



My Brother Knights,

Well, if it's July then that means...fireworks!!! Brothers Brian Juneman and Chris Montgomery have been hard at work behind the scenes and we're geared up for another great 4th of July at the corner of N. 48th and Madison Streets again. A few changes include we are not doing online sales, nor are we utilizing the online sign-up toll from last year as both endeavors resulted in minimal benefit, more work than the benefits received. We were the #1 tent for in-person sales and I think this is a result of being in a predominantly blue collar neighborhood with a visible location along a major arterial street in Lincoln. But this makes manning shifts and duty stations a more critical function, so we hope everyone can help out as needed. We'll unload the trailer and stock the tent Friday, July 2nd, with sales running Saturday and Sunday, followed by breaking everything down,

We just returned to hosting Mass at the Holy Family Shrine June 12th as over 40 people enjoyed Father Beardslee's last official function in our council before moving over to St. Theresa's. We have been hosting Mass at the Shrine for 17 years, a fact Brother George Oberembt proudly shared with me. Brother Mike Long was our lector and two of Brother Ken Dolezal's grandsons were our servers, two of the Jordan children. A small group went over to the lodge at Mahoney State Park for brunch afterwards. We are extremely fortunate to have such a blessed, serene location close enough to us so we can do this.

June 12th was quite a busy day for us, as following Mass we hosted our third drive-thru food collection drive supporting the food pantry at Catholic Charities, receiving several hundred pounds of food, 364 days after the very first event. While Covid concerns may be waning, this event designed to minimize contact during the pandemic has proven to be extremely successful. We ended the day hosting a farewell reception following the Vigil Mass for Father Beardslee, complete with Eileen's Cookies! We continued the send-off as fellowships were held following each Sunday Mass, scrumptious Hy-Vee donuts taking the place of the cookies. We also took this opportunity as an extension of Project Lazarus, a State Council program designed to welcome parishioners back to Mass in-person and as an outreach and membership recruitment tool.

Another pre-Covid tradition returned, as we hosted a food fellowship prior to our June meeting, complete with a variety of Little King sandwiches, along with chips, cookies, and beverages. It was great seeing so many Knights in attendance, as well as welcoming our newest member as Brother Dennis Allen transferred in from the Sacred Heart Council. We also had a guest and prospective new member, a reminder to share the Knights of Columbus with your friends, neighbors and Catholic men of the parish. A highlight of the evening was receiving three significant awards. Kyra Connolly was awarded first place for the entire State of Nebraska in the 5-7 age group for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. The council also received the 2nd place Publicity Award, as well as the top recognition for a sustaining project of five years or longer for the Pro-Life Education Series.

We may take a bit of a breather following fireworks, but the officers and directors will be busy preparing the calendar and budget for the new Fraternal Year that commences July 1st. After a program review of the previous year at the June officer's meeting, we'll set the calendar and budget on July 28th, so if you have any ideas for programs to host or projects to support please let me know.

And be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Council Awards Banquet August 22nd in Finigan Hall, again catered by Ricky's Café of Hanover, Kansas. We are so fortunate that they continue to come to Lincoln to serve such a wonderful meal for us!

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2021

July 1, Fireworks tent setup, 4PM
July 2, Fireworks product setup, 1PM
July 3-4, Fireworks sales, 8AM – 11PM
July 4, Tent cleanup begins at 10:30PM
July 28, Budget meeting, 6 PM, Finigan Hall
August 8, Walk to End Hunger Pius X HS Track, 5-8PM
August 22, Awards Banquet, Finigan Hall, 5PM

Family of Month: George & Mary Ann Oberembt

Knight of Month: Martin Wink

Birthdays for July

Fr. Samuel Beardslee	7/1	Lawrence Benes	7/14
Matthew Perrion	7/5	Harry Endrulat	7/15
Fr. David Bourek	7/8	Anthony Etherington	7/18
Val Hruska	7/11	Michael Benes	7/21
Michael Shaal	7/12	Ricardo Ramos	7/25
Alex Driscoll	7/13	Thomas McMahon	7/25
Jim Woita	7/13	David Densler	7/29
		Martin Wink	7/30

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