

St. John Neumann Men's Club

A Parish Ministry of St. John Neumann Catholic Church

President's Final Message for 2021-2022

Greetings to my brothers in Christ:

This is my close out note. It is my privilege and honor to have been elected and serve as the St John Neumann Catholic Church Men's Club President these past two years. It has been fun, and we have survived through this Pandemic, something of which we always remember. First, I want to thank the Lord for all of his being with me through these times. Second, I want to thank my wife Veronica of 38 years with all of her patience and unconditional love. Lastly, I want to thank the Board and each of the members for their support and confidence in me while leading this organization. I couldn't have accomplished this term without the hardworking and dedicated Board Members. A special thank you for all the mentorship and assistance from past presidents in this organization. We have had some awesome speakers over the past two years who have shared very valuable and meaningful topics.

We always need individuals who would like to address the General Membership with talks that are of relevance and meet our criteria and needs. This past Monday June 6, 2022, Peter Jude of the Serra Club spoke about the need to promote and support vocations in the Catholic Church. For those who missed the June meeting they also missed out on the opportunity to see Monsignor Navarro who gave the introduction of the night's speaker. The Men's Club gave Monsignor Navarro a check of \$1,000.00 for the St John Vianney College Seminary. Thanks again to past presidents and most important to Jimmy and his kitchen staff for a wonderful steak dinner. Also, much appreciation goes out to those individuals who contributed to the set-up and take down of Resurrection Hall.

This past Monday and Tuesday our organization assisted in moving Father Manuel to Sacred Heart and Father 'I' to Epiphany. They will be truly missed and gave their hearts and souls to this parish for their assignment here. Let us now welcome into our parish, Parochial Vicar Father Cesar Y. Betancourt. Hopefully soon Father Cesar will accept our invitation and be a speaker at a future General Meeting.

Many of the Men's Club members attended the Coach Bill Segale's *Our Lady of Florida Retreat for Men* June 3-5th weekend. The theme was compassion and believe me it was powerful. I encourage and hope all of you attend this retreat in 2023. Remember it's always the first weekend in June of each year. The rooms were recently renovated and the Men's Club last year contributed \$1,500.00 into renovating Room 17. On the back of the door is a metal plate *In Honor of Bill Segale*. Also, there was a Married Couples Retreat at Our Lady of Florida, facilitated by Father Curtis Kiddy, formerly from St John Neumann. I will continue to support and assist our New 2022 President Keith Simmons and his Board in whatever I can. Please get involved and show up, you won't regret it. Faith, Fellowship, and Service; the words this organization lives by.

All the best to you and your families this summer. God bless you all.

Tom Visney

President, 2020-2022