

# **Holy Spirit Council**

Charity, Unity, Fraternity

# Holy Spirit Knight's Quarterly (Edition 8 - September, 2018)

# A Word from our Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

#### Faith in Action

Earlier this fraternal year the Tennessee State Council of the Knights of Columbus announced a partnership with the Handmaids of the Precious Blood in New Market, TN. (https://nunsforpriests.org/). This cloistered Order of contemplative, religious women dedicates their lives to prayer for priests.

This partnership is profoundly important and timely, given the widely publicized scandal over child abuse and coverup which has cast another shadow over the brilliant light of our Catholic faith. These acts are appalling to all of us, and sadly the faith of many, even those not directly affected, will be shaken.

It's at times such as these that the hopefulness which supports our faith, and our faithful witness to the infinite mercy of our Lord and Savior, will lift us up.

In a recent video clip, Father Larry Richards shared his wisdom for dealing with this darkness in the church.

(https://app.flocknote.com/note/224753 <u>0/video/6639981</u>). Father Richards suggests specific actions we can all take to combat this evil and direct the light of God's mercy to bring healing.

The charitable works of the Knights of Columbus swallow up darkness. Let us rededicate ourselves to praying for our priests, and through "Charity that Evangelizes," bear witness to our faith and the endless mercy of our Lord and Savior.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim McNeive Grand Knight



## **Nathan Clark Achieves Shining Armor Award**

Brother Nathan Clark has become the first Holy Spirit Knight to achieve recognition as a "Knight in Shining Armor." The award honors Nathan's dedication during his first year as a Knight of Columbus. Nathan has accomplished this before his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Shining Armor Award criteria provide a new Knight, and his sponsor, with guidelines for activity during his first year of membership. Among the criteria are: Attend at least three Council Business Meetings, Advance through the first three Degrees of the Order, recruit at least one new member, and participate in at least three Council activities. Fulfilling these and the other criteria in the first year provides a new Knight with a full measure of our brotherhood.

We're all very proud of you Nathan!



## **Honoring our Altar Servers**

"Many are called, but few are chosen"
-Matthew 22:14

Our altar servers have answered "YES" to the call to serve our priests and our parish family in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

As Christians, we are all called to actively bear witness to our faith. For these young men and women, it takes courage to take center stage among their families and friends to demonstrate their love for our Lord and Savior, and to honor our priests with their service.

During the month of August, the Holy Spirit Knights honored our altar servers with an appreciation pool party. We also are actively working with the adult leaders of the Altar Service Ministry to encourage more boys and girls to become altar servers. Several of our adult Knights are also trained altar servers and serve at daily masses throughout the week.

Be sure to thank our altar servers for their faithful service.



## **Holy Spirit Knights Honored Internationally**

On August 7, at the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual K of C Supreme Convention, our Holy Spirit Knights were presented the international Council Program of the Year award by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

Our Knights Career Assistance Program has been acclaimed for its creative application of our Council unity, especially as it is directed toward attracting a younger generation of Knights. Although recognition is not what we seek from our efforts, this broad affirmation does serve to reinvigorate us and challenges us to make the best use of our talents and resources for the glory of God.



Handmaids of the Precious Blood for Christ in His Priest

# **Looking Back - Accomplishments**

## **New Members and Advancements:**

 New Council members 1<sup>st</sup> Degree: Tommy Boland, Alex Truszkowski, Don Thompson

# **Programs and Events:**

- Our Council was honored with TN State and International Council Program of the year-Knights Career Assistance Program.
- Led parish-wide campaign for awareness and participation at the annual diocesan seminarian benefit dinner.
- Led parish campaign for recruitment of new altar servers.
- Hosted annual Father McGivney Birthday Celebration inter-Council event.
- Conducted Council Summer Social Dinner
- Conducted Silver Rose devotion and Rosary to our Lady of Guadalupe.

## **Donations:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Birthright Goods Collection
- \$1000 donation and \$2000 individual matching donations to benefit diocesan seminarians.
- \$1000 sponsorship for DeNeuville Charity Golf Tournament
- Provide meal for parish Youth Group kickoff meeting
- Provided meal for ALPHA Group at Resurrection parish.

## Service:

- Cleaned and reorganized storage rooms for Knight widow Jeanette Styers.
- Served tables at annual diocesan seminarian's benefit dinner.
- Removed old fencing for Knight widow Peggy Jensen.
- Hosted altar server appreciation pool party.

# Looking Forward – Plan and Volunteer

# Consult your calendars regularly

# **Programs and Events:**

9/18 – 11/5 Christmas Fruit Sales Fundraiser 9/23 Prostate Cancer Awareness Sunday 9/28 Provide Meal for Diocesan Youth Awakenings Weekend

9/29 Knights Dinner Social 10/2, 11/10, 12/18 - First Degree (Admission) 11/11 – 12/9 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

## Volunteers Needed -

9/16 Parish Festival of Ministries Fair 9/26 40 Days For Life Vigil begins 9/29-30 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Birthright Collection 10/5 DeNeuville Charity Golf Tournament 10/5-6 Tour d'Esprit 24-Hour Walk-Run 10/14, 11/11, 12/9 Pancake Breakfast 11/3 Holly Craft Fair Fruit Sale 12/1 Breakfast with St. Nicholas

# Meetings:

Officers and Directors: 10/2, 11/6, 12/4 Council: 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/18

**The Answer:** "God's love has become incarnate in Jesus Christ. In the sacraments of the Church, we are given a share in God's own incarnate love. The "moral life" [adherence to God's Commandments] is thus a response to this gift – a reflection of the beauty of the truth of God." – St. John Paul II

**The Question:** How can obedience to universal and unchanging moral norms respect the uniqueness and individuality of the person, and not represent a threat to his freedom and dignity?

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Remembering our Departed Brothers- May they rest in the peace of Christ: Victor DeBacco (2013), Frank Sampietro (2015), Richard Jensen (2015), Eddie Lindsey (2015), Percy Karnes (2015), Joseph Anderson (2015), Mark Willhite (2016), Danny Styers (2017), Jim Wright (2017), Emilio Dionisio (2018).