

My Brother Knights,

I would like to welcome new Brother Knight Matt McDonald. Matt becomes the first member of our council to participate in the online exemplification ceremony. This opportunity exists for any First and Second Degree Knight to exemplify to the Third Degree. There are also opportunities for Exemplification to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree online. Information about all of this can be found on the Supreme website, as well as information about the new 'Leave No Neighbor Behind' program.

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped pick up the hymnals and missalettes, as well as all who brought in towels to sanitize the pews with. As we enjoy the opportunity to express our First Amendment Constitutional right to worship, it reminds us how precious those rights are and how easily Satan used this pandemic to deprive of us of what our forefathers fought so hard to earn and many since who have fought to maintain them. As civilians, we have the responsibility to do what we can to preserve them.

With the resumption of the Sacred Liturgy we still have the challenges of measures put into place to prevent the further spread of Covid-19. The 8:30 AM Sunday Mass will continue to be broadcast each week and the dispensation to skip coming to Mass is still in place. So if you are not feeling well, do not feel comfortable attending Mass, fall into one of the at-risk groups, or have someone in your household who is exhibiting symptoms or has tested positive for the Coronavirus, please stay at home. This also applied to our general membership meeting and any functions moving forward.

We held the first-ever virtual State Convention in May. Our May Officers and Directors meeting was the first time we met using the Zoom application. We are approaching the end of the Fraternal Year June 30<sup>th</sup> and there is a lot we need to do as a council to finish strong this year. So, we will be holding our June general membership meeting as scheduled on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in Finigan Hall, as restrictions have been eased regarding in-person gatherings.

One important item to note is we WILL be selling fireworks again this year. Social distancing and sanitation measures have been incorporated into the plan, so we're making adjustments to continue our major fundraiser. The loss of this effort would have significantly curtailed our ability to fund the many programs we support, including direct financial support to the parish and school in excess of \$6,000 this past Fraternal Year. Please watch your e-mail for upcoming details. Thanks to Brother Knights Brian Juneman and Chris Montgomery, our program chairs.

If you have not received your 2020 membership card, please contact Al Schrader. These were mailed recently so you should have received yours. The retention team is contacting members in arrears so if you have not paid your dues, the quickest solution would be to contact Al and get your check to him.

The next major task your officers and directors will be working on is finalizing the program calendar and budget for the 2020-21 Fraternal Year. If you have any programs you would like to see us involved in, or if you have any projects you would like us to consider supporting financially, please let one of us know. Hopefully we will be able to return to inperson events soon. Our annual awards dinner and installation of officers is always a highlight each August. We may never return to buffet meals, but as restrictions are eased and plans are made going forward, hopefully Ricky's Café will be able to accommodate us with a plated meal service. In closing, please continue to check on your family, friends, and neighbors. No need is too great for the charity of our Order in serving our families, parishes, and communities.

## Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2020	Birthdays for June			
June 3 Membership Meeting, 7 PM Finigan Hall	Steve Smith	6/2	Del Ridder	6/13
June 4 Online Benefits Webinar 8:30 PM	Patrick Parker	6/2	Rodney Reffert	6/15
June 13 Drive-Thru Food Drive 11AM-2PM Parking Lot	Patrick Voichahoske	6/3	Al Schrader III	6/16
June 25 Fireworks Meeting 7 PM Finigan Hall	James Anderson	6/3	Donald Buresh, Sr.	6/20
June 23 Officer's Meeting 7 PM Finigan Hall	Fr. Ryan Salisbury	6/8	Nick Vint	6/20
July 2 Fireworks Tent Move-In 3 PM 48 <sup>th</sup> Street	John McDonald	6/10	Ryan Bixenmann	6/22
May/June Knight of the Month Mike Long	Drew Reifschneider	6/11	David Gonser	6/24
May/June Family of the Month Aaron & Theresa Delahoyde	Albert Anderson	6/11	Eldon Cech	6/26
April Knight Gary Taylor Family Jeff & Claire Babl	Patrick Dority	6/12	Zachary Hosek	6/29

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