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Brother Knights,

Please welcome new member John Priano, who took his First Degree on January 3. Congratulations to: January Knight of the Month – Pete McKenzie and to January Family of the Month – Dick and Maryann Groves. Fr. Joe Reed has joined our leadership team as Council Chaplain.

Thanks to the volunteers who support dozens of programs and activities with the council and parish:

- 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.
- January 13 breakfast volunteers – Dick and Mary Ann Groves, James Molchan, Jack Passafiume, Harry Schukman, Matt Sturgill, and others.
- Council Free Throw Championship – Tony Angelelli, Pete McKenzie, and Fidel Perez. Girls age 13 winner was Kate Pettinger and girls age 12 winner was Gemma Deyo.
- January 11 Movie Screening – Rich Cataldi, Pete Colombo, Tom Francescon, Walt Hanson, Bruce Soderberg, and John Szabat.
- 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.

February Birthdays

Congratulations to Brian Briody, Kevin Denning, Tom Francescon, Mike Gates, Bill Hermes, Ken Hodak, Richard Hughes, Randy Inklebarger, Jon Kidder, Rev Michael Maples, Tony Mardini, Pat O'Brien, Steve Price, Bernie Roche, Manuel Santana, Harry Schukman, Deacon Marquis Syler, and Doug Varga.

Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner – February 21

Our 28th annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner will be held in the St. John Neumann Gym on Thursday, February 21. Doors open at 6:15. 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. Additional details are included as an attachment to this newsletter.

Volunteers Needed – March 15 and 16

The Knoxville St Patrick's Day Parade organizers have confirmed that this year 100% of the proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee (CCETN). This event falls on the same weekend as the Bass Pro Fishing tournament that is hosted in Knoxville this year; Roland Martin is confirmed to be the Parade's grand marshal. Hotels for the weekend are booked and 100,000 are expected in town. So, this is a great opportunity for raising money for CCETN, the charitable arm of our Diocese. Since this event is the day after the CCETN Emerald O'ccasion dinner, the typical "GO-TO" volunteers that CCETN depends on will have just worked long hours to accomplish that event.

CCETN needs about 30 volunteers to meet its needs. CCETN is responsible for operating the entirety of the "Celebraughtion" happening in Krutch Park for two days (Friday night March 15 and Saturday March 16). Volunteers are needed to fill two-hour shifts selling beer tickets, t-shirts, running games, working with bands/VIPs. Volunteers can sign-up online at <https://ccetn.org/parade-volunteer/> For additional information, please contact Walt Hanson.

Looking Ahead to February and March Events

- Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, February 7; no First Degree.
- Pancake Breakfast, after morning Masses, Sunday, February 10.
- District (1:00 p.m.) and Regional (2:00 p.m.) Free Throw Contest, SJN Gym, Sunday, February 10. Volunteers, please contact Pete McKenzie.
- Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner, 6:15 p.m., Thursday, February 21, SJN Gym.

Monthly Spiritual Reflection:

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

February Reflections:

Special Intensions of Pope Francis for February (the month of the Passion of Our Lord): "Dear Lord Jesus, during this month of February, we cry out to you and pray for the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence. Rescue them, O Lord!"

On Saturday, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord: Today we too, like Mary and Simeon, want to take Jesus into our arms, to bring him to his people. Surely we will be able to do so if we enter into the mystery in which Jesus himself is our guide. Let us bring others to Jesus, but let us also allow ourselves to be led by him. This is what we should be: guides who themselves are guided....Pope Francis

On Monday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes: The message of the Madonna, which continued to spread from Lourdes, recalled the words of Jesus which he announced at the beginning of his public ministry: convert and believe in the Gospel, pray, and do penance....Pope Benedict XVI

On Saturday, February 23, Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr: Help one another with the generosity of the Lord, and despise no one. When you have the opportunity to do good, so not let it go by...St. Polycarp

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 three remaining Knighthood Degree dates in the Diocese of Knoxville:

- 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 January 17 Minutes provided by Recorder David Hetrick. The January and early February financial reports are provided by Treasurer James Parsly.

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.

Fraternally,

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