



The Knights Herald

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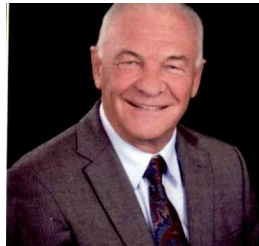
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Grand Knight's Message

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Brother Knights, most of you are familiar with the SCRIP Program. However, what you probably don't realize is how much time and effort is expended on this worthwhile program. Time and effort, by the few dedicated brother Knights that are maintaining the program. They need your help!



Ernie Rodia (l) and Maria Weiss (r) write checks for SCRIP cards while Jim Gecsei looks on.

One way to ensure the success of this program which provides income for the church and council is to invest...invest in SCRIP, which gives you 100%

return on your money.

Virtually all of us use credit cards for the purchase of food, grocery store, restaurant, pharmacies, gift cards, hotels, and other routine needs. There is probably a card that meets your

need in the listing of over 780 companies offering a percentage for

your purchase. The beneficiaries for your investment include the council, the church, our charities, and your family.

The council needs your involvement and support to continue this outstanding program that ultimately benefits us all!

Please see Jim Gecsei's assessment of the program posted in a following article.

Don Hoyle, GK



Pam Wesley buys a SCRIP card from coordinator Jim Gecsei.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. THOMAS SCRIP PROGRAM NEEDS MORE PARTICIPATION

Brother Knights it's time for a SCRIP program update. To date we have a net profit of \$2,831. That is after \$472 in expenses. That is the "good" news. It is my opinion that the Parish as a whole and our Brother Knights aren't supporting the program as we hoped. We have a few steady customers but need many more. Since January 1st we have averaged weekend sales of only \$1,572 with a margin of 3.1%. That may



Petrona Saucedo (center) and children with SCRIP coordinator Jim Gecsei.

not sound too bad but the numbers have been dropping. One exception to that are our Spanish Mass sales. They're supporting the program and their participation is increasing.

HIGH LABOR COST PER HOUR

If you remember when we proposed the SCRIP program, we talked about the labor cost per hour compared to our other fund raising efforts.



Rolando Galicia (l) and Jim Gecsei show SCRIP cards Galicia purchased.

With the current sales level the cost per hour is way too high. If participation does not increase then I don't see this program continuing.

Weekend of	Sales	Percent	Net
4/23-24	\$775	2.09	\$16.20
4/16-17	\$1,195	3.42	\$40.86
4/9-10	\$1,450	2.31	\$33.50

It is my opinion that we continue through the end of the year, then at that point in time we, as a group, need to decide if the SCRIP program is meeting our



Jim Gecsei explains SCRIP card program to Paula Gecsei (l) and Marlene Eeg.

goals. The program will be able to pay back the loans to our Brother Knights and have money for both the Parish and our programs if we discontinue the SCRIP program.

I would like to make a plea that if you are not buying SCRIP cards from us, that you review the list of participating merchants. I'm sure you will find a company where you spend money. All it takes is a little planning. If you have a favorite chain restaurant, I'd bet it is in the program. Many retailers for clothing and household goods participate with higher percentage of rebates for us. I'm not asking for all your purchases... just some of them. We need repeat purchasers too. One time just doesn't cut it.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

As a closing note, I want to thank those Brother Knights that have been supporting the program. I prayerfully ask that you purchase program gift cards or we may find ourselves once more standing out on street corners begging for donations or worse. **It's up to you!**

Jim Gecsei,
SCRIP 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.

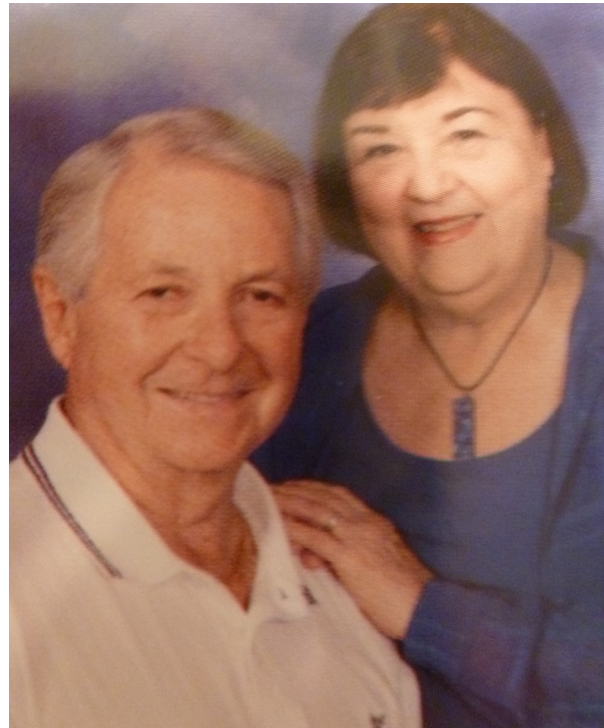
For our Brother Knights and their spouses that are in need of our prayers;

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. Harold Egler won \$11 at the 50-50 drawing at the April meeting.

