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Brother Knights,

Congratulations to: February Knight of the Month – Harry Schukman and to February Family of the Month – Matt and Laura Lee Sturgill. Special congratulations to St. John Neumann's Paul Liulevicius, who won the statewide Knights of Columbus Essay contest conducted last fall.

Thanks to the volunteers who support dozens of programs and activities with the council and parish:

- All Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner volunteers – Tony Angelelli, Brian Briody, Rich Cataldi, Dick Groves, Robin Hanson, Walt Hanson, David Hetrick, Jane Lubert, Jerry Lubert, Dinaardini, Tonyardini, Mo Molchan, John Murphy, Patty Murphy, Jack Passafiume, Kathy Passafiume, Patti Pemberton, Harry Schukman, Terry Scoggins, Elizabeth Sturgill, Laura Lee Sturgill, Matt Sturgill, Cathy Varga, Doug Varga, Trish Varga, Em Way, and Philip Wicke.
- Families who contributed donations to help cover the cost for one or more meals for 53 honored guests at the Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner – Allington, Angelelli, Cataldi, Denning, Gates, Hanson, Hetrick, Lubert, O'Brien, Ownby, Parsly, Perkins, Reeves, Schreyer, Schukman, Scoggins, and Wicke.
- Volunteers who distribute food and goods to those in need in Knox and surrounding counties
- February 10 breakfast volunteers
- all Knights, spouses and family members who serve in one or more capacities at St. John Neumann and elsewhere as CCD teachers, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, grounds and maintenance volunteers, lectors, and Perpetual Adoration adorers.

You are encouraged to share this newsletter with spouses and prospective members.

Volunteers Needed – March 15 and 16

The Knoxville St Patrick's Day Parade organizers have confirmed that this year 100% of the proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee (CCETN). This event falls on the same weekend as the Bass Pro Fishing tournament that is hosted in Knoxville this year; Roland Martin is confirmed to be the Parade's grand marshal. Hotels for the weekend are booked and 100,000 are expected in town. So, this is a great opportunity for raising money for CCETN, the charitable arm of our Diocese. Since this event is the day after the CCETN Emerald O'ccasion dinner, the typical "GO-TO" volunteers that CCETN depends on will have just worked long hours to accomplish that event.

CCETN needs about 30 volunteers to meet its needs. CCETN is responsible for operating the entirety of the "Celebraughtion" happening in Krutch Park for two days (Friday night March 15 and Saturday March 16). Volunteers are needed to fill two-hour shifts selling beer tickets, t-shirts, running games, working with bands/VIPs. Volunteers can sign-up online at <https://ccetn.org/parade-volunteer/> For additional information, please contact Walt Hanson.

March Birthdays

Congratulations to Stephen Behnke, David Bryant OSB, Ben Compton, Pete Dueber, Steve Dzialo, John Irwin, Michael Lutheran, Ralph Monserrat, Jon Najberg, Rev Scott Russell, Bruce Stearns, Tom Terry.

Looking Ahead to March Events

- Ash Wednesday, March 6
 - Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, March 7; no First Degree.
 - Lenten Fish Fry, 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 8. Volunteers needed, contact Matt Sturgill.
 - Council Corporate Communion, 8:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday, March 10
 - Pancake Breakfast, after morning Masses, Sunday, March 10.
 - Lenten Fish Fry, 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 15. Volunteers needed, contact Matt Sturgill.
 - Regular council meeting, 7:00 p.m., SJN Music Room, Thursday, March 21. Come pray the rosary at the start of the meeting.
 - Lenten Fish Fry, 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 22. Volunteers needed, contact Matt Sturgill.
 - Spring Membership Drive, March 23-24, before and after all weekend Masses. Contact Pete Colombo to assist.
 - Lenten Fish Fry, 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 29. Volunteers needed, contact Matt Sturgill.
 - Regional Meeting, Districts 17-18-19, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 30, Holy Ghost Church..
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Monthly Spiritual Reflection:

A great way to augment your daily prayer life is to include a reflection or two.

