



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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ST. THOMAS BECKET, AND ST. PETER

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## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brothers

I am honored that you have selected me to be the Grand Knight of our council. I want to thank Paul Epstein for serving as Grand Knight the past three years. I look forward to leading our council and welcome input from you as to how we can better serve our parishes and community. Our council is blessed with many active members and we rely on you to keep our council strong. As Father Howe told us a year ago when he left our council "change is inevitable, but change also allows us to improve what we do." I look forward to working with you to improve how we serve our mission.

Vivat Jesus

Dick Benson

Grand Knight

## PAST GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE::

Brothers,

Thank you for all of your support over the last three years. It has been an honor to serve as Grand Knight. There are a lot of great things going on in our Council right now and I am sure Dick Benson will keep the momentum going. All of that momentum comes from you, your volunteer service, and your referral of men to join our Order. Keep up the good work!

Vivat Jesus,

Paul Epstein

Past Grand Knight

## CHAPLAINS MESSAGE:::

*And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.*

These are the final words of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, and, after reading them, I found them to be quite compatible with the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism make up the four guiding principles of this organization, and these principles also are at the very heart of the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration's writers were intensely aware of the lack of charity shown by the British government to them and, as a result, were aware of their inherent rights being infringed upon. Therefore, in my best estimation, charity (or lack thereof) was an essential concern of our Founding Fathers.

Unity, of course, lies at the very heart of who we are as a country. Fraternity is shown so eloquently in that final line quoted above, that we citizens in this great country pledge our lives to one another to safeguard these freedoms we have received from Almighty God. And patriotism is that virtue that gives us the motivation to defend that fraternity for unity in charity.

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, we thank God for his wonderful blessings upon the United States and its citizens. In a letter to his wife, Abigail, John Adams wrote, "A whole government of our own choice, managed by person whom we love, revere, and can confide in, has charms in it for which men will fight." Never lose sight of how precious it is to live in a country of laws protected by the rights given to us by God. Happy Independence Day!

Father Mark Pavlak,  
Council Chaplain



## NOTES FROM JUNE MEETING:::

1. Suzanna Shute from "Life Works" thanked the council for the donation from our Tootsie Roll Program. She explained the work they do and how these funds will be used.
2. Mark Mischke from St. Peter's Parish, told us about the new Adoration Chapel they are building and asked if some of our members would like to sign up for an hour of adoration.
3. Grand Knight, Paul Epstein, reported on the State Convention. The Council received the "Excellence Award" and Second place in the Community category for our "Coats for Kids" program. It was also announced that our council was second in the state for "Supporting Seminarians". We had a very good year.
4. We have a Solo's Pizza night on Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> pick up a flyer or go to the web site and print one off.

5. St John Neumann has requested an Honor Guard for the 5:00 Mass with the Archbishop on August 5<sup>th</sup> for the celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also they have asked that the Knights cook burgers and brats. We will try to have a soccer challenge for any youth that wish to play.
6. We are still short ten members to meet our goal for this year.
7. The council is scheduled to sell brats at Von Hanson's on the weekend of July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to help. This is our biggest money maker of the year. If you can't help at least stop by and buy the family lunch of brats.
8. Reminder the August 5<sup>th</sup> is the "Laps for Life" at Apple Valley. Everyone is invited to take part in this run.
9. Election of Officers for the coming year are as follows: Grand Knight – Dick Benson; Deputy Grand Knight – Bruce Wakefield; Chancellor – Joe Conlon; Recorder – Jerry Fay; Treasure – Mark Hoffman; Advocate – Ryan Benson; Warden – Bruce Musolf; Inside Guard – Mike Schmit; Outside Guard – Tom Dauw; Three Year Trustee – Paul Epstein. Thank you to the men that served as officers last year and congratulations to our new officers.
10. Paul asked that members sign up to walk in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. The whole family can take part in the parade.
11. Grand Knight, Paul Epstein, presented the "Family of the Month Award" to the Ken Hortsch Family and the "Knight of the Month Award" to Bruce Musolf.
12. **Stephen Matlon's** name was drawn in our attendance drawing and would have won \$55.00 if he had been present. The drawing at our July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be for \$60.00. Hope to see you there.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### The following have Birthdays in July:

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 22 John Benson    | 07 Keith Bentler      |
| 21 Kevin Benz     | 24 Shirley Burkard    |
| 16 Robert Cass    | 30 Steven Conlin      |
| 04 Colleen Davy   | 08 Mark Determan      |
| 25 David Dye      | 23. Steven Filippini  |
| 01 William Fliehr | 20 Arthur Haspesslagh |
| 11 Matthew Hobbs  | 15 Jim Ingram         |
| 26 Paul Johnson   | 26 Gary Kral          |
| 06 Andy Lambert   | 29 Gregory McAfee     |
| 20 Donald O'Grady | 06 Anthony Pascuzzi   |
| 10 Leslie Racine  | 21 Dante Rossini      |
| 16 John Shields   | 05 Thomas Smith       |
| 30 Gerald Spinner | 29 Mark Sportelli     |
| 23 Terry Stadick  | 21 Jason Vievering    |



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

July 4

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**Please sign up to walk in the parade with council line up at slot 50 about 9:45**

July 8 and 9

Brat Sale at Von Hanson's Please sign up to help

July 10

Knights of Columbus meeting at Faithful Shepherd School 7:30 after 7:00 Rosary in the Chapel

July 28

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. IF I AM BACK TO DO IT.**

August 5

Rosemount "Laps for Life"

August 5 and 6

St. John Neumann Summer Sizzle Knights will be cooking again this year.

August 14

Knights of Columbus meeting at Faithful Shepherd School 7:30 After 7:00 Rosary in the Chapel

August DTBD

Softball Tournament

August 27

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER**

September 4

### **LABOR DAY**

September 11

Knights of Columbus meeting at Faithful Shepherd School 7:30 after 7:00 Rosary in the Chapel

**July 2017 Auxiliary News  
No July or August meetings**

**God Bless America and Happy 4th of July. Have a great summer and safe travels.**

**Margaret Hendricks**

**Auxiliary President**

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