



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



From our family to you

and your family

Merry Christmas & A

Happy New Year

Don & Mary Hoyle

THE SCRIP PROGRAM

Brother Knights we are now six weeks into the SCRIP program. I thought I'd give you an update as to how the program is doing. Thus far we have purchased \$19,809 of gift cards at a cost of \$18,675. The difference less expenses yields us \$1,094. Our first projections used an estimated 3% margin for the sold cards. I'm happy to report that our margin right now is 6.1%. This is due to parishioners are buying many gift cards with higher discount amounts.

CHRISTMAS SCRIPS

We are coming into the Christmas buying season. I would encourage you to think about giving or using our gift cards as presents especially if you have family that is out of town. There are 780 merchants nationwide that participate in the program. I'm sure there is one that would suit your needs. You are going to be spending the money anyway. Remember the proceeds are split 50-50 with the parish. We



Larry Finneran and Dave Rueth purchase SCRIP cards from Jim Gecsei.

We have some cards in stock. We can special order others and have them for you the following weekend. You can view the list of participating companies on line at shop-withscrip.com. Click on the word shop at the top and it will take you to view all the merchants.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE

Finally, I'd like to request your participation so that we can assure this programs success. Encourage your friends to buy our cards too. If you have any questions contact Bill Twohig bombero@charter.net, Mario Catani www.tennat33@gmail.com or Jim Gecsei jgecsei@tds.net. Any one of us would be glad to answer your questions.

Thanks for considering SCRIP cards,
Jim Gecsei,
SCRIP Coordinator

COUNCIL SOCCER CHALLENGE



GK Don Hoyle (left to right), Luis Cardona (14 yr old winner), Mr. Cardona, Jonathan Cardona (10 year old winner), Jerry Dougherty. In front: a Cardona too young to compete.



Mary Beth, Maggie, Luke and Kevin Cooney receiving the May Family of the Month Award from Father Doug and GK Don Hoyle.



Ed and Pat Valente receiving the June Family of the Month Award from Fr. Doug and GK Don Hoyle.



Larry Finneran (left) receives Knight of the Month Award for September from GK Don Hoyle.

COUNCIL SOCIAL MEETINGS

For some time Council 12633 has been considering hosting social meetings as well as business meetings. This format (two meetings a month) is actually directed by Supreme. To get started with the concept, we are planning a Social meeting for February, 2016. We are soliciting a guest speaker, planning a light supper and incorporating a membership drive with the event.

The best part of social meetings is that we can invite our wives, prospective new Knights, and the parish at large. Hoping that this first meeting will be successful, we are building a list of potential speakers for future meetings. Our plan is to begin with a quarterly social meeting then consider scheduling more often if the interest is there.

We will make future announcements as our plans and speaker are confirmed. Tentatively, we are looking at Tuesday, February 2nd or 9th for the first social meeting. Stay tuned for future details.

Your Council 12633 Program Committee

COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus council of St. Thomas Catholic Church, Lenoir City recently provided 72 winter coats to school aged children in the Lenoir City and Loudon County school systems. These new coats, with a retail value of \$2880, provide underprivileged children with a warm, winter, Christmas coat.

For the past 2 years, the Knights have supported the Santa's Helper Program at the Family Resource Center, Lenoir City schools. This program provided over 425 disadvantaged children with Christmas gifts in 2015. In addition to the "Coats for Kids" donation, the Knights of Columbus council of St. Thomas parish adopted three children this Christmas. Providing them gifts from Santa to help make their Christmas season a joy filled time.

Pictured are Mary Gonzales and Susan Fox of the FRC and Knights of



Columbus project coordinator Ray Mouse, and his wife Beth. The Knights Coats for Kids program is one of many charitable programs supported by the Knights of St. Thomas Catholic Church, Lenoir City.

SANTA HELPERS PROGRAM

I received information from Susan Fox, Director of the Family Resource Center (FRC) at Lenoir City School system. They need your assistance with their Santa's Helper Project. This year, there are 50 school children without sponsors to buy them presents. The average cost of sponsorship is roughly \$100 per child.

What the school is asking, if you or a club you are a member of, or a group of neighbors or friends, would be willing to sponsor a child in the Santa's Helper project. Without your help, these precious children will not have gifts to open on Christmas day and that would be extremely disappointing.

Please consider assisting the school system in granting these children with gifts for Christmas. You can call me or Susan Fox at the FRC to participate. Let these children know there is someone out there who truly cares for them and has the compassion to help them. **My phone number is 865 712-7820 or you can call Susan Fox at 865 986-0518.** Thank you for your consideration. Blessings and God's peace be with you all.

Ray Mouse,
Deputy Grand Knight

FROM THE EDITOR

Don't forget to take a look at our excellent Council Website. Brothers Lance Lyons and Chuck Hutchens have done a great job constructing, operating and maintaining it.

Google: www.kofc12633.org

Please Note: Candidates for our open Advocate position are Steve Popovich and Dennis Preston.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Please plan to spend time with Jesus, on **December 4**, by selecting a hour from the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or just by showing up.



FOURTH DEGREE

There will be a three-day 4th Degree Christmas celebration beginning Friday, December 11 in Pigeon Forge.

For more information contact Bill Twohig at bombero@charter.net

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Team 2 will serve the Pancake Breakfast after the 9:00AM Mass on December 6.

