



# The Knights Herald

Father John Savoca Council

Council No. 12633—Lenoir City, TN

A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization

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## Grand Knight's Message

### My Brother Knights:

Happy New Year! I welcome you to our first newsletter we've had for three years and a special thanks to Bill Waskelis for his return to this important Council activity.

This newsletter is intended as a summary of our Council 12633 2014 activities. As in past years this has been an active and busy year for our council. It has been filled with both happy and sad times.

### HAPPY TIMES

The happy times first: I'll start with meals since we do such an outstanding job with our dinners. We planned and conducted our first Fish Fry feast on the first Friday of Lenten; it was so successful Fr Doug asked the organizers SK's (Bill Twohig, Jerry Dougherty and Ed Valente) to repeat it for all the Friday's of Lent. There was a huge turnout for all of them and all seemed happy with the meal. Another two big events, each with a large turn-out, was our annual Polish Dinner and Dance (chaired by Chet Kwiatkowski and Bill Twohig) and the St Patrick Dinner and Dance (chaired by Steve McAvoy). And the ever popular Chill/Soup Dinner (chaired by Mario Catani) was again



a big success. And I can't forget the monthly and ever popular Pancake/Egg/etc breakfasts. For the breakfasts we have three chairmen, Bill

Twohig, Jerry Dougherty and Ed Valente. The Thanksgiving and Christmas day meals chaired by Jack Kelly was again prepared and delivered to 30+ homebound individuals. For those of us that are on the delivery team, we get some heart-warming – and sometime tearful - comments from those receiving the meal. In addition to serving some truly satisfying meals, these are all important fund raisers for numerous local charities. Charity is one of the four principles of orders of the Knight of Columbus. Charity is a huge driver for our Council - charity for the local community as well as for our Dioceses/parish.

### COATS FOR KIDS

Your council has been busy in other areas as well: For the first time we participated in the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids". We purchased 48 high quality brand new coats and distributed them through the Family Resource Center (FRC) in Lenoir City. Susan

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## CALENDAR

January 22		Council's 15th Anniversary
January 25	2:00 PM	March for Life
February 1	9:00AM Mass	Pancake Breakfast-Team 1
February 6	9:00AM-3:00PM	Eucharistic Adoration
February 6	5:00PM-7:00PM	Annual Pasta Dinner
February 8	5:30PM	4th Degree Meeting- St Thomas
February 9	Various	Friendship Kitchen-Team C

## Know your Officers

**Our Grand Knight, Brother Lance Lyons, was born and raised as a Baptist in rural Chattanooga. Left high school age 16 and entered the U.S. Air Force on a forged birth certificate.**



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After four years in the Air Force as an aircraft mechanic he became a mechanic in the field modification of US military aircraft in Europe and Greenland.

**He joined General Electric (GE) in 1963 in Huntsville, Alabama as a technician in the Apollo program. After the Apollo 11 moon landing he left to attend UT Chattanooga. He graduated in 1973 with a degree in engineering, cum laude and honors such as UT Chattanooga's Engineering award for outstanding alumnus for 1976.**

Br Lance rejoined GE in 1973 and completed assignment in Greenville, South Carolina as a design engineer, and in Cincinnati and several locations in Southern California with GE's aircraft military engine business. He retired in 1998 after heading up a group that supported foreign military customers operating the F-16 engine.

**Brother Lyons is a charter member of both our Council 12633 and our Fourth Degree Assembly 2920. He also serves as a trustee for the Assembly. In addition he is active in our monthly Eucharistic Adoration and is a sacristan for the morning mass and the Saturday Vigil Mass.**

He has two daughters and three grandchildren from his first marriage. His older daughter, Daria, and her family live in Irvine, California. Daria and her husband, Leon, recently purchased a home in Tellico Village and are expected to relocate here this Spring. His youngest daughter Teresa and husband, Matt, live in Happy Valley, Oregon.

**Two of Brother Lyons' grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Sarah, are out of college and now live in San Francisco and Portland. The youngest of the three, Marissa, is studying communications at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.**

**Brother Lyons met his wife Ruth in Cincinnati in 1995. They were married in 1997.**

## Culture of life - Save the Dates

**Knoxville March For Life – Sunday, January 25  
New Location – Amphitheater at the World's  
Fair Site**

The annual March for Life to be held in Knoxville on Sunday, January 25 at 2:00 PM. The Knox County Chapter of Tennessee Right to Life puts on this event each year to mark the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in America.

This year will also be a time to publicly thank God for the victory He granted in the passage of Amendment 1. The March will start with a brief prayer service at the Amphitheater at the World's Fair Site (next to the Sunsphere) followed by a short march. Carpools will leave St. Thomas at 1:00 PM on January 25. Driving directions will be provided. For questions please call Curt Sheldon at 458-8510 or 850-1951.

