



My Brother Knights,

I attended the recent membership degree ceremony at Sacred Heart where we welcomed newest Brother Knight John Ray into full membership in our council for the Knights of Columbus. The Sacred Heart degree team did a wonderful job and it was a very nice ceremony. One thing that stood out was the makeup of the degree team. Three of the members were younger Knights, including the Deputy Grand Knight. I'm not sure of their ages, but from my perspective at age 61 was definitely that of younger men.

We have a membership number significantly north of 100 men. The age mix of our membership is varied, but that of the officers and directors is predominantly older and not younger. People who have served for years are reaching a point where perhaps they are ready to pass the torch. I'm aware that a lot of you are active in the parish, even though we don't see you at meetings. When events take place and the call is put out to help out, you come out in force and this is extremely appreciated. One area where we are finding a lack of participation is serving as an officer or committee or project director. Several months ago Bob Kelty announced that he would be stepping down as Deputy Grand Knight, which includes that he is no longer interested in becoming Grand Knight when my term ends. A number of men have been approached about stepping up but the response has resulted in no candidates. We had the first reading of the slate of officers for the upcoming 2021-22 Fraternal Year at our April meeting and are still searching for a Deputy Grand Knight. I have to admit it is bothersome, something I have never seen in the several councils I have been involved with in my many stops during my Department of Defense career.

We also have two long-time project directors stepping down this year. The first is Ken Dolezal, who is looking for someone to pass the torch to for Join Hands Lincoln. This endeavor is a multi-faith cooperation for the betterment of the community. It is not a big time commitment and takes place on the first Saturday each month. New Knight John Ray has volunteered to step up but will be out of town May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ken would really like someone to work with him this year and get a feel for the job. John also travels in his job and it wouldn't be the first time we've had co-chairs.

Speaking of co-chairs, one half of the Dynamic Duo that coordinates the Campaign for the Developmentally Disabled, commonly known as the Tootsie Roll drive, is retiring following the successful wrap-up of our most recent campaign. Gary Micek is stepping down after many years working with Don Buresh on this vital program. Again, this is one that isn't a yearlong job, but more of a seasonal responsibility that includes a short crunch time window and a lot of love helping us support Villa Marie School. Don is ready to show the ropes to someone so please consider this one, too.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year quickly approaches. Yes, it's almost fireworks time. Brian Junemann and Chris Montgomery have been working hard to prepare for this year and several great ideas have been brainstormed. More information will be coming but we will be briefed again at our next meeting May 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

#### Calendar of Events 2021

May 4, General Election, (Get out and VOTE)  
May 5, Membership meeting, 7 PM Finigan Hall  
May 16, Membership Degree, 2 PM  
May 22, Tree cutting at Marian Sisters, 8:30 AM  
May 26, End-of-year School picnic, 10 AM at the School  
May 29, Put out flags at Calvary Cemetery, 9 AM  
June 1, Pickup flags at Calvary Cemetery, 5 PM

**Family of Month: Ken & Carolyn Dolezal**

**Knight of Month: Zack Hosek**

#### Birthdays for May

Matthew Teinert	5/1	Tom Trumble	5/18
Jeff Babl	5/4	John Tvrdy	5/20
Rev Jason Doher	5/4	Wesley Gyhra	5/25
Kenneth Hosek	5/13	Bruce Allen	5/28
Ryan Rosenthal	5/14	James Fessler	5/29
Chad Speicher	5/14		
Joe Petrzilka	5/16		

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