



My Brother Knights,

I am pleased to share that Greg Gawarecki has stepped forward to become your next Deputy Grand Knight. Since joining our council in July of 2020, Brother Greg has become a very active Knight, helping at just about every event and being at our meetings. Officers will be installed at our Annual Awards Banquet, August 22nd at St. Patrick's, again catered by Ricky's Café of Hanover, Kansas. Yum Yum! And speaking of food, I am pleased to report that we will also be restarting our quarterly food fellowships so be sure to show up at 6:30 on the 2nd so you can eat and share what's been happening in your life with other Brother Knights.

We have several men who continue to work behind the scenes to keep the council running smoothly. Church Director George Oberembt notified me that the Holy Family Shrine in Gretna is now open again to groups, so we have scheduled our next Knights Shrine Mass for Saturday, June 12th at 8AM. A new twist is we will head over to the restaurant in the lodge at Mahoney State Park for brunch immediately after Mass. You will need a park pass to enter the park so if you don't have an annual sticker you will need to purchase a day pass.

I am also pleased to share some other committee news. Gary Taylor will be assuming the Membership Chairmanship, with Steve Bieber taking the co-chair for the Tootsie Roll campaign. Ken Kalisek is our new co-chair of the Life Committee, a big help to Del Ridder. One job that operates behind the curtain is obtaining the pancake batter for our pancake breakfast events. George Oberembt has done this for many years but our April event was his last trekking to the O Street IHOP and Engine House Café so we will need someone to take up this responsibility. George has worked with the restaurants to make this a seamless process and is ready to show you the ropes. It is also with mixed emotions to learn that Father Beardslee will be moving to St. Teresa Parish, so we're sending him out with style as we host a reception following each Mass...Eileen's cookies and refreshments following the Vigil Mass June 12th and donuts will replace the cookies on Sunday June 13th. We thank Fr. Beardslee for his leadership. I remember that one of the first questions he asked when assigned to us, "When do the Knights meet?"

We had a busy Sunday on May 16th. Nico and Jess Tarquinio celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for their fraternal twins, Maddie and Leo. Baptismal Rose Chairman Rod Middagh presented the gifts (his second of the afternoon as there was a baptism prior to the twins), Chaplain Fr. Schweiger administered the Sacrament, and Fr. Samuel Beardslee did a great job entertaining new big brother Orson. Oldest son Ronan did a great job holding the sacred oil for Father Troy.

Jeff Babl participated in the new membership degree to move from First Degree as he exemplified to the Third Degree shortly following the baptisms. His children attended to witness their father taking this step, a wonderful gift of sharing the Knights with his family, a gift his father Sir Knight Paul Babl shared with him previously. We have several Knights who have shared the Knights with their sons, including our latest Knight of the Month Zach Hosek, son of Worthy Advocate Mike Hosek, himself a legacy as the son of Rich Hosek.

We have a busy month before us, starting with picking up flags at the cemetery June 1st at 5 PM, elections June 2nd, Drive-Thru Food Collection Drive June 12th, Fr. Beardslee's farewell reception after each Mass on June 12th and 13th, and the big task of getting the fireworks tent ready for July sales.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2021

June 1, Pickup flags at Calvary Cemetery, 5 PM
June 2, Food fellowship 630 pm, meeting 7 PM, Social Hall
June 9, KOC webinar on long term care, 7:30 PM
June 12, Holy Family Shrine Mass, 8 AM
June 12, Drive-thru Food collection, 11 AM-1 PM
June 12-13, Fr. Beardslee farewell reception following Mass
Firework schedules coming soon!

Family of Month: Mike & Tracy Wesley

Knight of Month: Mike Romberg

Birthdays for June

Matthew Teinert	6/2	Delbert Ridder	6/13
Steven Smith	6/2	Rodney Reffert	6/15
James Anderson	6/3	Al Schrader III	6/16
Pat Voichahoske	6/3	Don Buresh	6/20
Rev. Ryan Salisbury	6/8	Nicholas Vint	6/20
Gerald Frain	6/9	Ryan Bixenmann	6/22
John McDonald	6/10	Matthew McDonald	6/23
Albert Anderson	6/11	David Gonser	6/24
Drew Reifshneider	6/11	Elden Cech	6/26
Patrick Dority	6/12	Zachary Hosek	6/29

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