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**40 Days for Life - Saturday, February 21  
and Sunday, March 15**

**40 Days for Life, sponsored by the Diocese of Knoxville, is a prayerful, peaceful witness to the value and dignity of human life. St. Thomas parishioners will be praying at the 40 Days for Life on Saturday, February 21, 2015, and Sunday, March 15, 2015. Our prayer and witness will be at the Planned Parenthood abortion business in Knoxville at 710 North Cherry Street. Please join us on these dates anytime between 7 AM and 7 PM. For questions please call Curt Sheldon at 458-8510 or 850-1951.**



Youth participants from the Boys & Girls Club of Lenoir City and the St. Thomas the Apostle Youth Group participated in the Council 12633 Basketball Free Throw Competition on Thursday January 15th.

# **KNIGHTS PREPARING FOR 14TH ANNUAL PASTA DINNER**

The Knights in the Father Savoca Council 12633 at St Thomas Church are pulling out all the stops to make their 14th Annual Pasta Dinner on Friday, February 6th, a roaring success.

Brothers “Mama” Preston, Catani and Filosi have made a trial run in the PFLC kitchen testing various ingredients to make this years pasta dinner the best ever.



PRESTON AND CATANI IN KITCHEN

## **Parish Teens Will Help**

This year the Knights will initiate a new format by working with Brother Kevin Cooney and our parish teens getting ready for confirmation. These young parishioners will be serving the pasta meals. By doing so they will get credit for parish service and earn some money by being paid by the Knights. .

Another innovation which was started last year is to have gluten free pasta and sauce available on request for those who are gluten intolerant. All you have to do is ask for gluten free when you purchase your tickets.

## **PASTA DINNER HAS HAD A LONG AND VARIED HISTORY**

The Annual Pasta Dinner is one of the oldest continuing fund raisers sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St Thomas the Apostle Parish. It began with paper plates in the old church basement on Harrison Road right after the council was formed. Conditions for cooking pasta were inadequate at that venue and the knights had to cook the pasta outside the church on propane burners. One year the cooking was done in the rain, not much fun for the cooks. Also, since the facilities were so small we developed the concept of two servings so that we could accommodate enough parishioners to increase the income we used for charity. This practice continued when we moved to the Narthex in the new church,

After moving to the Parish Family Life Center, the Knights went back to a one-serving format and now serve pasta continuously from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

## **THE BEST PASTA IN TOWN**

The pasta dinner will include a salad with Italian bread, penne pasta, meatballs, cake and coffee. Wine and beer will be available at a nominal price. Tickets are \$10 each, \$20 for families, free under age 12. Tickets will be sold after all masses.

## ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND THE COUNCIL

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The first Friday of each month is **Eucharistic Adoration** time at St Thomas in our Church from **9:00am to 3:00pm**.

Please plan on spending time with Jesus, on **February 6** by selecting an hour from the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or just by showing up.



### **FOURTH DEGREE**

The 4th Degree Meeting is scheduled for **February 8** at St. Thomas.

For more information contact **Jerry Dougherty** at [www.jmdocrs@charter.net](mailto:www.jmdocrs@charter.net).

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Team 1 will serve the Pancake Breakfast after the **9:00 AM** Mass on Sunday, February 1.

Contact Br Bill Twohig to volunteer your help at [www.bombero.com](http://www.bombero.com).

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy January Birthday greetings to Brothers Thomas Jones, Colin Kamperman, Jack Kelly, Dennis Preston, and Brad Reardon.

January Spouse Birthday greetings to Betty Camilleri, Rita Fritz, Paula Gecsei, Mary Ann Kuebler, Claire Martin, Beth Mouse, and Sherry Popovich

January Anniversary greetings to Sean and Robin Connors, John and Janet Cooper, Edwin and Donna Harless, Charles and Terry James, Art and Mickey Janes, Gene and Marcia Kowalski.

Please note that the editor is in the process of updating the birthday and anniversary files that are two years old. He'll redo the January file in the February issue of the newsletter along with the February birthdays.



### **Basketball Shootout**

Also note that the **District and Regional Basketball Shootout** will be held at the St. John Neumann School gym in Farragut on Feb 8th. The District competition will be at 1:00pm and the Regional at 2:30pm.

### **MEMORIAL TO BROTHER BILL COTTER-RIP**

When I asked Brother Bill Cotter to send me his biography info he said, "OK, but it will be boring."

I think you'll agree with me that his life has been anything but boring.

Br Bill was class president and football team captain at his high school in Kankakee, Illinois.

