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Brother Knights,

Congratulations to: May Knight of the Month – Paul Hughes and to May Family of the Month – David and Sarah Hetrick. 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 on June 8 and has been assigned to serve at our parish. We also welcome former parishioner and council member Fr. Christopher Floersh, who begins his role as part-time Associate in July. Finally, please welcome Michigan transfer Marek Kos and his wife, Bernadette, to Council 8781.

Make plans to attend our 2019-2020 Installation of Officers on June 20, followed by Italian style dinner to honor our spouses and award winners over the past twelve months. There is no cost to members for the meal but reservations are required by Sunday, June 16 (no exceptions) to accommodate the catering deadline. Please contact the Grand Knight via email for reservations.

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

- CPOP (Benton) mowers on May 30 included David Hetrick, Mo Molchan, John Murphy, Jack Passafiume, and Mike Wills.
- A very special “thank you” to Rich Cataldi, who coordinates Honor Guard support at local and diocesan events all year long. In May, he oversaw support for the May 18 Exemplification and then spent 13 hours at the Cathedral on May 23 managing various Honor Guards for two Masses and the veneration of the incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney.
- There is a retirement party for brother knight and parish facilities manager Harry Schukman, who has given the last twenty years serving St. John Neumann in oversight capacities. A luncheon after the June 2 10:30 Mass will be held at the pavilion. Please join us there as we thank and honor Harry for all he has done for our parish over the last two decades.
- 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. 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.
- 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.

June Birthdays

Congratulations to Ken Aken, Daniel Balo, Brian Bauer, Frank Beuerlein, Joe Corry, Stan David, Darrell Freeze, Phillip Haynie, Chris Horwege, Andre Juneau, Robert Kosky Jr, Dave Kubeja, James Lavalee, John Mahoney, Mike Ryan, Matt Sturgill, Nathan “Em” Way Jr.

Looking Ahead to June Dates and Events

- First Degree, 6:30 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, June 6; regular council meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. – includes Election of Officers.
- Priestly Ordination of Deacon Mark Schuster, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Saturday, June 8. An Honor Guard has been requested.
- NO Buffet Breakfast, Sunday, June 9.
- Second Degree, 7:00 p.m., Holy Ghost Church, Wednesday, June 12. Candidates meet at St. John Neumann at 6:00 p.m. for escort to ceremony.
- Transitional Deacon Ordinations of seminarians Zachary Griffith and Alexander Hernandez, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Saturday, June 15. An Honor Guard has been requested.
- Father's Day, Sunday, June 16
- Installation of Officers (no council meeting), 6:30 p.m., SJN Church, Thursday, June 20, arrive by 6:15 p.m.; followed by Spouse Appreciation Dinner and Awards Celebration, 7:00 p.m., Seaton Center (no cost but reservations required).
- Smokies Baseball Game, 6:00 p.m., Smokies Park (Sevierville), Friday, June 21.
- Funeral Mass for Larry VanDooren, 11:00 a.m., St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Saturday, June 29. An Honor Guard has been requested.

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. The deadline is NOW if you are planning to attend. You can contact event organizer and DD Bill Twohig at bombero@charter.net or 865-607-2248. We have 30 seats blocked now but can get more if needed. Your check should be made out to Knights of Columbus and reservation confirmed no later than June 1, 2019. You can mail it to: Bill Twohig, 271 Holt Drive, Loudon, TN 37774.

Monthly Spiritual Reflection:

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

June Reflections: *Mother of Divine Grace, Pray that we receive the gift of prudence.*

GOD'S WORD: "The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps." (Proverbs 14:15)

HEROES' WORDS: "The prudent man considers things afar off, in so far as they tend to be a help or a hindrance to that which has to be done at the present time." - St. Thomas Aquinas

MEDITATION: Human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life. The virtuous man is he who freely practices the good (CCC 1804). Four virtues play a pivotal role and accordingly are called "cardinal"; all the others are grouped around them. They are: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. "If anyone loves righteousness, [Wisdom's] labors are virtues; for she teaches temperance and prudence, justice, and courage." These virtues are praised under other names in many passages of Scripture (CCC 1805).

Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it; "the prudent man looks where he is going." "Keep sane and sober for your prayers." Prudence is "right reason in action," writes St. Thomas Aquinas, following Aristotle. It is not to be confused with timidity or fear, nor with duplicity or dissimulation. It is called auriga virtutum (the charioteer of the virtues); it guides the other virtues by setting rule and measure. It is prudence that immediately guides the judgment of conscience. The prudent man determines and directs his conduct in accordance with this judgment. With the help of this virtue we apply moral principles to particular cases without error and overcome doubts about the good to achieve and the evil to avoid (CCC 1806).

Join us on June 12th for a First Wednesday Devotion to St Joseph (remember, it's always the first Wednesday after the first Friday of the month). 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 June 12th and after the Mass we will pray the Joyful Mysteries in honor of St. Joseph's Most Chaste Heart.

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.

Council 8781 Minutes and Financial Summaries

Attached are May 16 Minutes provided by Recorder David Hetrick. The May 29 financial reports are provided by Treasurer James Parsly.

Slate of Officers for 2019-2020

The Nominating Committee has submitted 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 Chancellor candidate, please contact the Grand Knight if you are interested or have questions.

Pete McKenzie - Grand Knight
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James Parsly - Treasurer
John Szabat - 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.

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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