



Dear Brother Knights,

As I look at the calendar, the realization came to me that this will be my last newsletter column as your Grand Knight. I was recently reminded that I will have the longest tenure in our council's history, stepping up eight months early, 24 months turning into 32. Then Covid hit and we had some additional changes in our leadership structure with the need to isolate being important to the health of key officers. On top of all this, our Financial Secretary was hospitalized and ultimately entered long-term rehabilitative care and I took on the dual role of both offices. I can't begin to appreciate working with Al Schrader these past three years, getting the membership and billing to our current status. I do want to let you know that I feel I am passing the reins to Deputy Grand Knight Greg Gawarecki with the confidence that nothing will change and that we will continue to be a leader in our Order at the local and state level.

I am also happy to report that Bob Kelty will be returning to service as our Chancellor. Bob has served as Financial Secretary, Chancellor, and Deputy Grand Knight in the past and his experience and leadership will be a vital asset. Chancellor Patrick Dority will be ascending to Deputy Grand Knight, with the succession plan being Grand Knight after two years. And Recorder Dave Micek, who initially took the position on an interim basis a few years ago and had announced his desire to pass the torch, has volunteered to serve yet another year. We are truly blessed with so many men with a heart for service and that is another reason why our council prospers. Oh, one last note...with the blessing of the officers, I will assume the permanent duties as your Financial Secretary.

There are so many people to thank for the success of our council these past 32 months. Dave Wilson is perhaps the Past Grand Knight that I leaned on the most, but all of our PGKs are cornerstones to the success of our programs: Steven Becker, Gary Taylor, and Rod Middagh. Patrick Dority, our 2021-22 Nebraska Council Rookie of the Year, has taken on every program we've thrown his way and his energy is contagious. Advocate Mike Hosek and Lecturer Jerry Frain are two more men who I called upon often and never said no. Food for Families, Drive-Through Food Drives, Scholarship Committee, Altar Server Appreciation, the list goes on. Treasurer Jeff Boettcher (and our resident bartender) was truly a champion when Al developed his health complications and I couldn't have done it without him. Warden Martin Wink and Inside Guard Brad Flemmig have both fought through health issues to continually make sure Finigan Hall is set up and you are greeted and checked in with a warm smile. And whenever something needed to be done on short notice, there's Outside Guard Terry Ryan, another go-to guy who gets it done.

Then there are the committee chairs; the dynamic duo of all things Fireworks, Brian Juneman and Chris Montgomery; Del Ridder, who also overcame health issues, with Ken Kalisek stepping up to be his sidekick for our vital Life Committee; George Oberemba and Mike Long carry our Church Program; Don Buresh, Gary Micek, and Steve Bieber with our phenomenal support for the developmentally disabled; and Chief Pat Stanoshek, who also does so much without being asked. In closing, as men of faith as part of one of the largest Catholic charitable fraternal organizations in the world, we are led by our spiritual captain, Fr. Troy Schweiger. We all know how we are blessed by his ministry and care of his flock. His energy is contagious. As I pass the torch like the Olympic Flame, I thank all of our members for the countless personal commitment and resources you sacrifice for the betterment of the council, parish, and community.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2022

6/1 Membership meeting, Finigan Hall
6:30 PM Food Fellowship, 7 PM Meeting
6/1 Pick up flags at Calvary Cemetery, 5 PM
6/11 Drive-thru food collection drive 11 AM-2 PM, parking lot
6/12 I-80 Collar Series 3 PM, Tal Anderson Field Omaha
6/24 Altar Server Appreciation with the Saltdogs, 7 PM
6/27 Officer's Meeting 7 PM, Finigan Hall
7/6 Membership meeting, 6:30 PM hot dogs, 7 PM business

Family of the Month: Jim and Mary Fessler

Birthdays for June

Steve Smith	6/2	Rodney Reffert	6/15
James Anderson	6/3	Albert Schrader III	6/16
Aaron Wendl	6/4	Donald Buresh	6/20
Rev Ryan Salisbury	6/8	Nicholas Vint	6/20
Gerald Frain	6/9	Matthew McDonald	6/23
Albert Anderson	6/11	David Gonzer	6/24
Patrick Dority	6/12	Eldon Cech	6/26
Delbert Ridder	6/13	Zachary Hosek	6/29

Knight of the Month: Fr David Bourek

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