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Worthy Brothers All,
I hope that you and your family are having an enjoyable summer.

We had a great social in the lounge this past month – The *Is He Worthy?* for PGK Steve Piscitelli with a great crowd on July 21. We did a mock courtroom trial in the spirit of SK Tom Fahey which Steve seemed to enjoy. Thanks goes to District Deputy Fred Beata for the great support of the event and a big thank you goes out to DGK John Michals for taking the lead Prosecutor on this great event. The talents of Ray Duff, Maurice Chau, Richard Frigon, Paul Kayanan, and Bill McGuirk in deliberation were extremely humorous and a special thanks to Jerry Krueger for taking on the lead as the event photographer. Great photos and as you know, a picture is worth a thousand words and Jerry took plenty. Thanks to Marvin Spychaj for hosting the great Pot Luck. Bravo Zulu to all! (That is an old navy expression for a Job Well Done!) Everyone had a great time, and I can't wait till you grill me.

A shout-out goes to the entire *Friday Night Bingo* Team for their extraordinary and professional operation! I enjoyed visiting the team on July 22nd, and I must say that it was exceptionally, impressive. This is a perfect example of leadership, communications and teamwork from our council supporting our values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Thanks to Joe Tiago (in the red vest) for his enthusiasm as floor manager, Mike Murphy and Paul Sonosky (in blue vests) with the pull tabs, Ray Duff and Mike for calling out numbers, and Rich Hayden for putting a smile on everyone's face. Check out the photo of our two sous chefs, Cole Hernandez and Andy Rodgers, in "Heaven's Kitchen" with the Rastovski Family, who supported the floor as well. We welcome everyone in 5998 to come out and support our Bingo Team. *Bingo Night*, alright!

August will be a time of preparation for upcoming events and fall socials. We look forward to supporting our parishes with back-to-school activities including: the soccer challenge, the free-throw challenge, KCIC poster contest, and the essay contest. Start getting the word out now!

I look forward to seeing you at some our upcoming events so please reach out and support.

August

On Thursday, August 18 at 7PM, we have a *Combined Degree* – a great opportunity to build our force. On Saturday, 13 August at 1pm, there is the *Grand Knight's Luncheon* for the Ladies in the Lounge, hosted by Margot Argo.

September

Upcoming, on September 15th, is the *District Fraternal Benefits Night Social*. In mid-September, we have asked our pastors to host a recruiting drive at our two parishes, St Louis and Good Shepherd, during our proposed pancake breakfasts. This will surely be welcomed by our fellow parishioners.

As we recruit, we will lead many other Catholic families to promote the faith through our opportunities for Knights to do charitable work through *Food for Families* and *Rosaries for Life*. We will support our youth in our parishes and many programs promoted by District, State and Supreme K of C. Again, I am looking for someone to step up to the plate and volunteer to be our Family Director and Youth Director. It pays to be a winner!

As I mentioned earlier, let's support our home grown weekly and monthly Bingo operations with potentially new volunteers. Your assistance is greatly needed to help move the hearts and minds of our newest Knights in the coming year. Please encourage our fellow knights to get involved and support our common mission.

Finally, as you know, we are a fraternal group of Catholic gentlemen. Mt Vernon Council #5998 is a model example of all our principles. We stand together as an organization, unified to help those in need. Our common purpose is doing God's work. We give in every sense of the word. We are all examples of our principles. We are Knights of Columbus. Thank you for all that you do to support the Knights of Columbus and our Council. Hoo-Yah!
Vivat Jesus!

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