

My Brother Knights,

I would like to thank you for electing me to my first full term as your Grand Knight. In the background the past several months have been full of challenges. I appreciate the foundation that Rod Middagh set for my success and for the assistance of the trustees, Fr. Schweiger, and all of you. We're getting plans in place for the 2020-21 Fraternal Year, starting with a planning meeting to set the calendar and budget for the year. We will meet July 29th so it is important for program directors to gather historical data from past years and have an idea of future projections. If you have suggestions for programs you would like the council to sponsor, please contact me so I can gather all of the information we need.

I have to say it was good seeing many of you in person at our June meeting. We practiced social distancing and had very good attendance. The chance of the Coronavirus spreading is still out there, but we are back to meeting in person with precautions set to maintain a safe and welcoming environment. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting July 1st at 7 PM. Covid-19 continues to affect large gatherings, the latest casualty being the 138th Supreme Convention. Washington, DC was set to be our hosts but years of planning and hard work have been negated as the event will now be online.

But we're fortunate here at St. Patrick's to continue to get back to some type of regularity. I'm pleased to announce that Ricky's Café has agreed to cater our 2020 Council Awards banquet on August 23rd. Ricky's is aware of the challenges catering our function and will provide the same quality we have come to expect with the enhancements needed to maintain proper sanitation and directed health measure compliance.

We're on the eve of our most important fundraiser, our fireworks stand. We need Knights and their family members to step up on July 3rd and July 4th to work four-hour shifts as cashiers, inventory, online sales, and runners. The significant financial support we provide to the parish and school is made possible from this fundraiser, so please sign up if you have not already done so.

Our first-ever drive-through food collection drive June 13th was a huge success. Nine Knights collected almost 500 pounds of donations for the Catholic Charities food pantry. While not matching the amount we would have collected during the Lenten Food Drive, it did provide a much needed boost. The officers have decided to schedule two for the next Fraternal Year that starts July 1st, in addition to our Lenten Food Drive and regular food donations by parishioners in the blue barrel and at our meetings.

Our Knight of the Month for July is Steve Smith. In addition to serving as acolyte and the many things he does in the parish, Brother Steve provided our new council banner and brought our deceased Knights plaque current. He's also working on a concept for a deceased Knights wall hanging that I think everyone will appreciate.

Our Family of the Month for July is Adrian and Holly Carlson. Adrian is also an acolyte and Holly is the pre-school teacher at St. Patrick School. They are also God Teens mentors and are soon to welcome the arrival of their third child.

Please share your experiences as a Knight with other Catholic men in the parish. The growth of the order and of our council is the lifeblood of our Order, as it is with other membership organizations. But the Knights of Columbus is not a club; we're a closely-knit group of Catholic men living the values of Faith, Family, Community, and Sanctity of Life. Online exemplifications are now available on-demand. All it takes for a new prospect to become a Knight is a 30-minute ceremony once the application for membership has been submitted. I wish you a happy and safe 4th of July and hope your family activities are times for building memories.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2020

July 1 General Meeting, Social Hall at 7 PM
July 2 Move inventory into Fireworks Tent, 4 PM
July 3 & 4 Fireworks sales, 8 AM-Midnight
July 4 Fireworks Tent breakdown, 10 PM
July 28 Officers Meeting, Finigan Hall, 7 PM
July 29 Budget & Program Planning Meeting, 6 PM Al's
August 23 Awards Banquet, 5 PM St. Patrick's Gym

Birthdays for July			
Fr. Samuel Beardslee	7/1	Lawrence Benes, Jr.	7/14
Dennis Barnhill	7/4	Harry Endrulat	7/15
John Scdoris	7/5	Anthony Etherington	7/18
Matthew Perrion	7/6	Michael Benes	7/21
Fr. David Bourek	7/8	Ricardo Ramos	7/25
Michael Fujan	7/10	Thomas McMahon	7/26
Val Hruska	7/11	Richard Zierke	7/28
Michael Shaal	7/12	David Densler	7/29
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