



# Knights of Columbus

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**MAY 2019**

Brother Knights,

Congratulations to: April Knight of the Month – John Murphy and to April Family of the Month – Em and Lucy Way. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the three seminarians our council is supporting this fraternal year: Matthew Donahue, Andrew Hendershott, and Deacon Mark Schuster. Deacon Mark will be ordained a priest this summer.

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

- All Lenten Fish Fry April volunteers – Ted Ansink, Kyle Botica, Tony Mardini, Mo Molchan, John Murphy, Jack Passafiume, Carol Perkins, Phil Perkins, Bryan Podgorski, Ken Podgorski, Don Schreyer, Matt Sturgill, Wen Thomas, Hans Vanderveldt, Cathy Varga, Doug Varga, Trish Varga, Bill Wicke.
- April 14 breakfast volunteers.
- April 20 Easter Egg Hunt volunteers – Pete McKenzie, Harry Schukman, John Szabat, Cathy Varga, Doug Varga, Tricia Varga. There were 45 children involved in the hunt.
- 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, Matthew McGrath, Mo Molchan, John Murphy, Jack Passafiume, Bernet Poczobut, Larry Roovers, Keith Sanford, Matt Sturgill, Wen Thomas, George Tremoulis, and John Walter. Two more volunteers are needed to replace men unable to serve at this time; please contact coordinator Keith Sanford for details, 719-2832 or [maclaire@tds.net](mailto:maclaire@tds.net).
- 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.

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## May Birthdays

Congratulations to Patrick Call, Chris Chandler, Andrew Cieslik, Pete Colombo, Matthew Donahue, Phil Guertin, Paul Hughes, Deacon Mike Humphreys, Andrew MacDonald, Jim Oravitz, Matt Ownby, Marshall Reeves, Richard Schmidt, Paul Shipp, Larry Van Dooren.

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## Looking Ahead to May Dates and Events

- Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, May 2; **no First Degree**.
- State Convention, May 3-4-5, Franklin Cool Springs Marriott.
- Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12 – no Breakfast Buffet
- Regular council meeting, 6:30 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, May 16 (Rosary); 7:00 p.m., First Degree.

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## 2019 Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game June 21, 2019

It is time for our annual Tennessee Smokies baseball game. Our date for this year is Friday, June 21. The format is the same: picnic-style meal at Calhoun's at the Yard, then the baseball game and fireworks following the game.

Gates open at 6:00 p.m., the meal is served at 6:30 p.m., the game starts at 7:00 p.m. Your tickets will be at the "will call" booth in front of the stadium.

The price is \$29 per person. I need to know ASAP if you are planning to attend. You can contact me at [bombero@charter.net](mailto:bombero@charter.net) or 865-607-2248. We have 30 seats blocked now but can get more if needed. The sooner I know this the better for everyone. I will need your check made out to Knights of Columbus no later than June 1, 2019. You can mail it to: Bill Twohig, 271 Holt Drive, Loudon, TN 37774.

I hope to see you at the ball game!

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### Monthly Spiritual Reflection:

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

#### May Reflections:

**CATCH EXCELLENCE:** *The desire to enter the fight is a desire to enter into a genuine training in holiness, pursuing the goal of becoming one of God's champions. St. Paul put it this way: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize" (1 Cor 9:24-27).*

St. Paul talks about a strict training and a desire to run in such a way as to win. The famous Green Bay Packer coach, Vince Lombardi, would have heard these words from St. Paul many times in his life, as he went to Mass every day. In fact, he admitted, "I derive my strength from daily Mass and Communion." As Coach Lombardi describes what it takes to be number one, see if you do not recognize a bit of St. Paul in his words:

"And in truth, I've never known a man worth his salt who in the long run, deep down in his heart, didn't appreciate the grind, the discipline. There is something in good men that really yearns for discipline and the harsh reality of head to head combat. I don't say these things because I believe in the 'brute' nature of men or that men must be brutalized to be combative. I believe in God, and I believe in human decency. But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour - his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear - is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious." Sadly in our current day and age, far too many men of faith have become conditioned to cower when they hear the words, "strive for perfection." In the coddled culture in which we live, the reflex response is, "I will never be perfect." Yet, Coach Lombardi said, "**Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.**"

**SUPERIOR IDEAL:** Among the many ways Coach Vince Lombardi inspires us, most important one of all is that he went to Mass and received Communion every day of his life. Pope John Paul II said the Holy Eucharist "contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself."

