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Brother Knights,

Congratulations to Jason Moore, Matt Ownby, and Marshall Reeves; all three took their Knighthood Degree on October 13 at St. Thomas in Lenoir City. Congratulations are also in order for: October Knight of the Month – Matt Sturgill, and October Family of the Month – Walt and Robin Hanson.

Many, many thanks to Knights and friends who continue to help with distribution of food and goods to those in need in Knox and surrounding counties: Tony Angelelli, Ron Bowling, Brian Briody, Tim Brown, Andrew Cieslik, Deacon Al Forsythe, Przemek Golec, Phil Guertin, David Hetrick, Deacon Scott Maentz, Matthew McGrath, James Molchan, John Murphy, Jack Passafiume, Bernet Poczobut, Larry Roovers, Keith Sanford, John Stabile, Matt Sturgill, Wen Thomas, George Tremoulis, and John Walter. Additional volunteers are welcome and should contact Keith Sanford at 719-2832 for details.

We also appreciate the support at Knoxville Catholic High School home football games: Chain Gang members for the October game were Joe Breslin, Terry Harrigan, Jerry Lubert, Pete McKenzie, and Dave Purcell; October Honor Guard members from area assemblies include Sir Knights Rich Cataldi, Jim Gecsei, John Hitt, Chuck Hutchens, Henri Usey, and J. J. Wilder.

Honor Guards also served at the annual White Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on October 20 (Rich Cataldi and Jim Redmon) and at the October 28 Installation of Fr. Joe Reed as pastor of St. John Neumann.

Thanks to our October 14 breakfast volunteers (Dick and Mary Ann Groves, Jerry Lubert, James Molchan, John Murphy, Jack Passafiume, Phil and Carol Perkins, Bryan and Ken Podgorski, Don Schreyer, Harry Schukman, John Stabile, Matt Sturgill, Wen Thomas, and Cathy, Doug and Tricia Varga) and to all who helped make the parish Fall Festival a great family affair on October 21. This year's Trunk or Treat volunteers on October 27 included Dick Groves, "Mo" Molchan, John Murphy, Jack Passafiume, Harry Schukman, Garrett Swartwood, the Varga family, and Matthew Walter.

We are grateful to all Knights, spouses and family members who serve in one or more capacities at St. John Neumann and elsewhere as CCD teachers, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, grounds and maintenance volunteers, lectors, and Perpetual Adoration adorers.

You are encouraged to share this newsletter with spouses and prospective members.

November Birthdays

Congratulations to Bruce Broussard, David Campbell, Robert Deyo Jr., Henry Engo, Walt Hanson, Robert Higginbotham, George LeCrone Sr., Allen Lee, Charles Mascioli, James "Mo" Molchan, Joe Piscitello, Ron Tasket, and John Walter.

Looking Ahead to November and December Events

- Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, November 1. There will not be a First Degree. Holy Day of Obligation Mass is at 6:00 p.m.
- KCHS Home Playoff Game, 7:00 p.m. – Chain Gang and Honor Guard support requested.
- Belk Charity Sale (private event), 6:00 to 10:00 a.m., November 3, Belk Women’s Store (Turkey Creek). Contact Don Schreyer for details.
- Pancake Breakfast, after morning Masses, Sunday, November 11.
- Assembly 3500 Meeting and Social, 5:30 p.m., SJN Music Room, Sunday, November 11.
- Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, November 15. Come pray the rosary at the start of the meeting.
- MR Drive, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 23, Kingston Pike and Lovell Road intersection, 20 volunteers needed, contact the Grand Knight for details and to sign up.
- MR Drive, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, November 24, Kingston Pike and Lovell Road intersection, 20 volunteers needed, contact the Grand Knight for details and to sign up.

- Appreciation Mass and Lunch, 11:00 a.m., CPOP (Benton), for mowing volunteers. Please let Bill Risko know if you plan to attend, 423-715-4310. Bishop Stika hopes to see you there.
- Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, December 6. There will be a First Degree, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- MR Drive, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 8, Clinton Highway and Merchant Drive intersection, 20 volunteers needed, contact the Grand Knight for details and to sign up.
- Pancake Breakfast, after morning Masses, Sunday, December 9.
- MR Drive, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 9, Clinton Highway and Merchant Drive intersection, 20 volunteers needed, contact the Grand Knight for details and to sign up.
- Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, December 20. Come pray the rosary at the start of the meeting.

Our leadership team for Fraternal Year 2018-2019 includes:

Rev Scott Russell - Chaplain	Bill Wicke - Grand Knight
Pete McKenzie - Deputy Grand Knight	Wen Thomas - Chancellor
David Hetrick - Recorder	James Parsly - Treasurer
Terry Scoggins - Advocate	Mike Gates - Financial Secretary
Walt Hanson - Warden	Paul Hughes - Inside Guard
Dr. Phil Perkins - Outside Guard	Don Schreyer - 3 Year Trustee
Dr. Mike Ryan - 2 Year Trustee	Doug Varga - 1 Year Trustee
Dr. Ben Compton - Lecturer	Pete Colombo - Membership Director
Bruce Soderberg - Faith Director	Walt Hanson - Community Director
Pete McKenzie - Family Director	Wen Thomas - Life Director

Coats for Kids

Council 8781 is participating in the Order’s Coats for Kids project for the first time this year. We will be purchasing 72 (or more) new Columbia coats for needy children in the area. Average cost is about \$40 per coat and members are encouraged to consider contributing \$20-40-60 (or any other amount) to ensure the success of this new program. If you are able to make a donation, please be sure your check is issued to “K of C, Council 8781” (earmarked Coats for Kids) and delivered to Financial Secretary Mike Gates as soon as possible. Coat distributions will be made over the next several weeks. Many thanks to Walt Hanson for taking the lead on this project. Please look for an update from Walt at council meetings in November.