March Reflections:

1. Charity

God's Word: "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'" "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'" "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:34-40)

Hero's Words:

"Charity is no substitute for justice withheld." -St. Augustine

"The source of justice is not vengeance but charity." -St. Bridget of Sweden

"If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you. Especially anticipate the needs of those who are ashamed to beg. To make them ask for alms is to make them buy it." -St. Thomas of Villanova

Meditation: Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion." Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good. The just man, often mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor. (CCC 1807).

2. Prudence

God's Word: "The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps." (Proverbs 14:15)

Hero's Words: "The prudent man considers things afar off, in so far as they tend to be a help or a hindrance to that which has to be done at the present time." -St. Thomas Aquinas

Meditation: Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it; "the prudent man looks where he is going." "Keep sane and sober for your prayers." Prudence is "right reason in action," writes St. Thomas Aquinas, following Aristotle. It is not to be confused with timidity or fear, nor with duplicity or dissimulation. It is called auriga virtutum (the charioteer of the virtues); it guides the other virtues by setting rule and measure. It is prudence that immediately guides the judgment of conscience. The prudent man determines and directs his conduct in accordance with this judgment. With the help of this virtue we apply moral principles to particular cases without error and overcome doubts about the good to achieve and the evil to avoid (CCC 1806).

That Man is You! Lenten Retreat Journey

Join the men of That Man Is You in the St. John Neumann School Cafeteria at 6:30 a.m. on March 2, the Saturday before Ash Wednesday for a 7-week Lenten Journey as we explore our role as men in "Ordering the World to Peace." TMIY will continue to meet each Saturday during Lent at the same time and place. Men who participate in TMIY often state that the seven-week Lenten Journey is the best part of the 26-week program. Don't just take my word for it. Check out this testimonial from Media PA: <https://vimeo.com/316316341> To find out more, contact our Council's Faith Director at bwsoderberg@gmail.com at 760-0632 or just show up on Saturday morning. You will be fed with a hearty breakfast and spiritual nourishment, and be done and ready to take-on the rest of your Lenten week no later than 8 am..

Degree News

There are two remaining Knighthood Degree dates in the Diocese of Knoxville:

- April 13, Holy Ghost (Knoxville), Council 16523
- April 27, St. Dominic (Kingsport), Council 6992

All Knighthood Degrees start at 10:00 a.m., with candidates expected to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m.

Each council is expected to conduct Admission Degrees whenever they have candidates; typically, Council 8781 plans to hold Admission Degrees prior to each first Thursday meeting.

Eligible candidates will be contacted by email with pertinent details prior to any scheduled Second or Third Degrees.

Council 8781 Minutes and Financial Summaries

Attached are February 7 Minutes provided by Recorder David Hetrick. The March 4 financial reports are provided by Treasurer James Parsly.

Council Insurance Representative

Our local agent is Ron Henry and we look forward to having him visit our council as his schedule permits. If you have questions about any Knights of Columbus insurance products, please contact Ron at 314-9441 (cell) or ron.henry@kofc.org .

March 10 Corporate Communion

Please join K of C families at the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, March 10, for a Corporate Communion. There will be no special seating, but we do ask that name badges be worn. Following Mass, there is a Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria.

Lenten Fish Frys

Please plan to join K of C families and parishioners at the six Friday Lenten Fish Frys the council hosts, beginning March 8. Volunteers to help serve and support clean up are most welcome.

2019 Dues

Please note that 2019 dues were supposed to be in Financial Secretary Mike Gates hands by the end of January. We still have 20 members who have not remitted dues, dues we count on to manage the council's approved operating budget. The initial bill and two reminder notices have already gone out, so please make timely payment in the next few days. Mike can answer any dues questions you have.

Fraternally,

Bill