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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your support of the Knights of Columbus. We are publishing this newsletter to better serve and inform our Parish of our activities and successes. We hope you find the following information useful and we ask for your continued participation and support of our activities.

THE "BIG" SECRET – Did you know that Father Ray and Father Julian are brother Knights? They act as our chaplains and provide us with the spiritual leadership and guidance to help us continue our good deeds. They follow in the footsteps of Father Michael McGivney, our founder, who established the Knights of Columbus to support the members of his parish (including the widows and orphans) and to serve as charitable examples of the community. Thank you, Father Ray and Julian, for your spiritual leadership. A reminder to all support of The Knights of Columbus....is support for our priests and parish. Please consider joining and talk to a Knight today, as all practicing Catholic men are welcome to our brotherhood.

Another Big Secret – Knights are called to serve their communities and to help others through charitable works. (We work hard and donate everything we earn). We thank our parishioners and sponsors for supporting our fundraising activities, whose proceeds support the following Knights of Columbus charities:

M R (Mental Health) Foundation

Coats for Kids

Child Advocacy Ctr Loudon CO

Habitat for Humanity

Seminarians (Three)

Catholic Charities Pregnancy Ctr

Good Sam

Boy Scout Troop 770

Adult Training CTR-Loudon Co

Columbia Mission

Boys & Girls Clubs-Lenoir City

American Wheelchair Mission

CASA Monroe

Crisis Center for Women

Dominican Sisters St. Celia

St. Thomas Youth Group

Handmaids of the Precious Blood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

S.T.A.R.

St Thomas Women's Guild

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos

Altar Server Awards

Special Olympics – Loudon CO

S.T.A.R. (Heroes & Horses)

Smokey Mountain Service Dogs

Saint Patrick's Day Results – Our last fraternal year fundraiser was an amazing night. Thanks to all who attended and all the brothers and volunteer staff who made it possible. The night included amazing food, great music, festive atmosphere, fantastic silent auction, exciting drawing, and fun dancing. It was one of the most successful fundraisers ever at Saint Thomas!

We have sponsors to thank for donations as well as businesses who helped with gifts for the silent auction. Will you help us thank them? We plan to attend three local restaurants in July & August as a gesture of thanks for their support of our St. Patrick's event. Each restaurant will offer specials for any St. Thomas parishioner. Come celebrate as we thank our sponsors and honor Joe Filosi, Jim Gecsei, and Jerry Dougherty for their service. We hope at least 50 parishioners attend each location. The restaurants and dates are as follows:

On Tuesday July 30th our new Grand Knight, Joe "Mr. Pasta" Filosi, will be honored **at Gondolier**. Joe has been Jim's right hand Knight for the past two years and is responsible for the successful Pasta dinner at Saint Thomas! **Gondolier will offer a 10% discount off your meal.** Their address is 744 US-321, Lenoir City, TN 37771

On Monday August 12th at **Hacienda Ayala's** 500 Market Dr, Lenoir City, TN 37771 (next to Food City) – Celebrate Jim "El Jefe" Gecsei – Jim seems especially happy these days and is looking forward to turning over his "boss" responsibilities as Grand Knight, to brother Joe Filosi. **Ayala's offering a 15% discount off meal.**

On Monday August 26th Jerry "Fire-Eater" Dougherty will be honored at **The Burgers** 6542, 540 US-321, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Jerry has taken on new responsibilities as Fire Chief for the Tellico Village Fire Department, transferring his former duties as Council Treasurer to another brother. He will also now be "Chief" of the M R Foundation for the entire State of TN. Thank you, Jerry! **A 10% dinner discount will be offered to parishioners.**

Dinners will start at 5:30. There is no reserved seating, and everyone pays their own tab. It's easy! No tickets to order, just show up and enjoy a great meal, thank the owners for their support, and wish Jim, Jerry, and Joe best wishes. All are welcome to donate their discount to the MR Foundation. Knights "buckets" will be on site.

In addition, please patron the following businesses that helped us make our Saint Patrick's Day fundraiser so successful;

Greer's Home Furnishings	THE BURGERS	Edward Jones - Amanda DeBord
Country Kinfolk	Papa John's Pizza	Hacienda Ayala's
Danny Boy & Guinness Jameson	Sadie's Boutique	The Back-Door Gallery Boutique
Westside Farms	Armor Gym	Gondolier Italian Restaurant & Pizza
Shoot Point Blank	Southern Bliss Boutique	Starbucks
Mast General Store	Tractor Supply Company	Chili's
Home Depot	Ruby Tuesday	Blaze Pizza
AutoZone	Fresh Pharmacy	Bowden's Flowers
Knoxville Gun Range	NAPA Auto Parts	Honey Blossom Boutique
Advance Auto Parts	F J Fedderson Inc.	O'Reilly Auto Parts

Families donating items for auction: Carey, Drish, Geoghegan, Gecsei, Bowen, Schutte, Borger, & Noone

Special thanks to brothers Jerry Dougherty, Dennis Preston, Steve McAvoy, Mario Catani and Patrick Noone, the Saint Patrick's Day Committee, for putting on such a fine Irish Fest! We can't wait for next year.

Éirinn go Brách! (Ireland Forever!)

In the next Knights Newsletter, we will introduce the new leadership team, share some future events that we have planned, and maybe share some more secrets. Thank you again for your support. Please stay involved and may God keep you in his warm and comforting embrace.

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