



Hello Worthy Brother Knights,

We continue to face Coronavirus challenges in our lives. Another month of sequestering, sheltering in place, and virtual connections that fill some of the holes in the time that would normally be filled with fellowship, activities, and the many things that make up community. I was recently reading a letter that my great-grandfather wrote. He was in battle during World War One and returned home to face the Spanish Flu. One comment that struck me was this, "The Germans didn't kill me and I'll be damned if this flu is going to do it to me." The Holy Week live broadcasts were especially refreshing to me and I know for many others. Fr. Schweiger, Fr. Beardslee, Fr. Bourek, Deacon Kuchar, and many lay ministers brought us, and continue to bring us, a liturgy that keeps us connected. Our parish gave us the brief opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist through a process that respected limitations and guidelines on Social Distancing. Nobody knows how much longer we will face these particular challenges, but there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. Pope Francis just said that we need to get back to holding Mass. President Trump has outlined a three-stage approach to getting back to life as we know it in America. And our Order has also been proactive, recently holding an online Exemplification where 22 Nebraska men were among well over 1,000 who were welcomed as new Brother Knights.

We have also seen our Nebraska State Council convention cancelled. Any pertinent business will be voted on online with both Deputy Grand Knight Bob Kelty and I being your delegates. Our council elections will be held electronically. The current slate of officers will be presented for approval for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. We've sent out a call for any additional nominees, so if you would like to put forth someone else for nomination, the time to do that is now.

We've now had to cancel or postpone events for the better part of March and all of April. Until we are told otherwise, it appears that May will be yet another month of the same. Please continue to check on your family, friends, and neighbors. If you know of a need, help out or let someone know so we may be of service to our community. Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are not just principles that describe our Order. They are more than words; they describe our role as Brother Knights. The Knights of Columbus website has a number of pertinent resources, including the program 'Leave No Neighbor Behind.' I invite you to take a look at this program:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/leave-no-neighbor-behind/index.html>

I would like to close on a high note. I am happy to report that Al Schrader is home from Madonna now and his priority is getting the membership cards prepared and in the mail to you. He expects to have this done over the weekend and I look forward to signing the cards ASAP so we get them into the mail. If you are waiting for your check to clear, any remaining payments will be processed immediately. Brother Al thanks you for your prayers and continued support.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2020

May events are cancelled until we receive further notice.

Birthdays for May

Matthew Teinert	5/1	Tom Trumble	5/18
Jeffrey Babl	5/4	James Goodwin	5/19
Rev. Jason Doherty	5/13	John Tvrdy	5/20
Kenneth Hosek	5/13	Patrick Zierke	5/24
Ryan Rosenthal	5/14	Wesley Gyhra	5/25
Chad Speicher	5/14	Bruce Allen	5/28
Joseph Petrzilka	5/16	James Fessler	5/29

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