting at 9:30. If you can help out, bring a mask and your enthusiasm for another successful event.

We hope to move forward with the hope on the horizon with the delivery of Covid vaccines, but the future still holds many challenges. Just please remember to keep checking on friends and neighbors and let any of the officers know if you are aware of anyone needing assistance as we Leave No Neighbor Behind.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

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January 6, Membership meeting, 7 PM

January 8, Pitch tournament in Social Hall, 7 PM

January 9, Free Throw Contest in gym, 9 AM, help needed

January 16-17, One Rose/One Life, cards, help needed

January 16, Walk for Life, North side Capital, 9 AM

Birthda	ys for	January
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Aaron Delahoyde	1/3	Kenneth Dolezal	1/22
George Stoner	1/8	Stephen Budler	1/25
Steven Becker	1/13	James Petrzilka	1/30
Chris McGahan	1/14		

Family of Month: Tom & Sharon Trumble

Knight of Month: Gerald Frain

Please remember to 'Leave No Neighbor Behind'

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