## My Brothers,

I would like to welcome all of our new Grand Knights and their officers. I am looking forward to working with all of you. As your District Deputy, it is my job is to assist you in any way I can to have a successful year, building programs, finance and membership and to insure that we all bond together as brothers. So help me to help you.

As we start this new Columbian year we have some common goals to meet. I would like to welcome our newest Council 16482 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to our District. It has been a long time in the making and I am so proud that we have finally got it done. Many Thanks to everyone that was instrumental in getting the Council started.

We will once again be having a combined Installation of Officers with District 18. This has been scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity in Beaverton. We will attend Mass at 5:30pm followed by the Ceremony and Dinner. Dinner is \$20 per person. Wives and Family are invited. Please let me know asap if you are planning to attend.

We will be having a mandatory District meeting for the GK, DGK, FS, and Membership Directors of all 4 of our Councils (1634, 15526, 15729 and 16482). This is a very important kick off meeting for the new Columbian year. If you are one of these officers please make every effort to attend, you will be receiving an invite from me. More information on this meeting will be available soon, we are currently looking at the end of August for the Meeting.

Lastly, I would like to leave you with a quote about our freedom being that this month harbors Independence Day for the United States.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." – President Ronald Reagan

In the Knights the Honor is always to serve.

Vivat Jesus, Duane Morris District Deputy 17