Monthly Spiritual Reflection:

A great way to augment your daily prayer life is to include a litany. For this month, try adding this Litany of Humility to your daily prayer regimen:

Litany of Humility:

Lord Jesus. Meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*
From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being extolled, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being preferred to others, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being humiliated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being suspected, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
That others may be loved more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be esteemed more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be chosen and I set aside, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be praised and I unnoticed, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be preferred to me in everything, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val (1865-1930)

Group Rosary Program:

Per the Catholic Church's Enchiridion of Indulgences, "the recitation of the Marian Rosary in a church or public oratory" is a fantastic way of obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for your yourself or your departed loved ones (provided you meet the other three criteria for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence including: being in a state of Grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that day – Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff). Our Council has at least two organized opportunities to get involved with praying a group Rosary led by members of our Council:

1. At 4:00 p.m. every Saturday night just before the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
2. First Wednesday Devotion to the Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph, each first Wednesday of the month (after the first Friday) immediately following the 6pm Mass. If you would like to know more about what First Wednesday Devotions to St. Joseph are all about, please visit: <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/major-apparitions-of-st.-joseph-are-approved>

Novenas:

Our Worthy District Deputy challenged us in our September 6 business meeting to include Novenas in our daily prayer life. Novenas are an excellent **addition** (vs substitution) to your normal daily prayer routine of Morning Consecration, Angelus prayers, and morning Rosary. Please join us for the next Monthly Novena, feel the power of praying with over 400,000 other Catholics, and never forget to finish a Novena again by clicking on the following link and click on the large orange box at the top of the page saying “Click to Join Us in Prayer.” <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/>

After entering your name and email address, “Pray More Novenas” will, in turn, send to your email inbox the 9-day Novena of the day by the time you wake up in the morning. It is that simple. “Pray More Novenas” is an excellent Catholic family-run organization that will not spam you with fundraising solicitations, and they won’t share your email address with anyone else. They are just asking you to pray with them. No hitches or tricks. And you can unsubscribe any time.

That Man is You!

Many of the men in our Council meet weekly to enhance their faith by participating in our Parish’s That Man Is You (TMIY) ministry. TMIY is an interactive men’s program focused on the spiritual development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the Saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families, and greater society. TMIY meets in the St. John Neumann School Cafeteria Saturday mornings from 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. To find out more, contact Bruce Soderberg, our Council’s Faith Director, at bwsoderberg@gmail.com or by visiting the following YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQKYIIUTwBE&list=PLA49B6732E879ED32&index=2>

Save the Date: That Man is You! Lenten Retreat Journey

Please consider joining the men of That Man Is You in the St. John Neumann School Cafeteria at 6:30 a.m. on March 2, the Saturday before Ash Wednesday for a 7-week Lenten Journey as we explore our role as men in “Ordering the World to Peace.” TMIY will continue to meet each Saturday during Lent at the same time and place. Men who participate in TMIY often state that the 7-week Lenten Journey is the best part of the 26-week program. To find out more, contact our Council’s Faith Director at bwsoderberg@gmail.com

Degree News

There are six remaining Knighthood Degree dates in the Diocese of Knoxville:

- December 1, Notre Dame (Greeneville), Council 6784
- January 12, Council Hall (Fairfield Glade / Crossville), Council 8152
- January 26, All Saints (Knoxville), Council 15706
- February 23, St. Stephen (Chattanooga), Council 6099
- April 13, Holy Ghost (Knoxville), Council 16523
- April 27, St. Dominic (Kingsport), Council 6992

All Knighthood Degrees start at 10:00 a.m., with candidates expected to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m.

Each council is expected to conduct Admission Degrees whenever they have candidates; typically, Council 8781 plans to hold Admission Degrees prior to each first Thursday meeting.

A Second Degree is planned in early November at All Saints. Eligible candidates will be contacted by email with details.

Council 8781 Minutes and Financial Summaries

Attached are October 4 Minutes provided by Recorder David Hetrick. No financial reports were available at press time.

Chaplain's Corner

Coming soon – topical remarks by Council Chaplain, Rev. Scott Russell.

Council Insurance Representative

Our local agent is Ron Henry and we look forward to having him visit our council as his schedule permits. If you have questions about any Knights of Columbus insurance products, please contact Ron at 314-9441 (cell) or ron.henry@kofc.org.

Meeting Attendance Concerns

We have not had a quorum for three of the last four meetings. Please make an effort to attend a meeting when you can; many members have not been to a meeting in more than a year, and your support is definitely missed, needed and appreciated.

Due to pending surgery on my right foot and an extended recuperation period, Deputy Grand Knight Pete McKenzie will be presiding at meetings for the next few months. Please give him your support.

Fraternally,

Bill