



# The Knights Herald

Father John Savoca Council

Council No. 12633—Lenoir City, TN

A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization

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### Officers for 2015-2016

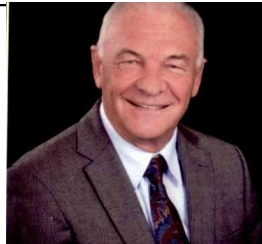
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### Grand Knight's Message



I'd like to call your attention to the excellent article on page 3 written by Joe Filosi, our Service Programs Community Director. This reflects greatly on our council and the outstanding support being provided to our brother knights and their ladies.

February was once again a busy

month for the council. We started the Lenten Fish Fry on February 12<sup>th</sup> which is a resounding success, and will continue each Friday through March 16<sup>th</sup>.

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the council sponsored a third degree exemplification at which 32 candidates received their third degree.

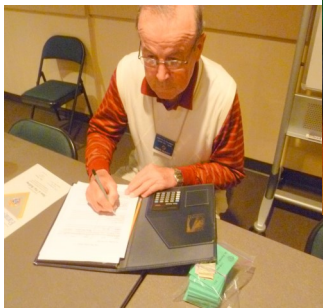
On February 19, we made a presentation of a MR Grant check in the amount of \$4875 to Mrs. Robin Bowen, Special Olympics representative. (See picture). **(Continued on page 5)**



GK Don Hoyle presents a MR grant check for \$4,800 to Special Olympics Representative Robin Bowen. Several officers from our Knights of Columbus council attended the February 19, 2016 event.

## Gala St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance Scheduled for March 12

Brother Steve McAvoy, the dinner coordinator for our Fifteenth Annual St. Pat's Dinner-Dance, and former chief pot washer, has been working day and night to bring us the best possible food and entertainment for the event.



The menu features delicious corned beef and cabbage as well as potatoes, carrots and dessert. All beverages plus beer and wine are included in the price of \$27.50 per person.

Music will be provided by Vocal Point.



Party-goers from the 2015 St. Pat's Dinner-Dance were (l to r) Rob Valente, Kathy Twohig, Treasa Valente and Ed Valente.

The event runs from 7pm to 11pm.

Three baskets of cheer will be raffled.

Tickets are available after all Masses or by contacting Steve McAvoy at 408-9826 or Dennis Preston at 458-9004.

## MEN'S RETREAT/DAY OF REFLECTION

**The Men's Day of Reflection** will be held on Saturday, March 12th. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The retreat committee worked, per a motion passed at one of the council meetings, to change the venue of the annual retreat from distant sites in other states to our local parish. We also worked to have Father Doug as our rector.

Both were accomplished. **The Day of Reflection** will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle and **Father Doug** will be its leader.

### SCHEDULE

We will begin with a light breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Father's first talk is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. We will attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass. **There are two additional talks**, time for reflection, time for discussion and a time for confession. The day will end about 3:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Cost is \$20.00.

### SIGN UP NOW

Please make a reservation by either calling Larry Finneran at 865-657-9119 or sending him an e-mail at [lawrencefinneran@gmail.com](mailto:lawrencefinneran@gmail.com).

## **COUNCIL 12633 PROACTIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Two guiding principles of the Knights of Columbus are Unity and Fraternity.** Unity denotes the act of supporting each other and working together to attain a goal. Fraternity, at the inception of the Order, often meant providing assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died unexpectedly. Today, Knights continue to focus on the care of those brothers and their families who are ill and in distress and they also actively support the church and its priests.

**Holding true to these principles, Knights from Father John Savoca, Council 12633 in Lenoir City, Tennessee have helped a number of families in need.**

### **HELPING FAMILIES**

One such situation involved a brother Knight who was confined to a nursing home and wasn't able to maintain the exterior of his home and grounds. When the Council was made aware of the declining condition of the home, assistance was offered to his wife and 12 Knights and 2 spouses over a three day period spent a total of 220 hours power washing the home, cleaning out the garage, replacing an exterior door, trimming low hanging tree branches and all shrubs around the house. Our brother and his wife were overjoyed with the outcome, but sadly, he passed away a few months later.

### **OTHER EXAMPLES**

Yet another example of helping the widow of a brother Knight who passed away involved 3 Knights who worked 9 hours cleaning out her garage of tools and other things and then conducting a tool sale and giving the proceeds to the family.

A church project the Knights took on was to renovate 9 classrooms at the St. Thomas Parish Family Life Center in Lenoir City Tennessee. Classroom walls were painted, carpets cleaned, new blinds hung, shelving installed to accommodate new video equipment and wall mounted TV monitors were suspended. This was all accomplished by 30 Knights and their wives, contributing 170 hours of worktime.

