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## Grand Knight's Letter by GK Danny Sprouse

Brothers Knights,

Please join me in prayer for the late Father Thomas Schmidt and his family. Visitation/Reception of the Body was held at St. Francis of Assisi on Tuesday, July 28, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, July 29, at 11:00am. Father Tom not only welcomed the Knights to St. Francis, but he served as Council 14504's first Chaplain and served as the first Faithful Friar for Assembly 3056.

Supreme has announced an option for new members to join the order and pay no dues for on line membership for the first year. Through August 5, they simply need to visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 to take advantage of this offer.

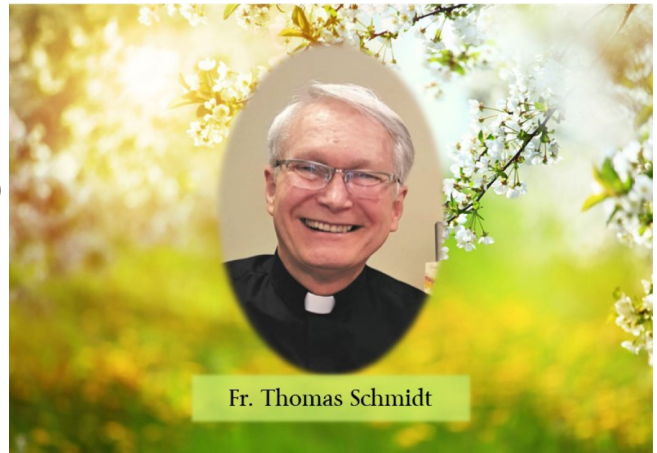


I would like to thank

all of the officers who served the council during the previous year and thank those who have agreed to serve this year. Thank you for allowing me to step back in as Grand Knight.

We are challenged to follow the example of the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney as we deal with the challenges of today. Father McGivney was faced with challenges to our faith and with diseases such as the flu epidemic that ended his life two days before his 38<sup>th</sup> birthday. Attending to the needs of the Church, the community and our membership remains our focus and suggestions for program activities are always welcome. I wish each of you the best as we unify, at least in spirit, for the days ahead.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Steve Berns, GK**



Fr. Thomas Schmidt

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*As there was no newsletter last month, this edition recognizes both July and August Birthdays*

<b>July Birthdays</b>			
Charles Miller	3	Mark Petre	18
Mike Lucisano	7	James Parslow	22
John Barrett	8	Travis Nartker	26
Robert Dryer	14	Tom Plummer	27
Brian Rhodes	15	David Reuber	31
Greg Woodall	15		
<b>August Birthdays</b>			
Mike Nowak	2	Tom Poppenhouse	12
<u>Fr. Brian Phelps</u>	5	Mike Hummel	13
Chris Duval	6	Alexander Tyre	15
Thomas Fagan	6	Michael Romero	17
Charles Ginn	6	Jack Sederstrand	26
Andrew Devito	9	Eugene Fehskens	27
Jasson Cwiekalo	11		

### Flag Retirement Ceremony Postponed



Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns and with great regret, we have decided to postpone the Flag retirement ceremony from June 15th to sometime in the fall. Thanks to all for your concern but we could not guarantee the required social distancing for the ceremony. When a new date has been determined, we will get the word out to the Council and the Parish.

## Knights Call for Action—COVID-19 Parish Help

Brother Knights:

I am hoping that you and your family are doing well during this Covid19 Pandemic. As you may well know, this Pandemic has changed the way we now do things in this world. The way we shop, the way we eat, and the way that are now able to worship.

The way that we worship now takes more people to assist in successful operation, so that we can worship. All of the Parish Staff has been assigned extra duties so that we and our families can worship.

There are now Greeters, who say hello and welcome, there are more Ushers assigned to each mass. greeting parishioners and them escorting them to their pew, and making sure that they are Socially Distanced from other parishioners. There are also 2 people assigned to do the LiveStreaming, so that those parishioners at home can view Mass. Then after the Mass is concluded, the pews and the entire sanctuary needs to be sanitized. This is usually done by about 5-6 Staff members.

You are probably wondering why am I telling you this? Well the reason why is that our Knights of Columbus Council needs to step up to the Plate, and assist our Priest and the staff members that are doing these jobs 6-7 days a week. If you can assist with Ushering, Eucharistic Ministers, Sanitizing the Parish Sanctuary , or Live Streaming, please contact me, and I will put you in contact with the Parish Staff member that will explain to you how you can assist with a particular duty.

With 177 members of our Council, we should be able to get at least 8-12 members to help assist Father Brian and Staff with some of these tasks.

Could you please consider assisting with some of these tasks needed to operate our Masses?

Please contact me via email [mcfreil2019@gmail.com](mailto:mcfreil2019@gmail.com) or by phone (937) 750-4780

Thank You for considering one of these positions.

Fraternally Yours,  
Michael Freil  
Chief Usher  
PGK - Chancellor  
Council 14504

## A Farewell Gift to Jacob Lindle

Jacob Lindle, has returned to the seminary after a year of internship under Fr Brian. Jacob has been a blessing to the parish as he quickly stepped up and filled roles in Youth Ministry, authored his weekly "It's Greek to Me" articles and, with COVID-19, helping Fr Brian shepherd the St Francis Parish. At a recent on-line Council Meeting we agreed to provide a small token of our appreciation to Jacob as he returns to his seminary education with the goal of ordination in two years. Below is the letter from our Financial Secretary to Jacob and Jacob's handwritten thank you.

Bob Luppino ¶  
 Financial Secretary ¶  
 Council 14504 ¶  
 Knights of Columbus ¶

Jacob, on behalf of the officers and the membership of the Knights of Columbus Council 14504 here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, I would like to present to you a check in the amount of \$500 in appreciation of the spirit and enthusiasm you bestowed on our Parish family. Your Mustard Seed series and your weekly "It's all Greek to me" articles in the parish bulletin are examples of the priest you will become. Whatever parish you are assigned to in the future, I hope it is ours, will be receiving a true disciple of Jesus. Jacob, may God bless you as you finish your studies at the seminary in preparation for your ordination. ¶



Dear Knights,  
 Thank you yet again for your astounding generosity. It's been such a blessing getting to know many of you throughout my time at St. Francis, and your work for the parish + the Church is so encouraging + admirable. Thank you for all of your support, +

please keep me in your prayers. You + your families will be in mine. Let's become saints + win the world for Christ!

With much gratitude,


Jacob

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