

Knights Newsletter April 21, 2020

Brother Knights,

This continues to be a challenging time for many of us. We went through Holy Week only attending services virtually. Hopefully you have had more time to connect with family and friends online or over the phone. Please continue to pray for our front line workers, all first responders, medical staffs and all those working in essential services. Our prayers also go out to all those suffering from COVID-19 and pray for healing for all.

We held our first virtual meeting on April 14 and had 36 members in attendance. Our next meeting will be on May 12. Our meeting is easily accessible on ZOOM for anyone with a PC, Mac, tablet, iPad or smart phone. We recognized John Lutz as our **Knight of the Month**. Our Financial Secretary has been busy behind the scenes with producing membership cards, maintaining our online database, submitting necessary forms to Supreme, processing our mail and maintaining our financial records. Thank you John for all you do.

We held nominations again and we have the current candidates for office.

Grand Knight Ed Hurst Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight John Guth
Chancellor Chuck Lang
Recorder Ron Kretschmer
Treasurer Ken Svoboda
Advocate Joe Bradley
Warden Jeff Battistella
Inside Guard Wally Stang
Outside Guard (two openings) John Safran, Bob Liebau
Trustee Third Year Dennis Oszust
Trustee Second Year Bob Rugenski

We will hold nominations and elections at our May membership meeting. Please plan to attend.

We have cancelled all April events and will update everyone concerning May events.

We have made changes on maintaining our prayer list online. Worthy Faithful Navigator Gene Suchyta continues to maintain this list. The list is getting lengthy and some of the names have been on the list for over 2 years. If people need to stay on the list we will be happy to do that but going forward it will take some effort on your part. We will keep the names on the list for 13 weeks. After the 13 weeks you will have an option online to extend the name for another 13 weeks by clicking on a link in the prayer list. If this is difficult for anyone, a simple email to the Grand Knight to extend the name on the list will also be sufficient. No names will be removed until after June 15 to allow everyone a chance to extend names.

On April 16 Supreme held its first online exemplification and it was a huge success. The online exemplification was open to all family members and took about 40 minutes. We had one new member

join, Tim Gondek. He had been recruited by Tom Solak. Welcome Tim. We had 13 First degree members receive their Third Degree. Congratulations to all.

Marty McCleelan, Nate Svoboda, Carl Zahn, Dave DiFranco, Dave Kubinski, Wayne Worosz, Nick Brown, Mike Polovich, Bob Wielechowsk, Jeff Nisczak, Joe Nagi, Dick Williams, and Andy Mille.

Supreme will hold online exemplification on April 23 and April 30. You need to register for these events. For any First Degree members, who wish to achieve full Knighthood, just reach out to me or Larry Redman.

The Vocations Dinner that we purchased a table of 10 for has been rescheduled for June 7. Cocktails at 3:00 pm and dinner at 4:00 pm. Father Paul is the featured speaker. You sign up for this online and just email me. This will be at DeCarlo's in Warren.

Supreme has donated \$1 Million to Dioceses throughout the country to be used for food pantries. Detroit was one of the Dioceses to receive funds. Supreme also waived the assessments to the councils that usually occur on July 1. This was a savings of \$518 to our council.

At the membership meeting we approved donations of \$500 each to both the SJN St. Vincent DePaul Society and to Journey to Housing. We collected \$6.00 each from many of our members for Sacred Heart Major Seminary. We voted to make up the difference between members who paid the \$6.00 and those who were unable to pay the \$6.00. We wrote a check for \$382 from this meeting, which was an additional \$322.00. Our total contribution to SHMS for the year was \$1,020.00.

We are required by Supreme to pay the Financial Secretary 8% of dues collected which amounts to \$461. John Lutz opted to have the entire amount donated to the St. Louis Center. Thank you to John.

The State Convention this year will be a virtual one and it will be held on May 23. Ed Hurst and I will be in attendance.

We have established a phone tree. Thank you to all who volunteered to make calls to check on our members.

Michael Tallman, Travis Miller, Ron LeTourneau, Ron Rathbun(from the Philippines), Joe Bradley, Chip Ostermeyer, Joe Camill, Dan Bihn, Larry Redman, Rob Dempsey, Ron Kretschmer, Chuck Lang and Larry Maccani.

Thank you for all that you do, especially in these difficult times. Stay safe and trust in the Lord.

God Bless

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