### **PROACTIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

These and other similar situations where Knights have provided assistance to people spawned the Proactive Assistance Program (PAP). The Council now proactively looks for opportunities to help others in need of assistance by including periodic notices in the church bulletin, reminders to brothers at monthly Council meetings, and calling individuals that have been placed on the Council Prayer List.

**PAP is a shining example of the Knights of Columbus in action: a band of brothers providing assistance to Church, Family, and Community.**

**Joe Filosi**

**Community Director**

**PAP Coordinator**



**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;*

**Kathryn Arnold, George Beyer (R. Mouse), Terry Camilleri, Renee Crynick (D. Preston), Dennis Dalsky (S. Popovich), Brad Denham (D. Preston), Geraldine Dougherty (J. Dougherty), Andrea Dwyer (P. Hilchey). Melba Dwyer (C. Sheldon), Suzanne Finneran - RIP -3, Noel Fisher - RIP - 1, Clare Gutkowski (T. Hartman), Margaret Holenbeck - RIP - 1, Chuck James (D. Preston), Frank Kaspar - RIP - 1, Alice Knotts (Mouse), Chet Kwiatkowski - RIP - 1, John Martin, Deidre Merrill (J. Merrill), Ann Popovich (S. Popovich), George Popovich (S. Popovich), Mart Powers (J. Gecsei), Tanner Price - RIP - 3, Bill Twohig, Jim Walker, Bill Waskelis.**

Don't forget you have to be present to win the 50-50 drawing at our council meetings. **John Fasse won \$10 at the 50-50 drawing at the February meeting.**

### **Degree Exemplifications**

**1st Degree: March 3 St. John Neumann 7:00pm**

**2nd Degree: March 3, Chattanooga 60997 7:00pm**

**3rd Degree: March 12, Chattanooga 610 10:30am**

**4th Degree: March 19th, Brentwood (no details yet)**



Hector a 12-year-old sixth grade student bought a Subway Scrip following the 7:00PM Spanish Mass at St. Thomas. Congratulations to Hector for supporting our SCRIP Program.



GK Don Hoyle and Fr. Doug present the January Family of the Month Award to Barbara and Rich Comiso.



Bill Twohig and Jerry Dougherty with KofC Open House guest speaker Ken King. Mr. King spoke on what really happened at the Waco compound of the Branch Davidians and David Koresh.

## **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 **March 4**, by selecting an hour from the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or just by showing up.



## **FOURTH DEGREE**

There will be a 4th Degree meeting on Sunday, March 13 at Alcoa at 5:30PM . See below.

For more information contact Bill Twohig at [bombero@charter.net](mailto:bombero@charter.net)

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Team 1 will serve the Pancake Breakfast after the 9:00AM Mass on March 6.

Contact Br Bill Twohig to volunteer your help at [bombero@charter.net](mailto:bombero@charter.net) .

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

Happy March Birthday greetings to Brothers Jim Bowerfind, Mario Catani, Robert Finchio, Gerald Fritz, Thomas Goeken, Ken Jansen, Richard Krajewski, James Mattavi, and Ralph Parton.

Happy March Spouse Birthday greetings to Judy Buscetta, Joyce Egler, Mary Hoyle, Susan Mire, and Pat O'Brien,.

March Anniversary greetings to Bob and Robin Bowen, Ronald and Rosalie Fasse. -----

### **GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE (from page one)**

The council was instrumental in assisting a family in dire need of a washer and dryer for their seven-member family. The response was immediate and a successful outcome was realized. This effort was lead by DGK Ray Mouse.

Please keep these dates in mind: March 4 & 5, a 24 hour Adoration is planned in this year of Mercy, at the request of Pope Francis; March 17, St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, and March 31, Council Meeting, moved due to Holy Thursday being observed on March 24.

God Bless you all, Don Hoyle, GK

## **KNOW YOUR OFFICERS**

Brother Bill Twohig is one of the bulwarks of our council and parish. A past Grand Knight in our council, Bill has served as recorder, Deputy Grand Knight, financial secretary, trustee and council director.



He was the Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree Assembly 2920 and has previously served as the assembly's Pilot and Captain. Br Twohig also has been the Facility Manager for St. Thomas, a member of the Kitchen Committee and has been responsible for ordering all of the kitchen provisions and supplies. He is a charter member of the Parish St. Ignatius Prayer Group and is a facilitator for one of the "Why Catholic?" discussion groups.

When asked how he managed to be so active with the Knights, he said, "I guess it's just in my DNA."

A native of Chicago, he lived in Whiting, Indiana, retiring to Loudon in 1999 following 34 years with the Amoco (BP) Oil Company. He held 15 positions with Amoco, retiring as Maintenance Services Superintendent at the Whiting refinery.