Precisely during a time when our culture was becoming disconnected from their True Source, Vince Lombardi remained firmly and wholly connected to his. No matter what Lombardi dedicated himself to, he never abandoned his true self as a child of God and devoted disciple of Jesus Christ. More than anything, he understood the necessity of receiving God's Divine Life, as he brought himself, daily, to the altar of our Lord to

receive him - body, blood, soul, and divinity - as the real source of power in his life. This was where his energy, his very life came from. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once said, "As a man must be born before he can begin to lead his physical life, so he must be born to lead a Divine Life. That birth occurs in the Sacrament of Baptism. To survive, he must be nourished by Divine Life; that is done in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist."

There is no other authentic way to strive for perfection. Lombardi recognized this as the superior ideal that must never be abandoned, but interwoven into all of our pursuits, whether it is as a businessman or parent or professor or coach.

**Join us on May 8 for a First Wednesday Devotion to St Joseph.** As the virgin father of Jesus, St. Joseph showed Him all the natural love and affection of a father's heart. He placed his life at the service of God in total self-giving for our Savior who grew up in his house. And Jesus grew "in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." (Lk. 2:52.). On the eve of his own feast day, March 19, 1958, St. Joseph made an appearance to Sister Mildred, the visionary of the Our Lady of America devotion. He proclaimed the unique privilege that was bestowed on him as the virgin father of Jesus. **He said that all fatherhood is blest in his fatherhood. He asked that our family life be modeled on that of the Holy Family, with Jesus at the center of all its activity.** He wants us to teach our children and grandchildren well. On March 30, St. Joseph again appeared and declared himself the protector of the Church and the home.

He stated that Jesus and Mary desired that his pure heart, so long hidden and unknown, be now honored in a special way. He asked that we all **honor him on the First Wednesday (after the First Friday) of every month** by attending Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, with the same love that St. Joseph gave to Him, and by praying the **Joyful mysteries** of the Rosary in memory of his life with Jesus and Mary. St. Joseph confirmed his enormous role in God's plan of salvation, shared with his holy Spouse, the Mother of Jesus. (*Diary 26-31*). Join us for the 6:00 p.m. Mass, Wednesday April 10, and after the Mass we will pray the rosary in honor of St. Joseph's Most Chaste Heart.

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## Degree News

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.

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## Council 8781 Minutes and Financial Summaries

Attached are April 4 Minutes provided by Recorder David Hetrick. The April 30 financial reports are provided by Treasurer James Parsly.

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## Slate of Officers for 2019-2020

The Nominating Committee submits the following members for officers for Fraternal Year 2019-2020. Any Third Degree member in good standing is eligible to serve in a leadership capacity and may run from the floor when elections are held June 6. We do need a Warden candidate, please contact the Grand Knight if you are interested or have questions.

Pete McKenzie - Grand Knight  
Wen Thomas - Chancellor  
James Parsly - Treasurer  
???????????? - Warden  
Dr. Phil Perkins - Outside Guard  
Don Schreyer - 2 Year Trustee

Walt Hanson - Deputy Grand Knight  
David Hetrick - Recorder  
Terry Scoggins - Advocate  
Paul Hughes - Inside Guard  
Bill Wicke, PSD - 3 Year Trustee  
Dr. Mike Ryan - 1 Year Trustee

Financial Secretary Mike Gates was appointed by Supreme and is in the midst of a three-year term. The Chaplain, Membership Director, and Lecturer are appointed by the elected Grand Knight. Directors will be needed for Faith, Family, Life, and Community positions. Please advise current GK Wicke if you are interested in any appointed positions.

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### **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](mailto:ron.henry@kofc.org).

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### **Prayer Request**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of council member Hilaire "Larry" VanDooren, who passed away on April 26. Funeral details will be shared as soon as Larry's wife Maggie conveys them to us.

Fraternally,

**Bill**