



The Knights Herald

Father John Savoca Council

Council No. 12633—Lenoir City, TN

A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization

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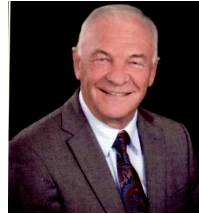
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Grand Knight's Message

Good day Brother Knights and families. If you are like me, you wonder where the summer went. Although we may still have some hot and humid days ahead, we can now start to look forward to the coolness and color of Fall. That somewhat describes my view of our council. Like the weather, we are transitioning; transitioning into programs that will add to our support and care of our brother knights and their families. We have accomplished many projects for our charities, community, and church, as well as, support for some of our less ambulatory brothers.



UPDATE

What continues to impress me is the willingness of our fellow Knights to take on leadership roles or support roles as the situation dictates. The activities that came to closure in August include: the completion of the refurbishment of an ailing brother's home with the team lead by Dennis Preston. Many interior as well as exterior improvements were made.

We also were instrumental in the refurbishment of the religious education classrooms through the leadership of Mario Catani. His ability to

plan, organize, recruit and schedule allowed the project to be completed on time and on schedule. Should you be near the PFLC, please stop in so you can see firsthand the benefits and fruits of our labor.

Dennis Preston and Rich Mazienis built a wheelchair ramp in the garage of a disabled brother. Dennis Preston, Jim Gecsei, and Phil Hutchens were responsible for the acquisition and refurbishment of the golf cart we donated to the STA Parish.

Additionally, we supported the Women's Guild Fashion Show with the meal service. The Choir Appreciation Committee asked for our support with the meal service to the choir members which we gladly provided.

Jerry Dougherty, Dan Hanley, and Dennis Preston were instrumental in the acquisition and installation of the new crucifix that you now see in the Sanctuary of our church.

UPCOMING NEW PROGRAMS

Several new programs are starting to emerge that can use your support and participation. Bill Twohig and his **SCRIP** team will be kicking off this program soon and will be asking for your involvement. You can read more about this program on page two of this Newsletter. This team is [\(continued on page two\)](#)

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THE SCRIP PROGRAM

For St. Thomas and K of C Charities

The SCRIP Program provides a means to donate, at no additional cost to you, while you shop, dine out, purchase gasoline or buy clothes.

Rather than paying the merchant with cash or check, debit or credit card, you use St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church retail gift cards. To learn how you can participate, please attend one of the parish meetings scheduled after Masses on September 19/20, or September 26/27 in the PFLC.



Brother Jerry Dougherty, (**top**, far right), was elected one of seven delegates from Tennessee for the 133rd Supreme Convention that was held in Philadelphia in early August.

Below: Delegates celebrate at the 133rd Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Philadelphia.



GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

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comprised of Brothers Bill Twohig, Mario Catani, Jim Gecsei, Larry Finneran, and DGK Ray Mouse. Any one of these gentlemen will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Terry Camilleri is starting up a Welcome Committee under the guidance of Fr Doug and in coordination with the Women' Guild. Any desire to join or answer any questions can be addressed by Terry or DGK Ray Mouse.

Joe Filosi is starting a new committee that will be actively involved in identifying brothers and parishioners that are in need of help. This will lighten the burden of those who are less likely to ask for help or assistance. Should you be aware of anyone needing assistance, please call Joe or me.

We can all be a part of both the Welcome Committee and the Pro-Active Committee by being aware of the needs of our fellow men, be they Knights, or parishioners. Identifying those in need is the first important step in getting the information to one or the other of these directors and you are key to make these programs work!

We just celebrated our quarterly Corporate Communion on August 30th. It provides us with a great opportunity for the Knights and their families to participate in the Mass and fellowship. A Brunch followed at the Country Kinfolk Café in Lenoir City. A great time was had by one and all.

The accompanying calendar in this Newsletter shows the activities coming up in September. Please review the calendar and, if possible, offer some of your time to make these events a success.

As you read this article you will note that the same volunteers are always involved in our projects. We solicit your support, be it in a leadership role or a support role. They all are equally important. Again, borrowing a phrase that makes a lot of sense:

"Teamwork makes our Dream work".

Don Hoyle, GK

New Ramp for Chet Kwiatkowski



New Cart for Our Parish



Brother Chet Kwiatkowski tests his new ramp and scooter. Because of serious lung disease he is unable to walk long distances. The ramp, which was built by Brothers Dennis Preston and Rich Mazienis, enables Br. Chet to go from his house to his truck in his garage. The scooter is used to get around in the house and is supplied by Medicare.

The donated cart which was serviced, cleaned, and a new rear seat assembly mounted by Brothers Dennis Preston, Jim Gecsei, and Phil Hutchens. The keys to the cart were presented to Fr. Doug and staff by GK Don Hoyle on the 24th of July.



