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Knight of the Year



Grand Knight's Message

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Business Meetings held the 1st
Thursday of every month

On the cover: Dennis Korinek (right)
receiving 2018-19 Knight of the Year
from GK Bruce Crisman

Brothers,

Well, here we go starting a new year for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council 15821. I think we are off to a good start with the officers and most of the committee chairs in place for the year. The budget is in place, the Service Program Plan draft is finished and we are working on filling in the dates on our calendar so we will know where we have been, where we are and where we are going at any given time. I have appointed our Advocate Ed McManus to chair an ad-hoc committee to work with DGK Tony Hopfinger our Program Director to assure we are following and fulfilling our Service Program plan. One of our other goals is to increase our council's social activities and find ways to encourage family participation.



It is important that we try to follow the Faith in Action Program that is required by Supreme. Program activities for example, Keep Christ in Christmas, support for Special Olympics, support for Habitat for Humanity and the Tootsie Roll Drive are operating successfully. Other program activities will be a bit more challenging. We will be making a sincere effort to work closely with our parish priests and deacon to achieve our Faith in Action goals.

We had some successful fund raisers last year. The golf tournament, the pancake breakfasts and the Tootsie Roll Drive were among them. We need to find additional ways to raise funds for our charitable works. Father Fred has said he wants to explore the possibility of a combined parish and council fund raiser for an agreed upon charity.

I would like to thank PGK Bruce Crisman, the trustees and other officers from last year for leaving the council in great shape. Of course some of our new officers are our old officers and I am looking forward to working with all of them. They have the knowledge and experience I will depend on to guide us successfully through the year.

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Balaze

Grand Knight, Council 15821



Spiritual Reflection Freedom



“ In whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him..Ephesians 3:12

This month we celebrate Independence Day. On this day, The Fourth of July, we Americans celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration, thus affirming the independence of the United States from Great Britain.

For over two hundred forth three years, citizens of the U.S. have celebrated our independence on The Fourth of July. We fly the flag; put up red, white, and blue decorations; march in parades; and enjoy picnics. Throughout all of our celebrations, we are reminded of the gift of our freedom as a nation. Indeed, we are blessed in the United States with exceptional liberty, for which we ought to thank the Lord. Other countries around the world have similar national celebrations of freedom. July 1 is Canada Day. January 26 is Australia Day. September 16 is Grito de Dolores in Mexico.

Ephesians 3:12 celebrates another kind of freedom; a freedom that is even more amazing than the freedoms guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. This verse reads: " in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.." The Greek word translated here as "freedom" refers specifically to "freedom of speech" with a literal meaning of all speech. The Greek original of Ephesians 3:12 says that we can be confident in our "freedom of speech" and "authorization to approach" God.

In Christ, you have the freedom to draw near to God, to tell God anything you wish, without holding back. You can express to God not only your joys but also your sorrows, not only your assurance but also your doubt, not only your pleasure but also your anger. This is an amazing freedom.

Of course it's a freedom that we Christians can easily take for granted, even as citizens of various countries can hold their political freedom too lightly. When we're used to praying to God at any time, in any place, with any words, we can forget the stunning nature of our access to God. Think about it. The God who created the universe, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the God of all wisdom and justice, this God invites you to speak your mind, to share with him your thoughts, your feelings, your fears, and your dreams. The more you reflect on this invitation, the more you'll come to realize just how amazing it is.

So by all means take time this month to thank God for the freedom we have in this country. Step back and consider the freedom Christ has given you to approach God with deep confidence. Let's thank God together for this amazing freedom he has given us...- *Deacon Tom Grant*



Please add these persons to your daily prayer list

+Smentkowski, SK Pete	+Hancock, Br. Jim	+Konzelman, Br. Lee	+Jankowski, Br. Dominic
+Hetlinger, Br John	+DelVecchio, Br. Carlo	+Ewing, Br "Ted"	+Schafer, Br. John
+Ramuno, Br. Peter	+Rev. Wm .O'Malley	+Kella, Br. William	+Marshall, Br. John
+Radzilowksi, J. M.	+Skerencak, Josephine	+Tschanz, Alfred	+Crisman, Betty
+Lurix, Joanne	+Bauer, Marie	Balaze, Patricia	McDermitt, Rose
Nelson, Jeff	Meyer, Br Jim	+McMahon, Keith	+Wills, Sheila
McMullen, Br. Tom	Kupchonos, Br. W.	Meyer, Br. Jim	Marrone, Br. Steve
All in need of hope	All who are hungry	All Refugees	+Travis, Br. Ralph

Knight of the Month & Family of the Month Honorees

The Knight and Family of the Month are honors awarded for efforts above and beyond the average call of duty. These awards are given once a month usually at our Business Meetings. Please don't hesitate to say thanks to these worthy recipients for all their efforts.

