



# The Knights Herald

Father John Savoca Council

Council No. 12633—Lenoir City, TN

A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization

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## APRIL, 2016

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### Grand Knight's Message

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Congratulations to the St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance team led by Steve McAvoy. The planning, set-up and execution was evident in the outstanding results of this 15<sup>th</sup> year event. Thank you to all that worked and supported the Dinner/Dance.

Thank you Fr. Doug, Larry Finneran and Stu McFadden for the Men's Retreat/Day of Reflection. It was a great success from my viewpoint. I learned a great deal from Fr Doug's presentation and the questions posed to him. Some of the questions asked came from known "Cradle-Catholics". The nature of the questions somewhat surprised this convert. This experience shows that we all still need to continue to educate ourselves in our faith through studies, retreats, and discussions. I personally look forward to the next "Day of Reflection" and invite all of you that missed this event on March 12<sup>th</sup> to plan to attend the next retreat.

### Right to be Wrong or Wrong to be Wrong

In this current environment of persecution against innocent adults and children, and a focus on Christians by terrorist, we must remain alert to our surroundings. I'd rather be right in reporting a suspicious activity that proves to be a false alert, than wrong in not taking action that results in harm to our friends and community. Stay vigilant and keep the faith.

God bless us all

Don Hoyle, GK



## MEN'S RETREAT DRAWS FORTY-SIX

*FIRST EVER RETREAT AT ST. THOMAS A SUCCESS*

We had 50 men sign up for the Men's retreat and 46 attended. Fr. Doug did three presentations about different aspects of Lent. We attended Mass, and had some prayer time. Breakfast and lunch were provided and it was an inspiring day which ended with the opportunity for confession. Attached are some photos taken at the successful event.



Father Doug and Father Julian during a break at the retreat.



Father Doug discusses some of the aspects of Lent with St. Thomas Knights and parishioners during the Men's Retreat held on Saturday, March 18, 2016 at the PFLC.



Participants in the Men's Retreat gather in the Deacon Jose Rm



NPH El Salvador youth practicing for Masses on March 5, 6



Knights and parishioners gearing up for church grounds mowing



Parishioners wait in line at the Friday Lenten fish fry dinner.



Knights and The Women's Group serving at a Lenten fish fry

St. Pats Dinner Dance—Thursday, March 17, 2016



KITCHEN CREW PREPARES MEALS. TEEN SERVERS AWAIT PLATES



STEVE POPOVICH, BILL AND KATHY TWOHIG GREET DINERS.



FATHER DOUG GREETS SOME OF THE DINNER-DANCE PEOPLE



THE VALENTES: TREASA, ED, PAT, AND ROB



STU MCFADDEN & CHUCK HUTCHENS IN THEIR IRISH REGALIA



BASKET OF CHEER WINNER WITH EMCEE DENNIS PRESTON

**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;*

Emily Archambault (L. Archambault), Kathryn Arnold, George Beyer (R. Mouse), Terry Camilleri, Renee Crynick Family, (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 Holsenbeck - RIP - 2, Chuck James (D. Preston), Frank Kaspar - RIP - 2, 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), Diane Preston (D. Preston), Tanner Price - RIP - 3, Jim Walker, Bill Waskelis.

Don't forget you have to be present to win the **50-50 drawing** at our council meetings. **Jim Gecsei won \$14 at the 50-50 drawing at the March meeting.**

### **Degree Exemplifications**

**1st Degree:** April 7, St. John Neumann 6:30 pm

**2nd Degree:** April 9, Marian, Murfreesboro, 9:00 am

**3rd Degree:** April 9, St John Neumann, 12 noon

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



GK Don Hoyle presents February Knight of the Month Award to Jim Gecsei.



Pat and Steve McAvoy are the March Family of the Month.



GK Don Hoyle congratulates Larry Finneran, the March Knight of the Month.

## **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, in **April**, 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, April 10 at Madisonville at 5:30PM .

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

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Team 2 will serve the Pancake Breakfast after the 9:00AM Mass on April 3.

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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

Happy April Birthday greetings to Brothers Bill Agee, Tom Bomcamp, Terry Camilleri, Colin Kamperman, Lance Lyons, Thomas Mills, James O'Brien, Don Qualkenbush, Curt Sheldon,

Happy April Spouse Birthday greetings to Robin Bowen, Maureen Corry, Kathy Cowser, Cathy Enderle, Marianne Hartman, Beth Manuel, Pat Miller, Mary Mulherin, Rita Pawenski,

April Anniversary greetings to Bob and Dorly Bertoli, Norm and Pat Corda, Jim and Paula Gecsei, Charles and Glenna Hutchens, Jack and Sheila Kelly, Tom and Kate Kenny, Bill and Sue Langford, Benjamin and Beth Manuel, Jose and Carman Rivera, Bill and Kathy Twohig, Ed and Pat Valente.

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## **KNOW YOUR OFFICERS**

**"From Outside Guard to Grand Knight in five years," chuckled Dennis Preston way back in 2009.** What he didn't tell you then about the many hours he devoted to the MR Drive. The



countless hours as a cook and leader in the Friendship Kitchen, and his participation as a leader for the Pancake Breakfast and in just about every other K of C local and state function. Not to mention many church activities. And more, much, much more.

