



My Brother Knights,

Tom McBride has joined Our Lord in His Peace. Tom was the longest member of our council, having joined the Knights in 1954. Brother McBride exemplified the Knights commitment to service. When he retired he became St. Patrick's permanent repairman. Roofs, windows, door jambs, plumbing, painting; whatever the church, school or rectory needed, Tom was there. It was always with an easy smile and a friendly hello and Tom was a friend to all. Until his health failed, he was always at meetings and functions. Please pray that Kathy and the family can lessen their loss with the certainty of having shared a very fine man's life. May eternal light shine upon him. We mourn the loss of Brother Tom, who was named the Knight of the Month for December, an honor now bestowed upon him posthumously.

We had a very busy November as we celebrated 25 years in the priesthood for our chaplain, Father Troy Schweiger. An overflow audience adjourned to the gym following Mass to enjoy a meal highlighted by Brother Craig Arendt's special barbecued meats and a host of speakers that included a suspect comment that Fr. Schweiger's first word was not mama or dada, but was apparently 'potluck.' Thanks to Mike Hosek for what may have been the best one-liner of the evening.

We also honored our deceased Brother Knights with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Beardsley before heading over to Calvary Cemetery to place American flags on the graves of almost 500 Catholic veterans. Our Veterans Day programs concluded with Mass on November 11<sup>th</sup> with the Pius X Choir gracing us as our special guests with a prelude, Mass music, and a special rendition of the Armed Forces Medley in the sanctuary at the conclusion of Mass. While we were not able to hold our regular program in the gym, we thank everyone who came to Mass to celebrate our veterans in attendance. I am happy to report that it was Navy veterans who had the most recognized as the Pius X Choir sang.

We had our second drive-through food collection drive on November 14<sup>th</sup>, collecting over 300 pounds of food that will go to the food pantry at Catholic Charities for the Thanksgiving season. We had several Knights and family members, including the Babl and Tarquinio children helping out. Thanks to Jerry Frain for his leadership. While we were collecting food, a hearty crew was across the street behind the rectory milling some trees for remaining woodwork as our church home is still a work in progress. When one of the saws developed technical issues, that didn't slow them down, with Jim Woita and Terry Ryan on the business end of two chain saws to keep the logs heading to the board saw.

The First Sunday of Advent November 29<sup>th</sup> means it's about that time when we provide a Christmas tree in the narthex. Look for the tree to appear soon. Our December meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> will feature the blessing of our 'Keep Christ in Christmas' sign by Fr. Schweiger at 6:30, followed by the meeting at 7 PM. We hope to see you there. We will also have the Consecration to the Holy Family the last weekend of December so help will be needed handing out prayer cards. We have decided to forego our parish Christmas party due to the current spike in Covid in our community. We are trying to maintain as many programs as possible, but the need to stay vigilant right now is very important.

As we come to the end of the calendar year, I would like to remind you to look for the Annual Fraternal Survey and dues billing statement in your mail. If you are experiencing a financial hardship that makes paying your dues difficult, please reach out to Financial Secretary Al Schrader for accommodation. In closing, I want to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. You may feel as I do, that 2020 will be a welcome farewell in the rearview mirror.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

#### Calendar of Events 2020

December 2, Membership meeting, Blessing of "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7 PM  
December 13, Corporal Communion Mass, 8:30 AM  
December 25, MERRY CHRISTMAS  
December 26-27 Consecration to the Holy Family  
January 6, Membership meeting

**Family of the Month: Dave & Cathy Micek**

**Knight of the Month: Tom McBride**

#### Birthdays for December

Lee Volkmer	12/1	Gregory Philson	12/15
Daniel Packard	12/3	George Oberembt	12/20
Chris Montgomery	12/6	Michael Vestecka	12/20
Richard Hosek	12/12	Troy Arent	12/25
Rodney Middagh	12/14	Brion Thomas	12/27
Steven Bieber	12/15		

***Please remember to 'Leave No Neighbor Behind'***

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