Knight of the Month – May 2019

Family of the Month – May 2019

David W. Tschanz



Ron & Pat Balaze



First Year Knight? Earn the Shining Armor Award

Awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership, the “Shining Armor Award” is given to those men who exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is.

To qualify for the “Shining Armor Award” new Knights must do the following during their first year of membership:



- Be involved in at least three council service programs
- Attend at least three council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third degrees
- Meet with their council’s insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

Currently recipients receive Certificates of Recognition along with special "Shining Armor" Lapel Pins in recognition of their achievement.

Pre-Meeting Rosary



"Our Father, who art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread," etc. Jesus prayed that we may be one, and one of the ways we can "practice" this and actually DO this is to pray together. This is an opportunity for you to avail yourselves of that experience. Brothers are invited to attend a corporate rosary beginning at 6:30 PM. Prayer is a "we" thing.

Membership Renewal Due



It's Annual Dues time!

Annual Dues for the Year July 1st 2019 - June 30th, 2020 were due on June 30, 2019.

- Associate and Insurance member dues are \$30.
- Honorary members dues are \$10 and Honorary/Life Members are N/C.

Please bring a check for your Membership Dues made out to Knights of

Columbus Council 15821. Alternatively you can mail your check to **Tom Mc Dermitt**; 11621 Garesio Lane; Sarasota, FL 34238

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – July 16th

Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel also known as the Brown Scapular, a sacramental associated with promises of Mary's special aid for the salvation of the devoted wearer. Tradition holds that Mary gave the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Saint Simon Stock.

The Carmelites see in the Blessed Virgin Mary a perfect model of the interior life of prayer and contemplation to which Carmelites aspire, a model of virtue, as well as the person who was closest in life to Jesus Christ. She is seen as the one who points Christians most surely to Christ, saying to all what she says to the servants at the wedding at Cana, "Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you."



Prayer to the Blessed Mother of Mount Carmel

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands. Amen.

Are You A Member?

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney.

The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics.

Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting



devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild.

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members.

To join the Guild, register online at: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/>

Volunteer Opportunities

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.” ~Winston Churchill

<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee & Doughnuts July 7 & 21, 2019 All Masses - Clean up and set up Contact Brother Tom McDermitt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pancake Breakfast July 14, 2019 All Masses – Various Duties Contact SK Bruce Crisman</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Special Olympics Bowling August 17, 2019 AMF Lanes - Venice Need lane monitors and assistants. All welcome. Contact Dave Tszanz, PGK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Special Olympics Softball September 28, 2019 Need scorers and time keepers Contact Dave Tszanz, PGK</p>

Council 15821 Patio Loan Repayments Fraternal Year 2018-19

Description	Liability	Payment	Notes
Original Loan Amount/ Opening Balance	\$60,000		
Payments July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017		\$11,600	<i>Directed Donations & Council Funds</i>
Balance July 1, 2017	\$48,400		
Payments July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018		\$3,000	<i>Directed Donations & Council Funds</i>
Payments July 1, 2018– present		\$1,000 \$2000	<i>Directed Donation</i> <i>Council Funds</i>
Current Balance*	\$42,400		

*As of March 29, 2019



Council members are asked to bring food for the Immokalee drive and report the weight to Brother David Erb. Doing so allows the Council to earn credit towards the Food for Families component of the Faith in Action model. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notice of Financial Activity to Be Voted On

Pursuant to the laws of the Order and in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 of the By-Laws of Knights of Columbus Council 15821* notice is hereby given that it was announced at the June 6, 2019 Business meeting that a vote would be held on the proposed 2019-2020 budget A vote will be held on July 11, 2019. The vote of 2/3 of those present and voting is required for passage.

**Section 3. No money in excess of 500.00 shall be paid or transferred from the Treasury of this Council, (except such moneys as the Council is called upon to regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the Laws and Rules of the Order or for purposes approved by the Supreme Council or Board of Directors), unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which notice in writing of a resolution of intention to pay or transfer such money and the purposes and amount to be paid or transferred shall have been given and regularly read.*



Corporate Communion September 29, 2019 0830 AM Mass

All Knights, spouses and widows are invited to gather on September 29th at the 0830 AM Mass for Corporate Communion. Knights and their families will be seated in the pews on the choir side of the church.

Corporate Communion takes place when a fifth Sunday occurs in a month (about four times a year) and provides a visible sign for the community to see the Knights gathered together.

