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Brother Knights,

Please welcome new members Mark Scrock, who took his First Degree on December 6, and John Knowles, who joined on line in late November. Congratulations to: December Knight of the Month – James “Mo” Molchan, and to December Family of the Month – Phil and Carol Perkins.

Thanks to 39 families who contributed to the \$2,800 cost of 76 new Columbia coats that were distributed to needy students in Knox, Campbell, and Unicoi Counties in November and December. Donations are still welcome and should be delivered to Financial Secretary Mike Gates at any time; please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus and mark for “Coats for Kids.” Photos of the December distributions are attached, and additional details are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our sincere thanks goes 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 in December were 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.

Thanks to our December 9 breakfast volunteers (Dick and Mary Ann Groves, Jerry Lubert, James Molchan, John Murphy, Jack Passafiume, Phil and Carol Perkins, Ken Podgorski, John Stabile, Don Schreyer, Harry Schukman, Matt Sturgill, Wen Thomas, and Cathy, Doug and Tricia Varga).

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.

January Birthdays

Congratulations to Bill Allington, Quent Below, Rick Coughlin, Charles Gluck, Dick Groves, Nick Iverson, Paul La Pointe, Pete McKenzie, Mike Mucenski, Chuck Payne, Ken Podgorski, Jacob Terry, and Hans Vanderveldt.

Essay Contest

Congratulations to SJNCS students who took part in this year’s K of C Essay Contest. The first-place winners, Ellen Falvey and Paul Liulevicius, received \$100 each. Certificates were presented for other top essays submitted by Mason Burkhardt, David Carlson, Reagan Cozart, and Lily Stouffer. See attached photo of the top prize winners.

Looking Ahead to January and February Events

- 40 Hours Devotion, 6:00 p.m. January 3 through 9:00 a.m. January 5, SJN Church. Mass at 9:00 a.m. to close devotion honoring our patron saint, St. John Neumann.
- Regular council meeting, 7:15 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, January 3. 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.
- "Sexual Revolution" movie, 7:00 p.m., SJN Gym, Friday, January 11; volunteers needed, please contact Bruce Soderberg.
- 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, 2:00, p.m., March for Life 2019 (World's Fair Park), Sunday, January 27.
- Council Free Throw Contest, 1:00 p.m., SJN Gym, Sunday, January 27.

- Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, February 7. If needed, there will be a First Degree, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Pancake Breakfast, after morning Masses, Sunday, February 10.
- District (2:00 p.m.) and Regional (3:00 p.m.) Free Throw Contest, SJN Gym, Sunday, February 10
- Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 21, \$20 per person, St. John Neumann Catholic School gym. Additional details are noted in this newsletter under Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner.

Monthly Spiritual Reflection:

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

January Reflections:

On Saturday, January 5, the Memorial of St. John Neumann: My God, how great you are, how wonderful in all your works! Teach me your Will that I may begin and end all my actions each day for your greater glory St. John Neumann

On Sunday, January 6, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: The star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ St. Leo the Great

On Sunday January 13, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: The Lord was baptized, not to be cleansed himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of baptism St. Ambrose

On Thursday January 24, The Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: Great deeds may not always come our way, but at all times we can do little deeds with perfection, that is, with love St. Francis de Sales

That Man is You!

Our Faith Director is still in need of Knights to help at St. John Neumann Parish's screening of the movie *Humanae Vitae: 50 Years of the Sexual Revolution* on Friday January 11. The screening starts at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym, so we need Knights to help set up the gym with tables and chairs, pop and issue popcorn, and hand-out soft drinks. So far, we have no volunteers. Call or text Bruce Soderberg at 951-760-0632 or email him at bwsoderberg@gmail.com to commit to help

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 December 20 Minutes provided by Recorder David Hetrick. The December financial reports are provided by Treasurer James Parsly.

Coats for Kids – December News

Attached to the newsletter are pictures of coat distributions. The two Jellico Elementary School photos were taken December 4 and include Don Schreyer, School Principal Kenneth Chadwell, Walt Hanson, Wen Thomas, and Tammi Davis, Campbell County Social Worker (first photo); the second photo also includes Crazy Quilt's Ed Bryant. The school issued a news release thanking the Knights for their kindness and printed the verbiage on the prayer card tucked into every jacket.

The St. Michael the Archangel photo was taken December 7 at the Erwin, Tennessee church and includes Walt Hanson, Wen Thomas, Don Schreyer, pastor Fr. Tom Charters, and parish Youth Minister Kathy O'Brien.

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.

Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner

Our 28th annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner will be held in the St. John Neumann Gym on Thursday, February 21. Doors open at 6:30. A cash bar and prime rib / salmon dinner are featured; guests must select meat or fish when making reservations.. Cost is 20 per person and reservations are required. Please confirm reservations to the Grand Knight no later than Saturday, February 16. Cash or checks (payable to K of C Council 8781) are due no later than February 16; please give monies to James Parsly or Bill Wicke before or after weekend Masses (one of us will be in the choir loft Saturday evening or Sunday morning), or mail your check to Bill Wicke, 8820 Carriage House Way, Knoxville 37923.

To help defray the costs for this event, you are encouraged to consider buying a meal for one or more of our honored guests: priests, deacons (and wives), sisters, and brothers. Bishop Stika and Cardinal Rigali plan to attend. The event is open to other councils, to local assemblies, and to prospective members.

Attendance Concerns

Please make an effort to attend the January 3 meeting; we did not have a quorum on December 20, so the budget proposal could not be voted on.

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

Finally, Financial Secretary Mike Gates issued dues notices yesterday. Please return dues and any donations to Mike no later than January 31.

Fraternally,

Bill