After high school he joined the U.S. Air Corp, serving in Guam and with the army of occupation in Japan. "I remember being surprised by the devastation I saw in Japan, the Pacific islands and Manila Bay," he said. "It also was amazing to see the first jets that the Air Corp was getting."



Fifty-four years later, while visiting Hawaii with his wife Winnie, Br Bill was amazed to see the changes in Honolulu. "Seeing the Memorial at Pearl Harbor put a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes," he said.

He attended **Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, graduating in 1951 with a BS degree in Accounting.**

Br Bill was employed by Union Carbide Corporation for 36 years, first at the Atomic Energy plants in Paducah, Kentucky in 1951, and later in Oak Ridge, Tennessee in 1968, working at various positions in the Finance and Materials Division.

He transferred to the **Films Packaging Plant in Loudon in 1970 as the Materials Manager until 1986 when the plant was sold to Viskase Corporation. He retired from Union Carbide at that time and then was employed by the city of Oak Ridge as Purchasing agent from 1986 until his final retirement in 1993.**

A charter member of our council, Br Bill said it was a great joy to know Father John Savoca, our charter chaplain. Also, as a charter member of our 4th Degree Assembly, he was proud to have served in the honor guard for the installation of two bishops.

He and Winnie were members of the first formal church board of the old St Thomas Church on Harrison Road. He has served as an Usher and has served on various church committees over the years. In the Village he has participated in many POA and HOA committees. And he enjoys his membership in the "Over the Hill Gang" golf group.

Br Bill and Winnie met in high school but didn't date until he returned from the military. They were married in their old parish, St Patrick's, in 1950.

They moved to the Village while he was working in Loudon and realized that there was great potential in our community. They were among the first three people to buy a lot in Tellico Village on March 8, 1988, although they did not complete their home in Toqua Point until December, 1990. Br Bill recalls the many changes he has seen in the Village over the years, including the first POA assessment of \$25 per month!

"I was raised in a wonderful Irish Catholic Family with two brothers and six sweet sisters by a loving father and saintly mother," he said. Winnie and Bill were blessed with four boys and one daughter, four of whom are UT graduates, and eight grandchildren.

Brother Cotter and his wife passed away in December, 2014.

**RIGHT TO LIFE** State License Plates are now available at state offices. Using these plates on our cars is an excellent way to **STAND UP AND BE COUNTED** as someone who values all human life.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please remember in your prayers the following:

All of our past Knights' and their spouses from the Fr. John Savoca Council #12633 that are ill and have passed away since our founding;

For our Pastor Fr. Doug, our Associate Fr. Geraldo, our Deacons Tom, Dave, Jose and Sean, and our Seminarians Adam Royale and Tony Budnick, Archbishop Pietro Sambini, all religious, and for an increase in vocations.

For our Brother Knights and their spouses that are in need of our prayers; Katherine Arnold, Richard Bardowski, Al Bartkowski, Dot Baumert, Wes Becker, Jim Busby, Winnie Cotter(RIP), Bill Cotter (RIP), George Crynick, Dennis Dalsky, Andrea Dwyer, Melba Dwyer, Meld Dyer, Brandon Courtney( RIP), Jean Gondoly, Clare Gutowski, Herb Hand, Wyatt Hanley, Paul Hoffmeier, Mary Ellen Hogan, Chuck Finn (RIP), Ruth Lyons, Chet Kwiatkowski, Claire Martin, George Popovich, Jackie Hoffmeier, Harry Hogan( RIP), Tyler Howard, Glenna Hutchens, Frank Kaspar, Katlin Kapperman, Sheila Kelly, Pat Kessi, Theresa Lang, Phyllis Moore, Adam Mouse, Chester Pawenska, Al Pfeifer (RIP), Barbara Rueth, Scott Simcox, Linda Simcox, Joe Salada, Tim Stender.

Don't forget you have to be present to win the 50-50 drawing at our meetings. **Br Don Burgett would have won the January meeting 50-50.**

## Degree Exemplifications

2nd Degree exemplification on January 17 is at St Andrews in Sparta at 1 PM

There will be 3rd Degree exemplifications on January 24 at St Thomas Aquinas in Cookeville at 11 AM.

There will be a 1st Degree exemplification on February 5 at St John Newman in Farragut at 7 PM.

The next 4th Degree exemplification scheduled for Knoxville area will be held on March 21 at St Thomas Church in Lenoir City. Following the exemplification a mass will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Stika, and a banquet in the Parish Family Life Center. Contact any 4th Degree member for an application.

## Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

Are you a member of the Michael J. McGivney Guild?

There is no charge to enroll, but donations are accepted. Send your name and address to:

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

1 Columbus Ave  
New Haven, CT 06510

You will receive a newsletter (5) times a year providing periodic updates on the canonization process.



## Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor, and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian life, and to lead the young to the generous service their neighbor.

Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his body which is the church.

Let the inspiration of your service prompt greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor that I now present (here make your request) through Christ our Lord, Amen.

(The Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be)

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ***Grand Knight's Message—from first page***

**Susan Fox, Director of FRC told our chairman, Ray Mouse, "these coats will be used to support Santa's Helper program" in Lenoir City. I believe our council should continue and consider expand this program for 2015.**

As in past years SK Jerry Dougherty has organized the Silver Rose program within our area for the State. With Fr Doug's permission, we (STA) will again host the SR some time in Sept although the exact date is yet to be determined. This event is in remembrance of the Bless Virgin Mary (Our Lady of Guadalupe) appearance to Juan Diego. The SR travels from Canada thru the USA and to Mexico City in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**It was our privilege to host the 2014 Kick-Off meeting for the Knights of Columbus E. TN State councils here at STA.**

For the Christmas season, we again participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas program; it was again chaired by Stu McFadden and again we enjoyed a successful four-week selling the Christmas wreaths. Thanks to the entire parish for their participation.

**For Veteran's Day we again celebrated the day with a morning Mass followed by a wreath laying ceremony at our Veteran memorial. That was following by a talk to STA veteran by Fr Joe Brando, himself a veteran. The event was organized by Terry Camileri and assisted by a number of the Council veterans.**

Our annual events were held again this past year for the Special Olympics at Lenoir High School, and the Free-Throw contest held at the Boys & Girls Club in Lenoir City. These two events were organized by SK Jerry Dougherty and assisted by a number of our Knights. In addition, SK Dan Hanley (District Deputy for District 17) and Jerry organized and conducted the district soccer competition.

**Each year since our Council was formed, we have organized a Lenten Retreat for our members as well as the entire parish. This past year's event was planned and organized by SK's Stu McFadden and Tony Hartman. Our Retreat Master was Fr John Dowling and the two day event was held at the Holiday Inn Conference, Crossville, TN. As in most years, we were filled to capacity.**

With Fr Doug's concurrence and blessing we celebrated two Corporate Communion at the 9am Mass this past year. One was on Mother's Day on which we purchased red roses and hosted our spouses to a lunch at Ruby Tuesday. The day was organized the GK Lyons and DGK Don Hoyle.

**Even though we are in our fourteenth year as a K of C Council we had never organized an Exemplification Team so this year**

our Council Director, SK Bill Twohig has organized and is forming a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team consisting of himself, SK's Dan Hanly, Jerry Dougherty, Chuck Hutchens, Jim Gessei, Lance Lyons and DGK Don Hoyle. We are still in the formation phase, but progress is being made as witnessed by the weekly practice sessions.

On the Culture for Life front our Council lead by the Sheldon Team (Curt and Kay),s STA continues to lead (number participating) the Diocese of Knoxville in the Rosary for Life, the March for Life - Knoxville and Washington. Curt and Kay have taken a group of STA youth to Washington now for several years.

**Our Council gladly provides manpower for various parish activities to include the kitchen leadership and required manpower. This activity is headed up principally by two teams – the Twohigs (Bill & Kathy) and the Valente's (Ed & Pat). The two groups are supplement by other leader such as SK's Jerry Dougherty, Dennis Preston and Curt Sheldon. In addition we are a major contributor to the STA mowing team headed up by Brother Keith Rivard, and a manpower contributor to the mowing teams at Christ Prince of Peace (CPOP) Retreat Center. This effort for the Dioceses is managed by SK Jerry Dougherty and for the Council, SK Ed Valente.**

Our effort to support and encourage not only Knights but the parish as a whole in our monthly Eucharistic Adoration continues to invite folks to spend an hour with our Lord. This effort has been led by SK Lance Lyons for close to 10-yrs. However, we continue to struggle with regular attendance (Adorers). Another church activity the Council leadership promotes is attendance at morning Mass. We also pray the rosary before each monthly meeting at 7p; the Council meeting starts at 7:30 and runs for about an hour which is followed by a 12-15 minute spiritual DVD or presentation. After that we enjoy fellowship before departing for home. For those that are not regular attendees, we will be looking forward to you participating not only in the monthly meeting but also in the various program/activities.

**Now for the sad news: In 2014 we lost six brother Knights and two spouses, which is a record for us that we are not anxious to repeat any time soon. We ask that all Knights pray for those Council Knights and spouses that passed on to their heavenly reward this year: In remembrance – SK's Carol Pavur, Joe Coriaci, Al Pfeifer, Bill Cotter and Brothers Harry Hogan and our past pastor Fr Steven La Prad and spouses Winnie Cotter and Rita Finn. May their souls rest in peace with our Lord!**

**Lance Lyons, Grand Knight  
Council 12633**