The New Testament commands believers to regularly gather in worship with other believers ([Hebrews 10:25](#)).








Worshipping together with other believers is required for fellowship, an essential aspect of Christian living and the expectations of a Knight of Columbus, who is first and foremost a Catholic gentleman. This sense of community was part of the first church in which they devoted themselves to "the fellowship" ([Acts 2:42](#)). While we can read the Bible or sing on our own; we cannot enjoy fellowship by ourselves.





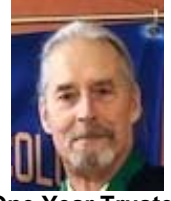



There is indeed strength in numbers.

Even if it's not your usual mass make an effort this coming Sunday to join your brother Knights and their families as a Council to give thanks to God and reaffirm publicly your belief in him and solidarity with the principles of the Knights of Columbus.

Meet Your Officers

Officers for the 2019-20 Fraternal Year were elected at the June 6, 2019 meeting. Here's a brief look at the Knights who will help guide the Council through the coming year.

	<p>SK Ron Balaze was born and raised in Michigan. He and Pat have been married for 57 years; producing two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He worked for the State of Michigan rising to manager of the states metrology (weights and measures) laboratory. A 4th degree knight, he is a charter member of both the Council and OLMC, serving as Eucharistic minister and lector. He was named Knight of the Year for 2015-16.</p>
	<p>Deacon Tom Grant was born in PA and raised in MA, MI and NJ, moving to Florida in 2003. Retired VP of Finance, Controller of major NJ manufacturing company. Served in US Navy 4 years spending 2 years at NAS Roosevelt Roads Puerto Rico and 2 years on <i>USS America CVA-66</i>. Received BA in Finance, MA in Pastoral Ministry, Ordained to Sacred Order of Deacons 2009. Married 47 years to Patti, with 1 daughter Michelle living in CA. Member of Finance Council and Parish Council and 3rd degree Knight</p>
	<p>SK Anthony Hopfinger was born in Midland MI and graduated from Michigan State. He spent a number of years in law enforcement including Chief of Police. He later worked in nuclear security for the Dept of Navy. He ended as a security consultant. He has two married daughters; one in San Diego, CA the other in Zurich Switzerland. He is married to Diana. He is a proud owner of a 20 ft wood 1954 Chris Craft boat, named <i>Princess Diana</i>.</p>
	<p>Born and raised in Chicago one block from the Magnificent Mile, SK Larry Kocen, PGK attended Holy Name Catholic School and Mundelein High. After a five year stint in the navy he went to work in the family business, attended college and entered the private sector. After 40 years in manufacturing in Chicago and Palisades Park, NJ, he retired and settled in Venice, Fl. He joined the Knights in 2005. He was the first grand knight of this council.</p>
	<p>Tom McDermitt was born and raised in Central Pennsylvania, lived in New Jersey, Louisiana, Michigan and has been in various areas of Florida for past 47 years. He worked for 25 years in electronics sales and sales management before founding a recruiting firm where he worked until retirement in 2009. He and his wife Rose have been married for 43 years and have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. He has been a member of OLMC since 2013. He was named Knight of the Year for 2014-15.</p>
	<p>Warren Augenthaler was raised in Manhasset, NY After college joined the USMC in 1959 and attained the rank of Captain followed by ten years in the liquor business and then 25 as a commercial real estate broker. He moved to Sarasota in 1986. He is a charter member of both the Council and OLMC, serving as a Eucharistic minister and on the Finance Committee. He married Susan in 1961. They have two children and two grand children</p>
	<p>Walter Kupchonos</p>

