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# February/March 2018 Grand Knight Report

February was an eventful month for our council and for the SJN parish. The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner was a huge success. This idea, conceived by Brother Bill Wicke 27 years ago, was attended by 126, including 40 Clergy and Religious, and was a memorable evening. Cardinal Rigali represented the diocese and we were blessed to have his presence and to hear this words at the dinner. The SJN choir entertained us in their usual excellent fashion after dinner. The dinner itself was equally excellent – our sincere thank you goes to the entire kitchen crew for their hard work in making this happen. Also thank you to the set-up and take-down crew that turned the gym into an event center and then into a gym after everything was over and to the phone calling committee. We recognized Brother Bill Wicke and his wife, Janet, for being the only people who have attended every one of the 27 dinners that our council has sponsored.

On January 20, Brother Bill Pemberton made his way to Paradise. Before his illness, Bill was part of the "Pub in the Pines" crew and devoted many days working to keep the SJN campus beautiful. He will be missed and we extend our love and prayers to his wife, Patti.

# Knight and Family of the Month for January & February

Knight of the Month for January: James Parsly Family of the Month for January: Ben & Laura Compton

Knight of the Month for February: Bruce Soderberg Family of the Month for February: Bill & Janet Wicke

# Upcoming in March

Mar 1 - Council 8781 Business Meeting

Mar 4 - Sunday Breakfast

Mar 15 - Parish Penance Service

Fridays of Lent - Fish Fry Dinner after Stations of the Cross

Mar 25 - Palm Sunday

# Reports from February 15 Council Meeting

The GK asked Bill Wicke to give a summary of the Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner. Bill noted that 126 people attended (the flu caused attendance to be down). The Bishop was not feeling well so did not attend. We had 33 donations to help cover the costs.

GK reported that the Knights are promoting on-line membership. You may join the Knights by going on line in order to buy insurance. If you do this you cannot attend closed meetings until you formally go through the first degree.

Hank McCormick is not our insurance agent as he has retired. Ron Henry is now our agent.

We looked at the Activities Fact Sheet and made some corrections and also had some discussion. Bill Wicke will send an updated copy to the GK and DGK.

Youth - we had only one contestant for the free throw contest led by Pete McKenzie last Sunday. The Regional contest is this following Sunday.

Community - Wen Thomas stated that two members (John Walter and Pat O'Brien) have taken trips for the first time to take food, clothing, etc., to people in need. Dan Wagner and Chris Stevens have also come forward to volunteer for this activity and will be initiated soon!

Family - The first Fish Fry for this Lenten season will be this Friday (tomorrow night).

Membership - The GK wants everyone to bring three names to the next meeting that they know (or are pretty sure) are not Knights.

Church - James Parsly mentioned that we still need more people to sign up for adoration.

### Seminarian and Religious Vocation Support

Council 8781 supports the following seminarians and others pursuing religious vocations with cards, financial assistance, and prayers:

Andrew Hendershot Holy Trinity Seminary 3131 Vince Hagan St. Irving, Texas. 75062

Matthew Donahue (new address) Pontifical North American College 00120 Vatican City State Europe

Brother David Bryant Monastery of Christ in the Desert P.O. Box 270 Abiguiu, NM. 87510

### Good of the Order

Please remember the following people who are in need of our prayers:

Aken, Mary Ann Allington, Jim (RIP-1) Allington, Theresa Angelelli, Linda Angell, Jean Broussard, Christopher

Bruun, Jim Bryant, Carolyn Bryant, William
Casey, Bill Casteel, Kelly Compton, Darcey
Cook Jean Corin, William Denning, Kevin
Dixon, Durand Dwyer, Andrea Edwards, Kathleen

Elwart, Jim Fields, Francis Fisk, Bob

Fr. Joseph Hammond Gerwels, John Gouge, Deacon Michael

Goldsmith, Suzanne Hansen, Kathy Higginbotham, Bobby Lee (RIP-3)

Hetrick, Earl Hughes, Colonel Brian Mattie Hughes
Hughes, Paul Irwin, John Johnson, Pat
Jones, Kimber Kubeja, Gale Lawson, Jim
LeCrone, Anna Marie LeCrone, George Lee, Allen

Lee, Jack Lijana, Frank Mankel, Msgr. Zavier

Marks, Mike McConnell, Liz McKenna, Mike
McGregor, Claire Nichols, Roy O Brien, Patrick
Paris, Wendy Pemberton, Jeff Pemberton, Michael

Pope Emertius Benedict XVI Price, Mary

Price, Steve Rev. Bishop David Choby (RIP-1)

Russell, David Saxon, Jennifer Senatore, Louise Seyer, Erin Sheehan, Michael (RIP-3) Stabile, Josh Sumerall, Jack Tasket, Ron, SR Tasket, Barbara VanDooren, Hilaire Viotti, Tom Way, Richard

Wicke, Bill Wicke, Janet Wooten, Hertistine (RIP-2)

#### Recent Additions:

Brady, Maureen (RIP-1) Brown, Caroline Gates, Joan
Kirby, Ryan Nile, Chuck Patree, Ralph
Pemberton, Bill Vanderveldt, Hans Vandervelt, Joan

Weisenback, Edith Watkins, Lois DD Bill Twohig's Brother

Poole, Randall Puckett, Roger Brown, Linda Stone, Dave Markowitz, Bill Fenton, Jim

Please email the Grand Knight with additions or deletions to this list.

Margaret VanDooren, Brother Larry VanDooren's wife, reported that Larry is at the Lantern - Morning Place in Lenoir City, suffering from dementia. She said it would be appreciated if any Brother Knight would come to visit him.

Brother John Irwin is also very ill at home and his wife, Janette, would appreciate visits from Brother Knights. Please contact her for a visit.

From the Reverend Billy Graham: "Every day has exactly 1,440 minutes; can't you find even 10 of them to be with your Heavenly Father? Doesn't God deserve the best minutes of your day?"