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Brother Knights,

Please welcome new member Joe Corry, a transfer from Lenoir City Council 12633. Congratulations to: November Knight of the Month – Brian Briody, and November Family of the Month – Dick and Mary Ann Groves.

All who have helped make our first Coats for Kids effort successful deserve our profound thanks. Under the leadership of Walt Hanson, 77 new coats have been - and are still being - distributed to needy students in Knox, Campbell, and Unicoi Counties. Thanks to all who have made donations toward the \$3,100 project cost; gifts are still needed and most welcome. For more information, see details later in this section and the attached photos of distributions to date.

Our November MR efforts netted \$4,189 and were driven by volunteers at;

- Belk Charity Sale, November 3, raised \$410 – Patrick Call, Pete Colombo, Walt Hanson, Paul Hughes, Pete McKenzie, Phil and Carol Perkins, Mike Ryan, and Don and Sheila Schreyer
- Kingston Pike and Lovell Road Street Drive, November 23, raised \$2,165 – Brian Briody, Walt Hanson, Jerry Lubert, Bruce Soderberg, Wen Thomas
- Kingston Pike and Lovell Road Street Drive, November 24, raised \$1,614 – Walt Hanson, Pete McKenzie, Matt and Susan Ownby, James Parsly

Our sincere thanks goes out to Knights and friends who continue to help with the distribution of food and goods to those in need in Knox and surrounding counties. Additional volunteers are welcome and should contact our program coordinator, Keith Sanford, at 719-2832 for details. Volunteers who reviewed and scored 47 SJN School eighth-grade submittals to our K of C Essay Contest helped identify this year's winners; "graders" include Joe Corry, Walt Hanson, Fidel Perez, Mike Ryan, Don Schreyer, and Bill Wicke. Contest winners will be identified in the January newsletter, after the students and parents are notified at a December "all school" Mass.

We also appreciate the support at Knoxville Catholic High School home football games: Chain Gang members for the two November home playoff games were Joe Breslin, Terry Harrigan, Jerry Lubert, Pete McKenzie, and Dave Purcell; November Honor Guard members from area assemblies include Sir Knights Rich Cataldi, Jim Gecsei, Chuck Hutchens, Rob Valente, and J. J. Wilder. Honor Guards also served at the October 28 Installation of Fr. Joe Reed as pastor of St. John Neumann (Rich Cataldi, Jim Redmon, Don Schreyer, and Bob Snyder), at the annual Green Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on November 4 (Rich Cataldi, Scott Elmore, Tom Greer, Steve Kaye, Steve Kirk, Jim Redmon, Don Schreyer, and J. J. Wilder), and at November funeral Masses for Sir Knights Wheeler and Mikeska (Ray Audet, Bob Childs, Jim Gecsei, Dave Stoetzel, and J. J. Wilder).

Thanks to our November 11 breakfast volunteers (Brian Briody, Dick and Mary Ann Groves, Jerry Lubert, James Molchan, John Murphy, Jack Passafiume, Phil and Carol Perkins, Erin and Ken Podgorski, John Stabile, Don Schreyer, Harry Schukman, Wen Thomas, and Cathy, Doug and Tricia Varga). Several of these volunteers also helped with the Fourth Degree Dinner later that evening.

We are most 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. Remember to attend a council meeting or activity when your time permits.

December Birthdays

Congratulations to Mark Calvert, Rich Cataldi, Larry Costigan, J P Dakak, Jeff Ingle, Larry Lehmann, Darrell Lott, James Parsly, Tom Perry, Larry Petr, Bernet Poczobut, Bill Reighard, Larry Roovers, Vince Salvaggio, Vince Senatore, Bruce Soderberg, John Stabile, Bill Wicke, and Bill Wood.

Looking Ahead to December and January Events

- Appreciation Mass and Lunch, 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 1, at 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. Discuss Calendar Year 2019 budget.
- 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.
- Diocesan Men's Retreat, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, December 8, All Saints Church (no charge and lunch is included). See details in this newsletter.
- Pancake Breakfast, after morning Masses, Sunday, December 9.
- MR Drive, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 9, Clinton Highway and Merchant Drive intersection, 15 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. Finalize Calendar Year 2019 budget!

- Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, January 3. If needed, there will be a First Degree, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- State Mid-Year Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Nashville Catholic Center, Saturday, January 5. All State Convention registration forms and fees are due.
- Pancake Breakfast, after morning Masses, Sunday, January 13.
- Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, January 17. Come pray the rosary at the start of the meeting.
- Right to Life March

SAVE the DATE – Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 21, \$20 per person, St. John Neumann Catholic School gym.

Monthly Spiritual Reflection:

A great way to augment your daily prayer life is to include a reflection or two.

December Reflections:

"America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance - it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded." Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it." Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"Meditate on Proverbs 9:10: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!* Do not behave like frightened sheep, but as courageous shepherds. Do not be afraid of standing up and doing the right thing for the victims, for the faithful and for your own salvation. The Lord will render to every one of us according to our actions and omissions." Archbishop Vigano

Diocese One-Day Men's Retreat:

Saturday, December 8 at All Saints Parish, themed "Defend Us in Battle"

The Diocese of Knoxville Men's Retreat will be held Saturday, December 8th, at All Saints Church in Knoxville. Bishop Stika will celebrate Mass. Lunch included. The retreat is free.

Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Registration

9 a.m. Holy Mass with Bishop Richard F. Stika

10:30 a.m. Conference 1, 15 minute break

11:45 a.m. Conference 2

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Conference 3

If you have questions, please contact Sr. Anna Marie McGuan at srannamarie@dioknox.org or click on the following link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/defend-us-in-battle-mens-retreat-tickets-52502190465>

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 seven-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 or at 760-032.

Degree News

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

- 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.

Eligible candidates will be contacted by email with pertinent details prior to any scheduled Second or Third Degrees.

Council 8781 Minutes and Financial Summaries

Attached are November 1 and November 15 Minutes provided by Wen Thomas for Recorder David Hetrick. The October and November financial reports are provided by Treasurer James Parsly.

Coats for Kids – November News

Attached to the newsletter are pictures of coat distributions. The two Farragut Intermediate School photos were taken November 20 include kids with Walt Hanson and Jelena Browning, Knox County Schools Social Services; Browning, Hanson, and Farragut Intermediate School Principal Deborah Adorante (wearing pig ears for a special school event!) are in the second photo with the coats ready for students to pick up. A news release to school parents is noted below:

The Knights of Columbus, an international Catholic men's organization, launched its "Coats for Kids" program to ensure that every child in need would have access to a warm winter coat. Since the program started in 2009, local councils have purchased and distributed more than 500,000 new winter coats to children throughout North America.

On November 20, Knights of Columbus Council 8781 (Farragut) dropped off 32 brand new, warm Columbia jackets to Farragut Intermediate School students. Thanks to project manager Walt Hanson for coordinating the distribution and for making sure the individually sized jackets were delivered to the school.

The two St. John Neumann photos were taken November 27 and include Walt Hanson, Wen Thomas, School Principal Bill Derbyshire, and SJN Pastor Fr. Joe Reed. A SJNCS Facebook post says:

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Today, the Knights of Columbus Council 8781 dropped off several brand new, warm Columbia jackets to St. John Neumann Catholic School for several families in need.

They also included a special prayer for the students who will be wearing the coats.

"Our Father, please send your Holy Spirit to watch over and guide the wearer of this coat. Keep this child warm and safe; help this child grow in knowledge and experience Your love. May this coat provide many years of good where and be passed down to others in need. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen."

Thank you, Knights of Columbus Council 8781, for all you do in our community and for those in need!

Additional distributions will be made at Jellico Elementary School on December 4 and at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Mission in Erwin, Tennessee in mid-December. Pictures will be included in the January newsletter.

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

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. We have budget items for calendar year 2019 to discuss December 6, following the First Degree. The budget vote will take place at the December 20 meeting.

“Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words.” St. Francis of Assisi

Deputy Grand Knight Pete McKenzie will be presiding at council meetings for the next few months. Please give him your support.

Best wishes for a blessed Advent, a peaceful and holy Christmas, and a happy New Year!

Fraternally,

Bill