 <p>Treasurer</p>	<p>John Lauffer is originally from Ohio but lived the past 40 years in Indiana, most recently in Bloomington. He has 40 years experience as an accountant and started his own business seven years ago. John and his wife Trish moved permanently to Nokomis about six years ago. He was the first and so far only person to have served as council treasurer.</p>
 <p>Advocate</p>	<p>A “Connecticut Yankee” born and raised. After attending Norwich University and a short stint in the Army returned home to marry his wife Vicki of 61 years and start his own insurance firm. His firm was later acquired by Bayly Martin and Fay International where he became a Sr Vice President and Regional Director. Subsequently retired in 1993 after BMF was acquired by AON Corporation. They are amongst the “early settlers” at Stoneybrook G&CC moving there in December of 1994. Their daughter Kerri lives nearby in Largo and continues in the insurance industry</p>
 <p>Three Year Trustee</p>	<p>A charter member of both the parish and the council SK Bruce Crisman, PGK has been one of the mainstays of the community and the Council. Whether it be flipping burgers at a parish picnic, heading up the ushers or simply breaking down tables after an event, Bruce is there. After leaving his native Nebraska, Bruce moved to the Venice area and opened several successful businesses. He was named Knight of the Year for 2015-16. He has served as trustee, deputy grand knight and grand knight.</p>
 <p>Two Year Trustee</p>	<p>SK Dennis O’Leary is an Honorary Life member of the Knights from New York and a charter member of the Council. After finishing law school, he served on the staff of the New York State Assembly, practiced law, and engaged in the music and night club business. He later became Director of Governmental Affairs and Counsel at the NYS Society of CPAs. Dennis and Wife Tina retired to Stoneybrook GCC in Sarasota, and they have three children and six grandchildren.</p>
 <p>One Year Trustee</p>	<p>SK David Tschanz, PGK was born in Connecticut. After working as an epidemiologist in SC and AZ, he moved to Saudi Arabia and worked for 23 years as an epidemiologist and communications/public relations officer for Saudi Aramco. He arrived in Venice in December 2012. In addition to being Grand Knight from 2015-17, he is also editor of the <i>Knighly News</i> and faithful captain of Assembly 1818. His son Karl is grand knight of Council 4011 in Lutherville, Maryland. He was named Knight of the Year 2017-18.</p>
 <p>Inside Guard</p>	<p>Cornhusker Dennis Korinek played football and baseball for the University of Nebraska before embarking on a teaching career. During the 1954 game against the Sooners he suffered a broken jaw. He and his wife Joyce, also a teacher, retired to Florida in 1989. They are charter members of OLMC and served in a variety of capacities. Denny coordinated the 2018 Golf Tournament and was 2018-19 Knight of the Year.</p>
 <p>Outside Guard</p>	<p>Michael Sellner</p>
 <p>Lecturer</p>	<p>SK Charles Palmeri was born in Buffalo NY where he was a 3rd Degree member of the Buffalo Knights of Columbus. After attending Little Seminary, he became an infantry rifleman with the 42nd “Rainbow” Division, earning Silver and Bronze Stars for meritorious front line duty in France and Germany. A graduate of Canisius College, he worked in the car rentals business, managed a large millwork company, was a major land developer in NY State. He is now a commercial real estate broker in Sarasota FL. He lectures at OLMC and speaks to local high schools about WWII.</p>

Financial Policies of Knights of Columbus Council 15821

The financial policies of the Knights of Columbus, particularly with regard to how council funds are expended, are actually clear but often stated incorrectly because of an incomplete or inaccurate understanding of the constitution of the order.

Section 122 of the Constitution of the order (which is repeated verbatim in the Council by-laws) states:

SEC. 122. (a) *All moneys obtained from any source, by or through any person or persons, acting for or in the name of any council or under its direction or authority, shall be considered council funds and shall be forthwith delivered to the Financial Secretary, who shall give his official receipt therefore and who shall report at the close of each meeting the amounts so received and from what source.*

(b) *No money in excess of \$500.00 shall be paid or transferred from the treasury, of any council (except such moneys as the council is called upon to regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the laws of the Order, or for purposes approved by the Supreme Council, or Board of Directors) unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which notice in writing of a resolution of intention to pay or transfer such money and the purposes and amount to be paid or transferred shall have been given and regularly read. Provided, however, that any council may, by by-law, properly approved, provide and maintain a fund for rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families and families of deceased members. Said by-laws to state the manner in which, and by whom, the said fund is to be expended.*

The wording of section 122b led to the erroneous belief that Grand Knights (or Faithful Navigators) could spend up to \$500 without a council's approval. The obvious problem with that is that who would give that sort of unlimited authority to spend money? Still the belief persists. So in 2011, the Supreme Advocate rendered an opinion clarifying the intent of Section 122 and the overall policy of the Order. This of course overrules all local policies and by-laws, as well as wishful thinking and misinterpretations:

Disbursement of Council and Assembly Funds



The procedure for disbursement of funds in excess of \$500 from the treasury of a council or an assembly is set forth at Section 122(b) of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus and Section 24(k)(2) of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree. Any such disbursement requires the approval of two-thirds of the members present at a regular business meeting held after a regular meeting at which notice was provided, in writing, of a resolution of intention to make such a disbursement.

A council or assembly may make disbursements of amounts of \$500 or less upon the vote of only a simple majority of the members present at a regular business meeting and no advance notice is required.

Section 122(b) applies only to funds that are held in the Treasury of a council or assembly. To the extent that a council or assembly raises funds for a specific cause or a recognized charity (e.g., Special Olympics), the council or assembly may, by a simple majority vote, direct that the funds collected be paid directly to the selected charity or recipient. This vote may be prospective, for funds to be collected in the future, or retrospective, for funds already collected.