Contact Br Bill Twohig to volunteer your help at bombero@charter.net.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Happy December Birthday greetings to Brothers Ron Bennett, Kenneth DeBoer, Robert Fox, Tom Gondoly, Edwin Harless, John Hirzel, Thomas Kenny, Benjamin Manuel, Stu Mc Fadden, Ray Mouse, John O'Donnell, Doug Peterson, Edward Shaffer, and Mike Shields.

Happy December Spouse Birthday greetings to Jo Bartkoski, Eilene Bowerfind, Doris Catani, Martha Chill, Katy Finneran, Tracy Hilbert, Lois Hudgens, Jean Kray, Carol Noonan, and Mary Ann Waskelis.

December Anniversary greetings to Tony and Cathy Cironi, Lamont and Mary Deaver, Ken and Cathy DeBoer, Bill and Sandy Mc Grath, Louis and Ann Pangle, Ed and Bonnie Shaffer, and James and Marrie Walsh.

Insurance Rep: **Hank McCormick** 865-388-6973 or 865-531-9109 (office) henry.mccormick@kofc.org

Pasta Dinner
January 22, PFLC
Joe Filosi 423-884-6979

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

One has to wonder how, back in 2010, **Brother Jerry Dougherty** could devote so much time and effort to the Knights and the parish while working full time for Kimberly-Clark.



Then he was our council's immediate Past Grand Knight and served as the Pilot for our John Paul 4th Degree Assembly.

He was the St. Thomas PTO president, served on the STA Pastoral Committee, was an extraordinary minister and sang in the parish men's choir, and participated with his wife Mary in Engaged Encounters.

Today, five years later and working as a consultant, he is devoting even more time to local and state functions including as Chairman of the State Silver Rose program and as Council Director of the State Program Staff.

A former District Deputy he is the current Faithful Navigator for our 4th Degree assembly and the State Knight of the Year. He is still involved with the Catholic Engaged Encounter and is active with the Boy Scouts and the Tellico Village Fire Department.

A native of Delaware county just south of Philadelphia, Br. Dougherty received his 2nd and 3rd degrees in 1968 in Pennsylvania and his 4th Degree in Mobile, Alabama.

A graduate of Temple University with a degree in mechanical engineering, Br. Dougherty was employed by Kimberly-Clark for 37 years and was transferred to Loudon, Tennessee from Mobile, Alabama in 2004. Early on he helped build and test ships, including a Howard Hughes design.

He and his wife Mary married 46 years ago in Chester, Pennsylvania. They have five children: Jerry, Jr and wife Tine who live in Ellensburg, Washington; daughters Michelle in Farragut and Karen in Atlanta; Mary Beth and her husband Shane in Alabama; and Katie and her husband Robert in Atlanta.

VETERANS DAY SERVICE—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11



Veteran's Day Mass



Father Doug and 4th Degree Color Guard at Veteran's Day Wreath Ceremony



Assembling in the PFLC hall



Glenna Hutchens (left) serves Veteran's Day cake



Guest speaker Col. Joe Sutter, USAF, Retired



GK Don Hoyle, Terry Camilleri, Geri and Joe Sutter

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. Owens, our Associate Pastor Fr. Julian, our Deacons Tom, Dave, Jose and Sean, our seminarians Steven Hamby and Zach Griffith, all religious, and for an increase in vocations.

For our Brother Knights and their spouses that are in need of our prayers;

Bill Agee's mother, Carol Ann Bertoli (RIP-1), Joann Bory, Phillip Craig, Dennis Dalski (Steve Popovich), Melba Dwyer (by Curt Sheldon), Suzanne Finneran, Robin Gillespie, Nina Girolami (RIP-3), Jean Gondoly, Clare Gutowski (by Tony Hartman – daughter), Dan Hanley, Kevin Hardke, Chase Preston Howarth, Chet Kwiatkowski, Ruth Lyons, John Martin, Bobby Mire (RIP-3), Tanner Price RIP-1 (by Steve Popovich), Ann Popovich (by Steve Popovich), George Popovich (by Steve Popovich), Donald Silvester (RIP-2), Rich Sullivan, Mary Jane Ward, Bill Waskelis, Jody Zaar, Don Zades.

Don't forget you have to be present to win the **50-50 drawing** at our council meetings. **Ray Mouse won and returned \$11 to the council in the 50-50 drawing at the November meeting.**



Degree Exemplifications

There are no local degree exemplifications during the month of December.



GK Don Hoyle (left) presents October Family of the Month Award to Mary and Jerry Dougherty.



Dep'ty Grand Knight Ray Mouse presents October Knight of the Month award to Bill Waskelis.



DGK Ray Mouse (left) presents 2nd Degree Certificate to Brother John Hirzel. John will receive his 3rd Degree on vacation in Florida.



Council Committee Chairman (left) Bill Twohig displays new KofC T-Shirts to Brothers Dennis Preston and Mario Catani.

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SUNDAY W=WOMEN INVITED Remember, the Officer's and Council meetings are a week earlier this month..	MONDAY	TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4	SATURDAY 5
6 PANCAKE BREAKFAST W TEAM 2	7	8 GOOD SAMS W COMMODITIES	9	10	11 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION W OFFICER'S MEET- ING 9:15AM DJR 4th Degree W	12 4th Degree W
13 4th Degree W	14 FRIENDSHIP KITCHEN W TEAM A	15	16	17 COUNCIL MEET- ING 7:30PM DJR ROSARY 7PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY MEALS ON W WHEELS	26
27	28	29 DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR COUNCIL'S WEB SITE www. kofc12633.org	30	31	1	2
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