

Brother Knights – Plymouth/Elkhart Lake Council #1789:

God is great! Yesterday, our oldest daughter Ali married Jon Renk in a beautiful ceremony in Sun Prairie. As parents, we always hope and pray that our children make good choices. One down, two to go!

There will not be a scheduled August meeting this Tuesday. I talked with Scott Dedlow, and he told me that the Archdiocese is currently in Phase One. No meetings of any kind will be allowed on church grounds until we reach Phase Two. Even then, totals are limited to 9 members. To advance to Phase Three requires a vaccine, so Fish & Brat Frys will not be allowed until we reach that level. We are looking at other options for a September meeting.

I pray that you and your families are well. During these unusual times, many of us have viewed Father Phil's weekly homily from home. Some may also be viewing Cardinal Dolan from St. Patrick's cathedral in New York on Fox News or Archbishop Listecki's weekly sermon. These are all great messages for you to take with you into the work week.

Let me suggest a fourth potential option, attending Mass at St. John the Baptist or St. Thomas Aquinas. Nothing replaces the spiritual lift that we get by attending Mass with our Catholic Family and receiving Holy Communion. With a safety-first commitment to our parishioners including social distancing, it is a very safe experience. Please keep in mind that there are a limited number of seats available and sign up is done on-line before Mass. You can still attend mass without pre-registering, however seating will be limited.

Our Council remains very active, in spite of the global pandemic. Don Sager led our Highway Clean-Up on July 25th. He would like to thank Bill Hand, Bill Rusch, John Pfankuch, Warren Weiser, Chris Meyer, Richard & Nancy Diedrich, Ed Lenn and Gary Ausloos. Many hands made for quick work, with everything done in less than an hour! A big thank you to all those who helped to serve the Knights of Columbus and our local community. Next Clean Up Day is September 12th at 8:00 am! - Don Sager

We raised over \$700.00 during this year's Tootsie Roll Campaign so far. Gerry Brunner would like to thank Dana Behmke for his years of service at Kohler. We are still planning to hand out tootsie rolls at the Piggly Wiggly later this fall. Gerry will be scheduling Knights.

Gerry is talking with the Piggly Wiggly about a Labor Day Weekend Brat Fry to benefit the Schwarten Family, who lost their home to a house fire on July 24th. Details are forthcoming. Please call Gerry at 526-8001 or myself at 838-2564 if you can help.

Bill Rusch forwarded an email from church, looking for help for the Schwarten family with the following items:

Hot water turned on and tested out (currently winterized): If you are comfortable with all things hot water related, we are seeking your assistance ASAP. We are looking for someone to turn the hot water back on, run things, testing it out to make sure it is good to go after being winterized last fall. This is the first priority - ASAP, no later than this Friday. If this is you, please contact Sarah Schwarten (920-907-3575).

Floor installation (pull up carpet and install laminate flooring in two rooms): If you are skilled with floor installation and are able to donate your time within the next week, the Schwarten family would be much appreciated. They have the materials and are looking for someone to remove carpet and install laminate flooring. This is the second major priority. Ideally, the installation will happen ASAP but definitely by the end of next week! If this is you, please contact Sarah Schwarten (920-907-3575).

After home improvements have been completed, the move-in will happen. We can use some helpful hands and strong legs and backs to help move the family! Please contact Paige

Katzfey, SJB Pastoral Associate, to add your name to the mover list (pkatzfey@sibplymouth.org or 920-892-4006). We will reach out to those who sign up once we know the dates/times (probably day of/day before). Ideally, this would happen within the next two weeks?!

Bill will be assisting with pulling up flooring and encourages other Knights to help. If you can help, please call either Sarah or Paige.

Final totals are in for the golf outing. Total Gross is \$13,128.00, one of the largest totals ever. The MACC Fund receives \$6,302.83, Harold Meyer Scholarship total is \$2,140.00, and the Council retains \$1,093.30. Thank you to all who helped!

Our State Warden, Corey Coonen, recently sent you an email challenging each of us to Make A Difference by bringing in a new member to our Order in the next three months. For us to do great charitable works in the future, we need to continue to bring new families into our order. Contact Don Sager or myself with the names and contact information of these new candidates. Convenient online Exemplification of first, second and third degrees continue to be available.

Last month, we celebrated Norm Halloran on his 100th birthday and 66th years as an active Knight. Next month, we will start profiling some of our new Knights!

Our July/August Columbia Magazine has a great article about the Knights of Columbus and Racial Equality (Starting on page 8). This article traces our response to racial inequality. Historic, powerful and extremely interesting. Please take a look. Until next month,

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Grimes, Grand Knight