

KC NEWS and NOTES - Council 9257

May 2019

Happy Eastertide! Hope your Easter celebrations were glorious. Here is a slightly early newsletter for you.

Our Grand Knight and Financial Secretary will be at the KC state convention in Lebanon this weekend representing our council. We will be donating \$1,350 we collected for Pennies For Heaven to support seminarians at Mt. Angel, and \$500 to Fr. Taaffe Homes to support unwed mothers.

Our major activity in May is a Men's Day of Recollection, Saturday May 11th from 8am to noon. Msgr. Cihak and Msgr. O'Connor will give presentations during this spiritual reflection activity, and we encourage all KC's to take part. It will start with the 8am Mass, and include a presentation by Msgr. Cihak, a presentation by Msgr. O'Connor (The Catholic Man Crisis: What to Do), and will end with Adoration, Confessions and Benediction. We'll have some light refreshments after the Mass. All men are welcome, so invite your family and friends. Take advantage of this great opportunity to spend time with these priests, and with the Lord in spiritual reflection.

The Mother's Day Breakfast is Sunday, May 12th. We'll need to usual help with cooking, serving, and clean-up. Also, bring your family to breakfast, Moms Eat Free!

On Saturday May 25th, there is another parish Bingo Night, and we'll have a Soup Supper. It is on Memorial Day weekend, but hopefully there will be enough members in town to bring soups. Come and enjoy the bingo and card games, too!

Our Food For Families program has been very successful this year. The tally of food donations to St. Vincent de Paul food pantry from our food drives and from Knights families is 3,720 pounds since July 1st, plus \$172 in donations. This includes the 20 Christmas food boxes reported. And the council donated another \$150 from our rebate from Supreme. Also, ten Knights and family members volunteer with SVdP. We have a great relationship with the SVdP Conference at CTK, and it is an honor to assist them as they serve the needy in our community.

I hope many of you were able to attend Good Friday services. At CTK we handed out prayer cards for Persecuted Christians. The recent tragedy on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka emphasizes what some Christian communities are facing.

Our next meeting is Tuesday May 14th at 7pm in the CTK offices. We have a couple prospective members, and plan to perform a First Degree, so this is a good time to invite someone to join our fraternity. Contact Ed Andolino or Joe Keller if you need a Form 100. There is also an on-line joining process. <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html> Men who join on-line still take the First Degree when they join a specific council.

Please submit your prayer requests to our web site <https://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/prayers.asp?CNO=9257>. Keep John Brockamp in your prayers as he deals with the effects of cancer treatment.

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Our Deputy Grand Knight Antonio Rodriguez informs us of two community opportunities. First, this Saturday his neighbors are selling tamales to raise funds for a family in need. Tamales are \$20/dozen, for green sauce (chicken), red sauce (pork), or cheese. They will be made by order. Contact Rosa at 503-490-3746 to order. Address is 7812 SE Harmony Dr.

Second, Antonio is working with an organization called Growing Gardens. They teach gardening skills and build gardens in homes, schools and correctional facilities. On Saturday May 4th they will be working in the Milwaukie area. Meet at North Clackamas Park (off Rusk Rd.) at 10am. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle, wear gardening clothes, gloves are available or bring your own. Work ends at 3pm. Call Antonio at 503-407-9277 for questions.

Looking ahead, we will have a Pennies For Heaven collection on the weekend of June 2nd. And we'll be attending another Portland Pickles baseball game at Lents Park as a family activity on Friday June 21st; we had a great time last year. Let Ed Andolino know if you would like to go, so he can order tickets for group seating.

In other news, this Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, and the chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at the Cathedral. Divine Mercy Holy Hour starts at 2:30pm. The First Saturday Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and Benediction are on May 4th at 8am at CTK. And the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is Thursday May 30th.

I talked to seminarian Brent Durschmidt at the Easter Vigil Mass at CTK. He said he will be attending a summer program at the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, then heading off to Rome in the fall for a few years to complete his seminary studies there. Please keep him, Micky Rasmussen (the seminarian we sponsored this year), and all seminarians in your prayers.

Our new KC Insurance Field Agent is Joe James. His number is (503) 779-7330; email is joe.james@kofc.org.

Our web site is www.kofc9257.org. Check it regularly for news, announcements, calendar and prayer requests.

Vivat Jesus