Twohig and his wife Kathy have two children, Kimberly Ann and Jeffrey William. Three grandsons, Alex, Ryan and Aaron are sons of Kimberly and Jerry Berghoff, while grandson Finley is the son of Jeffrey and Christina.

Brother Twohig's hobbies are fishing, golf and woodworking.

**Understanding the Bible: The Ten Commandments**, by Mark Galbaugh

Since our *Why Catholic?* meditations this Lent are on the Ten Commandments, let's see how the Church's Scripture exegetical tools apply to them.

First, we should note that there are two lists of the Decalogue - Exodus 20 & Deuteronomy 5 - so let's start by seeing how they compare. God reveals himself to his people at Mt. Sinai in "real time" in Exodus; whereas Moses is recalling this encounter with God to the Israelites before they cross the Jordan into Canaan 40 years later in Deuteronomy.

**Exodus v.11 tells us the reason for keeping the Sabbath is that God made the heavens & the earth in six days & rested on seventh; but in Deuteronomy v.15, after declaring that even slaves should rest on the Sabbath, God explains that the Israelites must rest because they too were once slaves in Egypt until God rescued them. Also, in Exodus v.12 God promises a long life in the land for those that honor their parents, in Deuteronomy v.16 he also promises prosperity. Finally, in Exodus v.17 wives are lumped in with the various possessions of a neighbor that a man may not covet; but in Deuteronomy v.21 the neighbor's wife is listed first. The text are very close otherwise, indicating the great respect that the author of the Deuteronomy text had for the Exodus text, & also indicating to us the great desire God has that these Ten Words be preserved. What do the differences signify? Should one be preferred over the other? It seems that both are to be taken with equal gratitude.**

From here, we might want to take a closer look at some of the key Hebrew words used in this text by checking an interlinear Bible & looking up the words in a lexicon (I used [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org)).

**Ex 20:7 "Vain" – The Hebrew word "Shav" can mean false, empty, lying, deceitful, which certainly conveys more than does the phrase in English.**

Ex 20:8 "Remember" – In Hebrew "Zakar" does mean "to remember," but it also means to cause to be remembered, to make a memorial, & to bring to mind, & by association, to keep in mind. This reinforces the Catholic understanding that "remembering" for the Jews was really a "making present" of the event, just as we are made present to the death & resurrection of the Lord when we fulfill his command to "Do this in remembrance of me."

Ex 20:13 "You shall not kill" – Literally, "No kill" in Hebrew. One must wonder that God would give this command, then go on to give various conditions by which those who violate the Law are to be punished by death. The word "kill" in Hebrew is "Ratsach," which may mean to kill or murder, but also to avenge. Some commentators see in this commandment a limitation on the blood revenge that can be exacted on an enemy.

Ex 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery" – In Hebrew "No adultery." The word "Na'aph" certainly means adultery as we understand it in English, but it also can mean idolatrous worship, which may be a reference to the ritual sex that often accompanied pagan worship in the ancient world. Since Israel is to be God's spouse (e.g. Isaiah 62:4-5), to worship another god is to commit adultery against the one, true God. See how rich a meaning can be gained when one is willing to look a little deeper!

**Next we should look to see where these passages are referenced elsewhere in Scripture, especially where our Lord uses them, like the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). To see how the Church understands these texts, check the index of citations in the back of the Catechism & consult the paragraphs where these are used. One will also want to consult credible commentaries. For an engaging examination of how Jesus fulfills the Law, I highly recommend Pope Benedict XVI's *Jesus of Nazareth*. The Pope's scriptural knowledge & insight are simply unsurpassed.**

One could spend a lifetime studying, meditating, & praying over these holy texts. Don't be content with just the superficial meaning of the text; there are unending depths to them, which ultimately bring us along with the Israelites at Mt. Sinai to an encounter with the ineffable & unfathomable God, through which he reveals who he is & what he expects of those who call on his name.





# MARCH, 2016

SUNDAY W=WOMEN INVITED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	1	2	3 1ST DEGREE ST. JOHN NEU- MAN  1ST DEGREE CHATTANOOGA	4 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION W	5
6 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TEAM 2 W	7	8	9	10	11	12 3RD DEGREE CHATTANOOGA  MEN'S LENTEN DAY OF REFLEC- TION.
13 4th DEGREE ALCOA 5:30PM W	14 FRIENDSHIP KITCHEN TEAM A W	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER- DANCE 7-11PM  W	18 OFFICERS MEET- ING 9:15AM DJR	19 4th DEGREE BRENTWOOD
20	21	22	23	24 COUNCIL MEET- ING 7:30 PM DJR ROSARY 7:00PM	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		COUNCIL WEB- SITE <a href="http://www.kofc12633.org">www.kofc12633.org</a>