Music Coordinator Marla Emerson (left) and Donna Curry high stepping during the recent Parish Choir Appreciation Dinner at the PFLC. The dinner honored the St. Thomas choir members and musicians who perform during our Masses and special events and their spouses..



Shown are some of the council Knights who helped serve dinner and clean up the hall in the PFLC at the Parish Choir Appreciation Dinner. From left to right: are Bill Waskelis, Bo Carey, Jim Bowerfind and Terry Camilleri.

(Dinner photos by Jim Noonan)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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



FOURTH DEGREE

There will be 4th Degree meeting at on Sunday, September 13 at at St. Thomas at 5:00PM.

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 September 6.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Happy September Birthday greetings to Brothers Larry Archambault, Don Burgett, John Cooper, Ron Fasse, Larry Finneran, Dan Hanley, Chuck Humphreys, Chuck James, Bob Joyce, John Kernica, David McCool, Morgan O'Brien, Keith Rivard, Dave Rueth, Gerald Snaider, and Ed Valente.

Happy September Spouse Birthday greetings to DorothyBaumert, Laurie Bennett, Cathy Cirone, Barbara Comiso, Shelley Da Silva, Celia Dibble, Becky Drach, Mary Ann O'Donnell, Margaret Sellers, Kay Sheldon, and Kay Snaider.

September Anniversary greetings to Jack and Linda Calahan, Mario and Doris Catani, Bob and Jean Fox, Don and Mary Hoyle, Jane and Colin Kamperman, Richard and Nadine Mazienis, David and Janice McCool, Al and Judy Pabich. Dave and Barbara Rueth, and Sean and Melissa Smith.

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KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Brother **John (Bo) Carey**, our new Council Recorder, was born, raised and lived his whole life in Loudon, Tennessee.



He attended Loudon High School, Tennessee Military Institute, and graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in American Studies.

LISETTE

Brother Carey met his wife Lisette Periu in Knoxville and they were married at Sacred Heart Cathedral in 1986. "She had escaped Cuba with her parents and ten siblings right after the Bay of Pigs," he recalled. Their children Rachel Bess and John were baptized and received First Holy Communion at the old St. Thomas Church on Harrison Road.

Son John, while a middle school basketball player, represented our parish in the Knights free throw contest where he placed third in the state finals in Nashville.

This was when Br. Bo first observed the Knights of Columbus "working together for a great cause." He joined our council in 2013. He is a lector for St. Thomas, sings in the men's choir and is a guitar and violin accompanist for the choir at the 11:30AM Mass. "Since I don't read sheet music it has been a challenge trying to follow our accompanist," he mused.

EMPLOYMENT

Br. John's first job was in 1972 selling black history books door to door in Cincinnati's inner city. The job earned him enough money to buy his first car which lasted through college and beyond..

He currently is a 4th generation owner of Greers Home Furnishings and is owner/operator of The Shoppes on the Square, which house 65 gift/antique/collectible booths under one roof and is located across the street from the Loudon courthouse.

He also is Chairman of the Loudon County Visitors Bureau serving every town in Loudon County. "I present programs for clubs or groups in Tellico Village as well as Walking Tours of Historic Downtown Loudon," he said with a smile.

THE EARLY MORNING STRING DUSTERS

Br. Carey plays fiddle and sings tenor with The Early Morning String Dusters, a comedy and bluegrass combo which has performed in the Knoxville area for 30 years.

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 seminarian Steven Hamby, 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, Don Burgett, Renee Crynick, Ann Dalski, Dennis Dalsky, Andrea Dwyer, Melba Dwyer, Meld Dyer, Jean Gondoly, Clare Gutowski, Wyatt Hanley, Jackie Hoffmeier, Mary Ellen Hogan, Tyler Howarth, Chase Preston Howarth, Frank Kaspar, David Kelly, Jack Kelly, Sheila Kelly, Pat Kessl, Theresa Lang, Bobby Mire, Phyllis Moore, Chester Pawenski, Ann Popovich, George Popovich, Hildegard Popovich, Chase Preston, Barbara Rueth, Scott Simcox, Linda Simcox, Ruth Lyons, Chet Kwiatkowski, Wes Becker, Tim Stender, Tanner Wagner, Most Reverend Richard Stika, Reverend Joseph Prambo., Rich Horoky, Dan Hanley, John Geringer, Donald Silvester, Geri Dougherty, and Sandy Holmes .

Don't forget you have to be present to win the **50-50 drawing** at our meetings. **Frank Kaspar** would have won \$17 in the 50-50 drawing at the August meeting.

Degree Exemplifications

1st Degree. September 3 Farragut

2nd Degree None this month

3rd Degree September 26 Clarksville

4th Degree None this month

POLISH DINNER

On Friday, October 2, our council will be celebrating its 5th Annual Polish Dinner. The Brainchild of brother Chet Kwiatkowski, the Polish Dinner has been one of our most popular social events.

