

A Blessed Christmas wish from the

TOMANDL's



SU / Louisville game in the Dome

2018 – We rejoice again that the past year has been a mostly healthy year for our family. John and Carole seem to be enjoying retirement – though both still work at those things that bring life: Carole being a Eucharistic minister to home bound parishioners and John as chaplain.

We went to our beloved Sanibel! And, we took a whole month to do it this year! The extra time allowed us to see friends and family we haven't seen in too long! Including Sue and Bill, aunt Clara, Joe and Kathy, and, of course, John's sister, Jill, who had a beautiful retirement party celebration for John when we arrived! Later, Jill was up in July and we got a picture of mom, who at 94! is doing pretty well, and 'kids'.

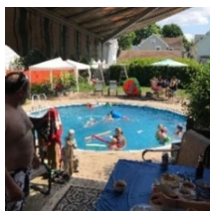


On the way back from Florida, we saw Jean and Steve who took us on a 'Moonshine' train ride to celebrate



John's retirement.

We've also decided to try being 'Snow Birds' this coming January and February in St. Augustine. Johnny will be watching the house and Molly will be staying at Jean and Steve's.



Our wonderful swimming pool ended its long and much appreciated career, here's hoping that Doug and Ann Marie are putting in one next year. Speaking of

the youngest branch of the Tomandl clan, Aiden, L.T. and even little Carsen are all playing hockey this year ... Aiden and Landen on competition squads and Carsen is on the starter squad but they go at it just like the bigger kids!



Johnny's contracting business is doing ok; even though contracting is an up and down business, he seems to do well. He moved into his own place this year but still takes care of the lawn and rest of the outside of our house.

Ted and Beth are coping with life after the Old Erie and seem to be finding they new normal. The twins, Teddy and Crew seem to enjoy school – first grade this year and Avery is in 7th – Tate is up at the high school (a sophomore this year) and **just got his learner's permit to drive!** Both are on the school honor roles ... Aiden and L.T. too!



John and Tate are in two train clubs – one H.O. scale and the other is a Live Steam club in Marengo, NY --- if you wish, you can check it out at <https://fingerlakeslivesteamers.org/>

Both John and Carole went to Minneapolis to one of John's national conferences.

Meeting up there with friends and colleagues and seeing several beautiful sites – one, the Cathedral of St. Paul.



Jenna was only able to come out for two weeks this year – Can you believe that she is graduating from High School with College coming June?!? credits this We were able to get **all the grands** (!) to Seabreeze this summer while she was here.



Later in August, our annual sojourn to Chautauqua Lake to see Barb & Dean. This year we toured the brand-new National Comedy Center. If you're ever in Jamestown – VISIT ... you won't be disappointed!

Carole is and always will be the consummate grandmother ... one of the reasons we'll always live in Auburn (unless I



can get everyone else to move south.) We took the older grands to the State Fair in August – they had a ball!

"The Green Bridge" was this summer finale with the younger kids – Doug came along with Avery to help. Only saw three trains but everyone had a great time as always.



John got to see his lifetime dream come true – a personally guided tour of the



Kalmbach Publishing offices in Milwaukee. Ken and Shirley Hojnacki picked him up at the

airport and after taking him to his hotel for the conference in Milwaukee, they went to see the home of Model Railroader and Trains Magazine.

We hope you enjoyed some of the highlights from our year past – **Hope all of you have a blessed celebration of Christ's Birth and a HEALTHY New Year!**