**A Knight since 1989 in Michigan, Dennis joined our council twelve years ago and currently serves as our Advocate and Retention Chairman. He became a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight in 2007 and has served as it's Comptroller.**

Selected as the Knight of the Year in 2015 there isn't a voluntary Knight function he hasn't participated in.

**At the State level he has been the Director of Membership and the Retention Director. Currently he oversees both membership and retention for the East Tennessee District.**

He is a volunteer food packer for Good Sam's and for the past six years has cut the grass and maintained the landscape for the Bowman Cemetery.

**Two years ago he obtained his Commercial Drivers License and become the instructor for the St. Mary's Legacy Mobile Clinic. This vehicle is 40 feet long, weighs 33,000 pounds and has air brakes. He drives to rural areas that don't provide medical services.**

**Brother Preston says it is very rewarding to serve God through all of these activities.**

A manufacturing engineer at Ford Motor for 31 years, Dennis attended Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan. He also served four years in the US Air Force.

**Dennis and his wife have resided in Tellico Village for sixteen years. They have two daughters who live in Michigan, a son who resides in Tennessee and five grandchildren.**

**Bible: Jesus Carries His Cross**, by Mark Galbaugh

Reading the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, & Luke together will readily show that virtually all of Mark's Gospel can be found in Matthew's & Luke's (thus, "synoptic"). It seems that these authors combined material from their own sources with the existing text of Mark to create their own accounts of the life, death, & resurrection of Jesus for their particular audiences. John's Gospel, however, goes in a different direction. Contrasting the differences between the Gospels in regards to, say, the Passion of our Lord, may open up new insights in the texts, in both the literal & the spiritual senses.

All three synoptics record that the Roman soldiers pressed Simon of Cyrene into service to help Jesus carry his cross, who was probably at this point too beaten & weak to endure the burden himself (Mk 15:21-22; Mt 27:32; Lk 23:26). Luke joins Mark in noting that Simon was just coming in from the country. What a shock this must have been for Simon to finally arrive at Jerusalem for the great feast, only to be forced to assist in a condemned criminal's execution! Only Mark, however, notes that Simon was the father for Alexander & Rufus. Significance? There is a tradition that the brothers became bishops in North Africa. It is also possible that this same Rufus is referred to in Romans 16:13. Apparently, somewhere along the road to Golgotha, Simon's eyes were opened to see that this condemned man was no ordinary criminal, but the long-awaited Messiah, & becoming Christian, passed his faith to his children. Luke alone notes that Simon carried the cross behind Jesus.

John, on the other hand, says that Jesus carried his own cross as they set out for Golgotha. This is important, because John was the only apostle actually present at Jesus' crucifixion. His Gospel is also the only one that contains an explicit statement of apostolic authorship (see Jn 21:24). In other words, John's Gospel is the only eyewitness testimony to the execution of Jesus; the others disciples had fled & were, at best, looking on from afar. Does this mean that John is right &

the synoptic Gospels are wrong? Not if we keep in mind that not every detail of Jesus' Passion was recorded the way it would be today (as an aside: what sort of spectacle do you think the media would make of Jesus' execution today?). Different elements are presented according to the author's intention under inspiration of the God the Spirit. Jesus may have started out carrying his own cross, but was helped when he couldn't go on any longer. One commentary notes that John's Gospel is particularly emphatic of Jesus' exchange with Pilate regarding his kingship & that Jesus carries his cross like a triumphant banner to resolve the confusion that the earthly monarch has about the King of the universe. In other words, the accounts must not be seen as contradicting each other; but should instead be taken together side by side, each having something to reveal.

In a rare moment of coincidence, all four Gospels note that "the place of the skull" is where Jesus' path would lead. Apart from the physical resemblance or purpose of this hilltop, it is noteworthy that a skull is often found at the base of the cross in artistic renderings of the Crucifixion. This is the skull of Adam, whose disobedience brought death upon man, and whose mortal sin (& our own personal sin) is atoned for by the death of Jesus, our Paschal sacrifice.

This Holy Week & Eastertide, read the various Gospel accounts of the Passion & the Resurrection together to see where they are the same & where they are different. The texts frequently make reference to the Psalms or other Old Testament texts - look them up. Then stand back & see the larger point that all four Gospels wish to impart: "These are recorded that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in his name (Jn 20:31)."

Happy Easter!

*"He is risen! Indeed, he is risen—ancient Easter antiphon.*

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SUNDAY W=WOMEN INVITED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 1 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION W	SATURDAY 2
3 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TEAM 2 W	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 4th DEGREE MADISONVILLE 5:30PM W	11 FRIENDSHIP KITCHEN TEAM B W	12	13	14	15	
17	18	19	20	21	22 OFFICERS MEET- ING 9:15AM DJR	23 ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER W
24	25	26	27	28 COUNCIL MEET- ING 7:30 PM DJR 1st DEGREE EX- EMLIFICATION 6:00PM DJR ROSARY 7:00PM	29 CONVENTION ----->	30
1	2	3	4	5		COUNCIL WEB- SITE <a href="http://www.kofc12633.org">www.kofc12633.org</a>