Each year Brother Chet drove to Hamtramck, Michigan to purchase authentic Polish kielbasa and pierogi made by Catholic nuns. However, this year, he is burdened with a serious lung disease that has kept him from taking such excursions. But the same sausage is being sent to us this year from the same Hamtramck Polish shop. Kathy Twohig and her kitchen staff will make the pierogis.

MENU

Once more the menu will include kielbasa, sauerkraut, pierogi, golbalki (stuffed cabbage rolls), potatoes, pickled beets, and desert.

Music will be provided for dancing by Emcee Gary Brunnel. Wine, beer, soft drinks, tea and coffee are included in the ticket price of \$27.50 per person. The youth group will be the servers.

Reservations and ticket information are available from Bill Twohig

at 865-607-2248 or bomber@charter.net or from Ed Valente at 865-406-9641 or epvp315@gmail.com. In addition, Knights will be selling tickets



Brother Chet Kwiatkowski and his wife Mary pose with table settings at our 2011 Polish Dinner.



More than forty Knights, their spouses and parishioners enjoyed brunch at the Country Kinfolk Restaurant in Lenoir City following a quarterly Corporate Communion Mass at St. Thomas Church on Sunday, August 30.

The Silver Rose

The Silver Rose will be shown at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Thursday, September 24 at 6:30PM. It will arrive from St. Mary's Church in Oak Ridge and continue on to St. Stevens Church in Chattanooga.

The Knights of Columbus will participate in a North American effort paying special tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas through the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose – One, Life, One Rose Program. It involves carrying six Silver Roses from Ontario through the U.S. to Monterrey, Mexico.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project of Squires circles, councils and Fourth Degree assemblies in several jurisdictions

History of the Silver Rose

Early on a cold Saturday morning (December 9, 1531), Juan Diego, baptized into the faith as an adult in 1523, was on his way to assist at Mass about two and a half miles from Tlatleloco, where there was a church. Suddenly he heard beautiful music and a woman's voice calling to him from the top of Tepeyac Hill, which he was then passing. He saw a beautiful woman who revealed that she was the Blessed Virgin. She instructed him to visit the bishop to tell him that a temple should be built in her honor at the base of the hill.

Juan Diego went immediately to Bishop Juan de Zumarraga who received him kindly but was reluctant to believe the story. Juan Diego returned to the hill to report his failure. The Lady told him to return to the bishop repeating the request.

On Sunday (December 10) Juan Diego returned to the bishop who, after many questions, said he wanted some kind of sign before believing that it was really Our Lady who appeared. Juan Diego relayed the message to the Lady who told him to come back on the next day when she would fulfill his request. On Monday (December 11), however, the uncle of Juan Diego became gravely ill so he was unable to return to Tepeyac.

After a day of fruitlessly searching for someone to help his uncle, Juan Diego told him that he would bring a priest the next morning so that he could then make his confession and



die. Very early Tuesday morning (December 12), rushing toward Tlatleloco to find a priest, he had to pass Tepeyac Hill. Thinking it better not to let the Lady interrupt his errand of mercy, he decided to pass by, going around the other side of the hill. But the Lady came down the hill to meet him.

After listening to his explanation for not keeping the appointment, she told him that his uncle would not die of the sickness and that he was healthy. (That same morning, the Lady appeared to his uncle and cured him.) Juan Diego was greatly relieved. The Lady told him to go to the top of the hill and gather the flowers he would find there. On arriving at the top he found in the frozen earth a miraculous garden of roses not native to the area. He gathered some, and then brought them to the Lady who arranged them in his cloak, she told him to take them to the bishop as the sign he had requested.

When Juan Diego arrived to give them to the bishop, he opened his cloak and the roses fell to the floor. They both discovered something even more wondrous: a remarkable portrait of Our Lady was imprinted on the coarse fabric of the cloak. The image and the cloak are displayed for the veneration of the faithful to this day at the Cathedral of Mexico City.

In 1946 Pope Pius XII declared Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas. Pope John Paul II beatified Juan Diego in 1990. On July 31, 2002, the late Holy Father visited Mexico City and declared the sainthood of Blessed Juan Diego. The feast day of St. Juan Diego is Dec. 9 and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on Dec. 12.

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MONDAY W= Women invited.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	1	2	3 1st Degree Exemplification Farragut	4 Eucharistic Adoration 9:00AM-3PM	5	6 Pancake Breakfast (Team 2) After 9:00AM Mass
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 4th Degree Meeting St. Thomas
14 Friendship Kitchen—Team A	15 Commodities Packing United Way Breakfast	16	17 CPOP Mowing Day	18 Officers Meeting 9:15AM DJR	19	20
21	22	23	24 Council Meeting 7:30PM No Rosary Silver Rose 6PM	25	26 3rd Degree Exemplification Clarksville Membership Drive-All Masses	27 Membership Drive-All Masses
28	29	30	1	2 Eucharistic Adoration Polish Dinner	3	4 Pancake Breakfast Team 3