Degree Exemptions

- 1st Degree: May, St. John Neumann 6:30 pm
- 2nd Degree: May, Marian, Murfreesboro, 9:00 am
- 3rd Degree: May, St John Neumann, 12 noon
- 4th Degree: May, Brentwood (no details yet)



HAROLD AND JOYCE EGLER, ARE THE FEBRUARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH

COUNCIL OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR 2016-2017

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The **first Friday of each month** is Eucharistic Adoration time at St Thomas in the church from **5:66am to 3:00pm**.

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



FOURTH DEGREE

There will not be a 4th Degree meeting on Sunday, May 8 because of Mothers Day .

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Happy May Birthday greetings to Brothers Sam Buscetta, Tony Cirone, Dave Hudgens, Dick Karakis, Gene Kowalski, Bill Parker, Stan Pawenski, Ernest Rodia, Bill Waskelis.

Happy May Spouse Birthday greetings to May Anniversary greetings to Dorly Bertoli, Allis Hanley, Kitty Jansen, Kate Kenny, Nadine Mazienis, Pat McAvoy, Mary Jane Noll, Diane O'Brien, Ann Pangle, Karen Prendergast.

Happy May Anniversary greetings to Jim and Eilene Bowerfind, Vince and Mary Ann Clayton, Wayne and Cathy Enderle, Bob and Carol Finchio, Richard and Elaine Karakis, John and Deborah Kernica, Tim and Chasity Lombardi, Jim and Diane O'Brien, Steve and Sherry Popovich.

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KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Brother Stu McFadden, our council's Church Director, has spearheaded and overseen numerous church activities.

Some of these activities are the Silver Rose Program, the Mission Support of NPH Children homes, the Christmas Wreath Sales Program, the Annual Men's Retreat, Corporate Communion, and Maintenance liaison and religious opportunities.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

He is a member of the Adult Faith Formation team, the RCIA team, facilitator for the Tuesday morning men's St. Ignatius Group and part of the leadership team for supporting NPH, especially in El Salvador. He and his wife Jan have made three trips to El Salvador and plans on going again this year.

He works at the Good Samaritan Center twice a month..

He also participates in our council's Pancake Breakfasts and the parish's Friendship Kitchens.

RADIO CONTROL PLANES

Somehow he found time to be a past president of the TV Woodworkers Club (completing many woodworking projects for the parish), and was past president of the Tellico Cruising Club. He also flies radio control planes.

Born and raised in Cranford, N.J., McFadden received a BS in mechanical engineering at Newark College of Engineering. He spent four years in the Air Force as a maintenance officer on B-52's and KC-135's. He then joined Owens Corning as an engineer, retiring in 1999 as Leader of the Reliability and Maintenance operations for the corporation.

Stu and Jan have three children and four grandchildren. Both of their boys and their families live in Ohio-Mike and his wife Lisa have two girls (one a freshman at Ohio State) and Dan and Cindy have two boys. A single daughter lives in Richmond, Virginia.

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):

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.

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SUNDAY W=WOMEN INVITED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TEAM 3 W	2	3 1ST DEGREE ST. JOHN NEUMANN	4	5	6	7
8 9:30AM MOTH- ERS DAY BREAK- FAST W	9 FRIENDSHIP KITCHEN TEAM C W	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 RECOGNITION DINNER PFLC 6:00PM W	17	18	19	20 OFFICERS MEET- ING 9:15AM DJR	21 3rd DEGREE KINGSPORT ARMED FORCES DAY
22	23	24	25	26 COUNCIL MEET- ING 7:30 PM DJR ROSARY 7:00PM	27	28 CORPORATE COMMUNION 5PM MASS 6:00PM DINNER AT EATS W
29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31	1	3	JUNE 6 1ST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICA- TION. ST THOMAS	COUNCIL WEB- SITE www.kofc12633.org