Finally, it should be noted that a Grand Knight and a Faithful Navigator may disburse council or assembly funds only with the consent of the members.

Rev. April 2011

To summarize:

- No one can spend council money in any amount without the Council's approval nor can anyone, including the officers and the Grand Knight, commit the Council to payment without the council membership's approval. Our council has approved a policy that in the event of an emergency a Grand Knight can authorize an expenditure, but then he would be required to consult with the Trustees and to bring the expenditure to the council for a vote. An emergency is envisioned as something like replacing a frying pan that goes bad during the pancake breakfast; or paying for truck repair if we are hauling toys to Immokalee. If the council does not approve the Grand Knight is stuck with the bill.
- In the event a requested expenditure is less than \$500 a simple majority is needed to approve it. No advance notice is required.
- If the amount requested is greater than \$500 then a motion must be made and seconded and the matter is deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Notice must be given to all members no later than five days before the meeting; at which time discussion and voting will occur with 2/3 required to approve.
- Each year, since 2015, our council has approved a budget by 2/3 majority vote. Specific expenditures and those required by the State and Supreme do not need further authorization. For example, we authorize \$125 for the Sugar Bowl Program in the budget, the bill comes due in November no action is necessary. The same applies to the pancake breakfast expenses, etc. It is important for members to review the budget.
- The council budget also appropriates money for certain categories without specifying the intended target to allow some flexibility. For example the council might approve a budget that authorizes/appropriates \$1000 for "charitable donations" to help the needy. Requests for that money need to go through a short process a) review by the Trustees (per section 145); b) confirmation that money exists in the budget under that category; if it does that brought to floor for a vote; if no money exists or the budget category will be exceeded then that will require will two votes – one to expand the budget and the second to vote on the request. The timing of the vote and the majority required are based on whether the amount is more or less than \$500.
- Grand Knights cannot disburse money nor commit money without prior council approval regardless of the amount or purpose.
- No person, including the Grand Knight, can commit the council to a project or a course of action that has a financial obligation without prior approval of the council membership at a regular business meeting.
- No person can go, spend money, and then present the council with a bill unless it has been previously approved. All bills for "unbudgeted items" need to be referred to the Trustees before action is taken. If they do not approve the matter is referred to the floor for a vote with a "not recommended" endorsement, if they do the matter is referred to the floor for a council vote with a "recommended" endorsement. In either event the council membership and only the council membership will determine if it wishes to approve/disapprove the expenditure.

Erb & Sellner Advance to Third Degree

Two brothers, **David Erb** and **Michael Sellner** advanced to the Third (Knighthood) Degree at Sarasota’s Saints Cosmas and Damian Council #13341 on June 15th.

There are three degrees of the order, each corresponding to a separate virtue: charity (Admission/First Degree), unity (Formation/Second Degree), and fraternity (Knighthood/Third Degree). The final (optional) Patriotic/Fourth Degree, focuses on the virtue of patriotism.

Upon taking the Third Degree, a member receives full honors of Knighthood and is "Knighthooded." Privileges of Third Degree membership include the ability to serve as a local council officer, and admission to state and Supreme Council business meetings. Third Degree members and their immediate family members can have 4th Degree Honor Guards be present at their wake. They are also eligible to earn their Fourth Degree, the final degree of the Knights of Columbus. Most importantly as a Third Degree member they have learned the lessons of the third degree, which is Fraternity.

Please take a few moments to congratulate our newest third degree members.



Signing Off



There is a long journalistic tradition that when an editor steps down he writes a final message to the readership.

I knew this day would come eventually but didn’t expect it to be so soon or for the reasons it has.

Shortly after the state convention I was diagnosed with Stage 3 lung cancer. The upcoming treatment regimen is going to take up most of the next three months and possibly beyond. While this won’t affect my ability to perform my other duties as Trustee, liaison with Special Olympics and exemplification team captain, it will keep me from devoting the necessary hours to produce *Knighly News* at the level of quality that you deserve and have grown accustomed to.

I am pleased that in the five years and 64 issues I served as editor, *Knighly News* was selected by the Florida State Council as best newsletter in the state three times and earned two second places. At the same time our publicity activities have garnered two first place and three second place awards. We also created a historical record of our council’s activities and accomplishments and provided some education about the Order.

Thanks for your support over the years. I hope for your continued prayers in the future.

I’ll end this with a final quote from Winnie the Pooh: “How lucky I am to have been part of something that makes saying goodbye to it so hard!”

Vivat Jesus!

David W. Tschanz, PCK

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