

SJN Knights of Columbus Newsletter May 18, 2020

Brother Knights,

I hope this finds you all doing well and staying safe. With some restrictions being lifted and public Masses at SJN starting this weekend, it's a welcome relief. Please continue to be safe and practice the safety guidelines.

We elected a new slate of officers for 2020-2021 at our membership meeting on May 12. Congratulations to the new officers and thank you for stepping up to lead us next year. The new fraternal year starts on July 1. They newly elected officers are listed below.

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

Due to COVID 19 and councils having to shut down, Supreme has cut the membership goals for each council by 40% and the insurance member goal by 50%. Prior to these adjustments we had qualified for a Triple Star Award. With the adjustments we now qualify for 5 star or a Quintuple Star Award and we reached 300% of our insurance goal! Thank you for all your diligence and efforts in bringing men to the Knights of Columbus and helping us help others.

All of our May events to date have been cancelled and I'll keep you all posted as we start to do any Knight events. Since the April newsletter we have had two more members complete their second and third degrees via the convenient online exemplification. Congratulations to Dennis Keshishian and Jim Michalik for achieving full Knighthood. We only have 9 first degree members left. For those members, please consider attending the Supreme online exemplifications that our Membership Director, Larry Redman, will be inviting you too. Family are welcome to attend these exemplifications.

Our **Family of the Year for 2019-2020** was announced at the meeting. Congratulations to the Brian and Kelly Zahn family. Brian is Past Grand Knight of our Council and currently is a District Deputy for the Knights. This year Brian was the financial director for our highly successful St. Patrick's Party/Reverse Raffle fund raiser where we raised \$10,630. He coordinates the monthly refreshments for the Parish's hospitality weekend, run by the Knights. Kelly has coordinated the District donation for the Holy Cross Children's Services Christmas bath baskets and sweatshirts. Carl has been a member of the Knights

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since 2018. Carl has volunteered as a helper with the Lenten Supper and Car Wash fund-raiser. Carl has also helped with Hospitality Weekend at Church. Both Brian and Kelly are part of the Funeral and Rosary Ministry, are Eucharistic Ministers, and are members of the Marriage Prep team. Both are Co-Chairs for the newly established Marriage Alpha program. Both participate in a "Connect Group" that meets monthly in homes with 18 other couples. They share a meal, personal testimony and praise and worship. Brian is also a Lector, the Hospitality Refreshments Coordinator, and a member of the St. John Neumann Finance Council. Kelly is on the St. John Neumann Leadership team and a member of Neumann's Needlers. She has been an Alpha Host, Helper, and Session Leader. She is a Vacation Bible School Assistant and is the Past Parish Vision Team Chair-Discipleship. Roger is a Eucharistic Minister, Usher, and is part of the Young Adult Youth Ministry, and has participated in the "That Man is You" program. Kathleen was last year's Vacation Bible School Coordinator, is an Usher, a Young Adult Leader and was a member of the St. John Neumann Youth Group leadership team. Carl is a Eucharistic Minister, Usher and a member of the Young Adult Group. Carl is active in Lewis University's Ministry as a retreat leader. Brian is Vice-President of the Board for Journey to Housing and is the Treasurer-elect for The Plymouth Community United Way. He is a United Way Alexis de Tocqueville member.

Our Treasurer Ken Svoboda was recognized as the **Knight of the Month**. Aside from maintaining our books and our banking he has also been active in the past month with setting up online meetings for the conclusion of the spring Alpha session. He was the Session leader and serves on the Alpha leadership committee. Ken also set up an online meeting for his Connect group to meet together. Congratulations to our award winners.

Our Worthy Faithful Navigator Gene Suchyta, has done a lot of work on our website, kofc16169.org, that is not transparent, but a big deal on the back end. Soon there will be a "members only" section in which Gene has put in a lot of security so outsiders will not be able to access it. Once that section goes live, I will let you all know.

The parish will start daily Masses tomorrow May 19 at 9:00 am and a full slate of Sunday Masses, this weekend. Saturday at 4:30 pm, Sunday at 8:30, 10:30, 12:30 and 6:00. Please wear a mask and follow the instructions for social distancing. Masks will be available for those who do not have one. On May 30, starting at 9:00 am, people are asked to help clean up the parish grounds. Just show up at 9:00 am, there is no sign up list. We had at least 10 Knights who volunteered at the May meeting.

I will continue to keep you all posted on any updates. After our membership meeting on June 9, there will be a transition period with incoming Grand Knight Ed Hurst Jr. Ed will take over officially on July 1.

I truly appreciate all of your efforts and I look forward to the day when we can meet once again in person.

God Bless

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