



My Brother Knights,

After a bit of a lull following Covid-19 restrictions and the summer slowdown, we're jumping right back into a full slate of activities and events. October represents the start of what promises to be a full Fraternal Year as we will soon enter the Advent Season, followed by Lent and Holy Week activities. Our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, is soon to be beatified and we will be sharing that moment with the parish. As a council of 195 Catholic men, I hope that our membership will rise to the challenge of being an example of charity in the parish and the community.

Speaking of charity, two recent actions by the membership proved once again that the Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick's can be counted on as the 'go to' guys to make things happen. As you know, the roof of the middle school classrooms and the gymnasium are in dire need of replacement (not just repair). Fr. Schweiger and the Parish Finance Committee, including BK Mike Hosek, have come up with a solid plan to replace the roofs. Due to the overwhelming success of our fireworks stand, we have approved a \$2,500 donation to the parish towards this project. We have also designated our next pancake breakfast on October 18th to support this project as well. Watch your e-mail for the shift schedule because it's an event we truly need 'all hands on deck.'

The second significant project our council has provided funding to is the Nebraska Culture of Life fund, specifically donating \$1,200 towards the purchase of an ultrasound machine for the new Lincoln Women's Center across from Planned Parenthood. Our donation will be matched by Joe Vinton from our fireworks tent and that money will go directly to the center for their current renovation project. If you haven't seen the progress, drive down S. 48th Street near Old Cheney and check it out. Tuesday Mass is still being held following the Rosary as Lincoln Right-To-Life will continue to share the building.

Our next church membership drive will take place October 17-18. We need help after each Mass talking to men and handing out information about membership in the Knights, especially on Sunday as we will have stations set up in the narthex and in the gym for the pancake breakfast. The best way to recruit new Knights is to share your faith. It's not a sales pitch, but sharing your heart shows the impact that membership in our order has on men as the leaders of their families.

The annual drive for the Developmentally Disabled will take place on October 10-11. This project provides about \$2,000 each year to the Villa Marie School. We're sensitive to the concerns of Covid-19 so our approach this year will be to put Tootsie Rolls on tables and have containers out for donations. We have new vests this year and will be asking everyone to 'mask up,' but this is a project that takes a great deal of manpower and I hope you and your families will take a two-hour shift at either Hy-Vee or Russ's Market. Each year our chairmen, Don Buresh and Gary Micek, put in a lot of time and effort and make a lot of phone calls to fill open slots. Make their job easier by signing up after Mass or at our meeting on October 7th. So as you can see, we're in high gear to Leaving No Neighbor Behind.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2020

October 4, Life Chain at 2:30 PM; 48th to 50th along O Street
October 7, General Membership Meeting, 7 PM
October 10 & 11, Tootsie Rolls at HyVee and Russ's
October 11, PLES presentation by Dr. Castle, Gym at 7 PM
October 18, Pancake feed after all Masses
November 1, Fr. Schweiger's Jubilee Mass and Dinner 2 PM

Family of the Month: Jeff & Jennifer Boettcher

Knight of the Month: Nico Tarquinio

Birthdays for October

Wayne Petrzilka	10/1	Craig Corder	10/11
Jeff Bracht	10/2	David Hutcheson	10/13
Michael Faughn	10/4	Brian Havlovic	10/14
Caleb Swanson	10/4	Larry Helter	10/22
Patrick Kappes	10/5	David Oborny	10/26
Bruce Alt	10/10	Colin O'Neill	10/29
Gary Micek	10/10	Alex Jozsa	10/31

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