



Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin Lent and a season of renewal, we're thankful for the service to others provided by our council. We continue to conduct a full program of charity, unity, and fraternity and a life of service to others; to our council, to our parish, to our community, and beyond. By the time this goes to press we will have completed a number of projects, among them annual administrative undertakings with Supreme and the Nebraska State Council. Among these are the nominations for State awards, to be given out at the upcoming State Convention in Kearney next month. I hope to be able to share news of winners from our council soon. I would especially like to thank everyone who has paid their dues. This year we've been out in front of the power curve and there are only about 20 Brother Knights still in arrears.

With Ash Wednesday falling on the first Wednesday of the month, this moves our general membership meeting to March 9th. We look forward to seeing you and we have several important programs to discuss, among them the Lenten Fish Fry Fridays, church membership drive, St. Patrick's Parish Festival, medical supplies collection project for Africa, Lenten Food Drive, scholarship committee progress, and the next installment of the Pro-Life Education Series.

Lent is not only a time of personal spiritual renewal, but also for our council as we will host our next council retreat on March 26th, conducted by Fr. Sullivan. Our program begins with Mass at 8AM, followed by a program and concluding with a catered barbecue lunch. This retreat is open to all members and male guests. What a great opportunity to invite a friend to join you! Since we are catering a meal we do need to have you RSVP so we order enough food for everyone.

On March 27th Catholic Social Services will be hosting a Celebration of Hope at the Embassy Suites downtown. Our council has provided sponsorship and we will be sending ten people as council ambassadors. This is a public event. If you are interested in attending, please contact me or give a call to CSS for more information. We have shared the event on our Facebook page, as well.

We continue to raise the bar with our Food for Families program. The recent drive-through food collection event brought in 433 pounds. We are well on our way to breaking the record for our annual total. Speaking of food drives, our council will now be the co-sponsor of the Better Life Walk to End Hunger. Pius X High School will again be hosting us so mark your calendars for August 7th, the date of our second annual event to benefit the St. Francis Food Pantry.

It's amazing how fast the calendar pages are turning. We're fast approaching the end of another Fraternal Year June 30th. Brother Greg Gawarecki has been working hard to 'learn the ropes' as he prepares to become your next Grand Knight. We will have two officer positions to fill for the future. In addition to electing a new Deputy Grand Knight we will also elect a new Recorder. Brother Dave Micek stepped up to fill in on a "temporary basis," and has served for almost three years, but will be stepping down. Please consider answering the call of service as an officer or committee director for the future of the council.

Speaking of service, in closing I would like to congratulate three new acolytes who were recently installed for our parish. It should come as no surprise that all are Knights, but congratulations and Thanx a Bunch to John Donahue, Patrick Dority, and Zach Hosek. And please continue to Leave No Neighbor Behind.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2022

3/9 General Membership Meeting, 7PM Finigan Hall
3/12 St. Patrick Festival, 11AM-3PM Drive-Up Dinners
3/12-13 Membership Drive, Refreshments Finigan Hall
3/18 Fish Fry, 5-7PM St. Patrick's Gym
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3/26 Council Retreat, 8AM-Noon St. Patrick's
RSVP required to notify caterer for meals
3/29 Officer's Meeting, 7PM Finigan Hall

Family of the Month: Stan & Carol Fraas

Birthdays for March

Douglas Viek	3/3	Jeff Boettcher	3/5
Don Kutschkau	3/7	Nolan Hauser	3/8
Jovanny Jimenez	3/11	Larry Hottovy	3/12
Dan Tvrdy	3/14	Kevin Landwehr	3/19
Eric Meysenburg	3/20	David Schmit	3/22
Kevin Schmit	3/23	Don Bosn	3/24
John Donahue	3/24		

Knight of the Month: John Donahue

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