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## Grand Knight's Message



Brothers, Ladies, Families and Friends,

September 2019

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. It seemed to be a long, hot one but as we begin September, change is in the air. Children are back in school and our calendar starts to become very busy, very fast with an abundance of opportunities ahead of us.

We kickoff the month by supporting the Good Shepherd International Festival with the Council supporting parking, Bingo, kicking off the Youth Soccer Challenge, and providing some excellent food via the German Food Booth. Looking forward to making and serving the best wurst food you can possibly imagine!

Immediately after that, we will be on a path of supporting multiple ceremonials with an Admissions Degree Ceremony on September 4, a Formation Degree Ceremony on September 10, and a Knighthood Degree Ceremony on September 14. If you haven't been through these ceremonies before, I encourage you to put them on your schedule and participate. If you are already a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight, I encourage you to attend the ceremonies as every time you go, you see and learn something new or so it seems to me!

Also in early September, we will be supporting an Honor Flight from Indianapolis arriving at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport at 9:00 am on first Saturday. Doors at the Hall will open at 7:30 am, we'll have some breakfast bites and coffee available before carpooling up to DCA at 8:15 am to greet the arriving veterans and help them to their buses for their visit of a lifetime to our Nation's Capital. After the Veterans are on the buses, we'll return to the Hall for some lunch. This is a great event for families and the Veterans absolutely love seeing children at the airport greeting them. If you are available, I encourage you to attend as it is special for the Veterans and for those who greet them.

On September 19, we will be having a potluck social that will also serve as our Fraternal Benefits Night. There are a lot of new services and opportunities being offered by the Knights of Columbus and our Field Agent Dan Garrigan will be providing what promises to be an entertaining overview of what is available to you and your families. More will be coming out on who brings what to the potluck but please mark your calendars as this promises to not only be a good social opportunity but also a very informative one for your benefit. As I mentioned last month, if you have attended before, you haven't heard it all so come on out!

On September 28, the Ladies of our Council will be having a tea in the Lounge. I'm really looking forward to this, as they do so very much for our Council and I want to make sure they know how much we appreciate everything they do as well as share my areas of priority for the coming year (I'll be brief!) and what events we have planned as well as listen to their thoughts on our Council. Still studying up on tea etiquette but I'll be ready!

There are many other things going on throughout the month with continued support needed for Bingo on Labor Day Weekend Sunday and every Friday during the month, the NFL is back and so will be Football in the Lounge, our Business Meeting the first Thursday of the month starting at 8:00 pm with the Rosary beforehand at 7:30 pm, and our monthly Officer's Meeting at 6:30 pm.. Whew!

Again, I greatly appreciate all that you do to support the Knights of Columbus and our Council.  
THANK YOU!!!!

Vivat Jesus! Joe