

Knights of Columbus 16169 July 2020 Newsletter

Worthy Brother Knights,

July begins the new Fraternal Year, and with that the terms of the newly elected officers to lead our council for Fraternal Year 2020 – 2021 begins. I would like to thank our retiring officers for their service, Dan Timmerman – Grand Knight, Joe Pryce – Warden, Dave Kennedy – Trustee 3rd Year, Justin Schafer – Outside Guard. I hope this finds you all doing well and staying safe. With the current restrictions and social distancing requirements we will continue the in-person/Go To Meeting format. We would like to start the “Knights Nosh” again and we will need a new refreshments lead(s) for the new Fraternal Year. Please congratulate our incoming officers, directors, and chairs 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** – Walter Stang
- **Outside Guard(s)** - John Safran, Bob Liebau
- **Trustee Third Year** - Dennis Oszust
- **Trustee Second Year** - Bob Rugenski
- **Trustee First Year** – Bill Etienne
- **Program Director** – John Guth
- **Membership Director** – Larry Redman
- **FIA Directors:**
 - **Life** – Marshall Grazioli
 - **Family** – Bob Rugenski
 - **Faith** – Joe Camill
 - **Community** – Chuck Lang
- **Chairs:**
 - **Vocations** – Joe Camill
 - **Retention** – John Guth
 - **MI Drive** – Larry Redman/Joe Pryce

We ended the Fraternal Year strong. We would like to welcome the following new brother Knights to our Council: Dan Pfeiffer, Christopher Kotcher, and Michael Cabaj, and welcome Jason Turner who transferred into our Council. The State Council had the Summer Kick Off Meetings on June 30th and July 1st. Great changes are coming with the new year. The motto for the Fraternal Year 2020 -2021 is “Rise up and Answer the Call!” Will you answer the call? Supreme membership quota’s is 5% of membership which translates to minimum of 3 and maximum of 20. Our quota for 2020-2021 is 9 new members. Our Insurance Quota/Benefit

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Goals have changed to hosting two Fraternal Benefit Seminars with 10 Catholic Men per Council in attendance.

Family of the Month:

Pilotto Family. Joe, Beth Ann, Michael, Michelle Pilotto Kennedy, Marilyn Pilotto Ross, Marlene Pilotto, and Mark Pilotto

The Pilotto family has been a member of our parish for 34 years. Joe and Beth Ann have 6 adult children. They have been married for 45 years but were just married in the Catholic Church just two years ago in June.

We know best their daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Dave Kennedy, their son Michael, and Bethann.

Michele, Dave and Michael have truly been a spiritual inspiration for Beth Ann.

Beth Ann retired a little more than a year ago and she was pulled toward SJN. Fun note: The First Monday of her retirement she went to mass and announced to all there that she was retired, and Fr Paul said that we'll be getting in touch with you. Beth Ann after joining the Women's organization went from V P to President the next year. She loves this group! They are all so eager to serve the Lord in a variety of ways, prayer, fund raising, socializing, and charitable services. Love spending time with her Grandkids. Which is one of the reasons she enjoys helping at Pray and Play. Beth Ann has been involved in planning many parish gatherings, kitchen ministry, a group leader for VBS and most recently was Fr. Marks Appreciation Reception.

Michael/Mikey is involved in a lot of services besides being a Knight. He ushers two masses a week, helps the sacristan's, and greets all as they enter the church. Michael is always volunteering for any of the outreach programs and helped with flower planting, and his most important gift from God is his smile and sincere love for everyone.

Michele and Dave a fellow brother Knight, most important calling right now Mentors for the Witness to Love program for engaged couples.

Congratulations to the Pilotto Family. Joe, Beth Ann, Michael, Michelle Pilotto Kennedy, Marilyn Pilotto Ross, Marlene Pilotto, and Mark Pilotto

Knight(s) of the Month:

Larry Redman - Our Membership Director was recognized as a co-Knight of the Month. Larry has been busy helping us reach our goal and exceed it. He helped get the new Knights scheduled for the online Exemplifications and current Knights attend their Third Degree. He is also one of the Co-Leads of a Connect Group that meets monthly.

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Chuck Lang - Our Chancellor and FIA Community Director was recognized as a co-Knight of the Month. Member of the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Helped with VBS Summer 2019. Chuck helped with parish grounds cleanup and getting the part II mulch spread out volunteers.

Happenings:

We had a few happenings during the month of June. We participated in two parish grounds cleanups and thank you all that assisted. It looks great. We did Adoration Security on June 19-20. We said our goodbyes to Fr. Mark on June 20/21.

Protecting God's Children:

SJN is currently reorganizing our plan for the AOD's Safe Environment Program to ensure all required information is on file. To do this most efficiently, we are creating a master volunteer list so that as people sign up to volunteer, all staff can verify that all required paperwork is completed and Protecting God's Children has been completed prior to volunteering. All parishioners who plan to volunteer in the parish will need to complete a New Michigan Background Check with a copy of driver's license (to make sure we can read your writing), a volunteer code of conduct (this is a new form required from the AOD) and ensure Protecting God's Children class is completed.

To aid in the compiling of this information, Joyce Hansen and I will be at a table outside of Baldwin Hall at 6:00 PM prior to the Knights of Columbus Meetings in July and August to collect this information from any Knight who plans to volunteer ANYWHERE at SJN in the future. Please come early if possible, to complete this information packet. All information is kept confidential.

Please be safe and hope to see you at our meetings physically or online.

God Bless!

VIVAT JESUS

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