

My Brother Knights,

I'm on social media regularly. I jokingly call it my inexpensive therapy. I check in with family and friends around the globe. I get a lot of my current event content from articles shared, especially the type of articles that appeal to my conservative views shaped by growing up in a traditional American household as a baby boomer. But I have become concerned with the direction many platforms began to take in recent times, especially leading up to the November national elections. I have taken a break from the din during Lent. I'm not alone as some of my friends have also turned down the volume on the rhetoric of discord and the assault on the moral and social fabric that shaped my world as a Reagan Conservative. It has allowed me to focus deeply on my Lenten journey this year. As we approach Holy Week 2021, events in my extended family highlight the importance to put God first and the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus as Savior.

We are blessed in our council and our parish to have so many people who share the unique talents that God has given them. We have maintained a high level of activity in ministries and outreach to others during the past 365 day. When I read Father Schweiger's recent bulletin comments about returning to the full spiritual life of fellowship recently it brought a smile to my face. And speaking of smiles, it is so nice to see more people returning to Mass in person.

We nominated several people for awards at the State Council level. We also put forth some programs that should be recognized for noteworthy achievement. Among these is the Facebook Live broadcast of the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass. Father Beardslee was truly a trailblazer and his efforts have maintained the liturgy in our parish for our community in a way that was followed by others. I hope to be able to share congratulations for the winners, who will be announced soon.

Our State Convention will be virtual again but Supreme is pressing ahead with returning to an in-person convention in Denver, Colorado the first week of August. The end of the school year is fast approaching. Confirmation is on the horizon and Sir Knights of the Patriotic Degree will be busy standing honor guard. And as we approach the end of the Fraternal Year in June we will be looking for nominees for our council Knight of the Year and Family of the Year, who will be honored in August at our council awards banquet.

In closing, I wish you and your families a most blessed Easter, with my reminder to please keep checking in on your friends and neighbors.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2021	Birthdays for April	<u>l</u>		
April 6, Primary election day (VOTE)	Brad Flemmig	4/3	Sid Doher	4/17
April 14, Membership meeting, 7PM Social Hall	Adolph Hosek	4/6	Lloyd Jenkins	4/18
April 11, 7 PM PLES virtual program with Fr. Kilcawley	Greg Gawarecki	4/7	Dana Poore	4/19
Visit parish website to register for event.	Terry Ryan	4/7	Eric Moore	4/21
April 24, Nebraska State Council Virtual Convention	Joe Sloup	4/9	Daniel Ullman	4/21
April 25, Parish pancake breakfast, details coming soon!	Daniel Kloch	4/14	Tim Salmen	4/26
	Ervin Wemhoff	4/15	Robert Broyles	4/27

Family of Month: Joe & Teri Sloup

Knight of Month: Nicholas Cafaro La Menza

Please remember to 'Leave No Neighbor Behind'

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