



My Brother Knights,

Well, we set another record for fireworks sales again this year, over \$102,000! Breaking that \$100k mark was quite an accomplishment that we couldn't have done without you and your families. From the leadership of Brian Juneman and Chris Montgomery, to the many integral people who run the inventory system, the cash and sales system, and supporting the rest of the team, and to all of you who invested a great deal of sweat equity setting up the tent, unloading the trailer, working one or more shifts, thank you. It truly is a labor of love that allows us to provide many vital programs and ministries, not only in the parish, but also in the community. We do a lot of things, but the fireworks stand is truly a family activity, so many spouses and children who step up to help out. ThanxasBunch! A few years ago I met a man at a Saltdogs game. His name is Samuel and he is from Uganda. It was his very first baseball game. We enjoyed good conversation during the game and became connected on Facebook. Samuel's labor of love is Bethel Ministries in Uganda. They have a school with about 220 students, many coming from abject poverty at home. Recently Samuel shared more about his ministry with me. One thing that resonated with me as a Social Studies teacher is water. They drill wells. Many in Nebraska, especially those in farming and ranching, can relate to drilling wells. But in Uganda the wells they drill are by hand. Samuel was back in Nebraska recently. I shared a short video about the well project and I'm pleased to announce that your council has approved sending \$500 towards drilling a well, 10 percent of the \$5,000 cost for one well. While Samuel was here he also met with our school principal, Mrs. Placek, and they will be starting a pen pal program as Bethel School will also be back in session this month following a year off due to Covid. Stay tuned for more news as God continues to work in Uganda. By the time you read this, the officers and program chairmen will have met to finalize the 2021-22 Fraternal Year calendar and budget. Financial support goes a long way, but most of the programs we do at the council level require people, a commitment of time. Please help out when you can. One exciting program will take place August 8th from 2-5 PM at the Pius X track, the Walk to End Hunger. We will be holding a food drive similar to our Lenten event, with bags distributed the week before the event and people may either drop them off at church or at Pius for the event. Mike Hosek is behind this program that will support the St. Francis food pantry at Catholic Social Services. We have committed to support this event and help will be needed before, during, and after the event. More details will be shared at our August 4th meeting and we'll share that through e-mail for those who can't be there. Our annual Council Awards Banquet and installation of officers will take place August 22nd starting at 5 PM in Finigan Hall. A buffet dinner will be catered by Ricky's Café of Hanover, Kansas. We will also be recognizing many, culminating with the Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. There is no cost to attend so please plan to join us in food, fun, and fellowship.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2021

Aug. 4, Membership meeting 7PM, Finigan Hall
Aug. 8, Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree, 1:30PM
Aug. 8, Walk to End Hunger, 5-8 PM, Pius X HS track
Aug. 13, Blessed Michael J. McGivney Feast Day
Aug. 20, Altar Servers Saltdogs, 5:45PM, leave from church
Aug. 22, Annual Awards Banquet, 5PM Finigan Hall
Sept. 1, Membership meeting, 7PM Finigan Hall

Family of Month: Al & Judy Schrader

Knight of Month: James Bunch

Birthdays for August

Kevin Finson	8/1	Joel Blaser	8/16
James Hoelscher	8/1	Michael Wesely	8/16
Ken Kalisek	8/2	Paul Ceglia	8/19
David Micek	8/6	Bob Keltly	8/21
Michael McHale	8/12	Craig Arent	8/25
Michael Long	8/13	James Bunch	8/25
Rodney Gustafson	8/14	George Riggs	8/30
Michael Romberg	8/31		

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