



## From Grand Knight Greg Jacobs:

Greetings Brother Knights,

The month of May was both solemn and celebratory. Easter season ends in May with the transition to ordinary time after the feast of Pentecost. The month begins with the celebration of St. Joseph the worker. We are reminded in the Litany to St. Joseph that one of his titles is “pillar of family life”. What an honor and tremendous responsibility for God to call upon this simple man to be the foster father of Jesus and true pillar of family life. I remind you that Pope Francis has declared this the year of St. Joseph as this is the 150 th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron Saint of the Universal Church.

Sadly, May 7th Fr. Tom Braak went to his heavenly home. We are all saddened to lose such a wonderful person and Priest yet at the same time we are relieved to see any suffering come to an end. I found this from daily reflections on Divine Mercy: “Death, to the holy soul, is a reward and a journey to look forward to with delight and anticipation (See Diary #1343)”. Certainly, this describes the journey of Fr. Tom. Rest in Peace Fr. Tom Braak.

Thursday May 13 was the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The Ascension of the Lord took place 40 days after Easter. Jesus’ ascension concluded his work on earth to bring about our redemption that he began on Good Friday. Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father’s glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.” (CCC no. 666)

Sunday May 23rd , we celebrated Pentecost. On the 50th day after Easter the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, causing them to speak in tongues. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church in Jerusalem led to the miracle of one voice being heard in many languages, an event which is both a symbolic reversal of the scattering of the human race and a pledge of the Church to gather all nations into the unity of worship of the one, only, living, and true God by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

**Vivat Jesus!            GK -- Greg Jacobs**

## What does a silver rose have to do with Our Lady?

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for



the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Council 966 will host this ceremony on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5PM at St. Mary.** Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life. We encourage all Knights and families to participate in this. Hope to see you there.

**Cleanup projects?** Several Knights gathered for an evening to help out a neighbor last month. The family is new to the area and is not a member of our church or the KCs.



### **How could the Knights help you?**

Could you ever have imagined a year as bad as 2020? A pandemic AND a derecho! Has there ever in our lifetime been such widespread need? Now that Summer is here, and it's nice enough to get outdoor work done, this is a good time to reassess your needs.

As a service organization, with Charity as our first pillar, and Fraternity not far behind, we are called to find ways to serve our neighbor, but in particular our fellow Knights, and any widows or children left behind by a Knight's death.

**If you have needs, or you know of someone (not necessarily Knights) with needs** that could be

served by volunteers, please contact any of the officers listed later in this newsletter. You, or your loved one, signed up to be a Knight, not just to serve, but also to benefit from the charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism we all pledged to uphold.

**In the last month we have helped out 3 families with miscellaneous needs** ranging from derecho-related cleanup to general household repairs. Please don't be afraid to ask. Some examples of services we could provide in these trying times are:

- Clean up derecho damage
- Repairs (handyman level) or tasks
- Transportation needs
- Personal visits; helping you with writing cards or letters
- Setting up a video chat with your distant family

Give us this chance to put actions behind words and live out our commitment to you. To request help, you can contact any of the Council 966 officers listed on the back page.

Whatever you do, don't just sit out these challenging times. Rise to the challenge. Be open to change. Give thanks in all circumstances.

### **From the Knights of Columbus insurance desk:**

Greetings. I hope all are getting back to "normal". After the past year, we have all had to make some significant adjustments.

I would like to thank the members who joined our Tom Hegna seminar back in March. Tom provided a valuable 7-point plan to a stress-free retirement. Most of the members who viewed this webinar found some very interesting points.

I would also like to thank all members who joined the June 9 webinar by Craig Pfeifer, the leading long-term health care general agent with the Knights of Columbus month in and month out. He provided another well-explained overview of the Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance.

We are fortunate to have the benefit of being eligible for this insurance. In 2000, there were 125 "stand-alone" long-term care providers. Currently, we are only 1 of 10 companies who still offer this insurance. The reason The Knights of Columbus continues to offer this product is the great need and it helps fulfill one of Father McGivney's basic principles of taking care of brother Knights and their families. The underwriting department has done a phenomenal job of keeping us protected. We are the only company to have not ever raised premiums on their policies.

If anyone has an interest in this or any other insurance concerns, please let me know.

Thank you and God Bless.

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