

SJN Knights Newsletter June 28, 2019

Since the May Newsletter we have welcomed new members Dinuk Perera, Gerardo DeLaTorre, and Bill Kumm who completed all 3 degrees on June 1. Last night we welcomed 2 new members, who completed their Admission Degree, Jacob Steward and Andrew Shattuck. Please introduce yourself to them when you see them and welcome them to the Knights.

I'm proud to report that we have met and submitted all the qualifications for "**Double Star Council**". If this is awarded to the Council it will be a "first" for us. Last year there was only one council in the entire state who earned the "Double Star Council" award. Star Council requires submissions and the reaching of goals in 3 categories, Programs, Membership and Insurance. Double Star Council means we doubled our goal in membership growth. I will let you know as soon as it's been confirmed. Thank you all for all your efforts.

At our June Membership Meeting, Larry and Cathy Redman were recognized as **Family of the Month**. Larry and Cathy are St. John Neumann Food pantry volunteers, past Alpha Table Leaders and are current Connect Group members. Larry held the Outside Guard Officer position and Membership Director position. We have qualified for the Double Star Council Award. He is the Co-Chair of our highly successful bi yearly MI/Tootsie Roll Drives for the Developmentally Disabled, a Lector, TMIY Core Team member, Men's Prayer Breakfast member, and a member of the SJN Evangelization Commission. Cathy is a board member of SJN Women's Organization, volunteers at Vacation Bible School, member of the Funeral luncheon/food donation team, and Alpha Leadership team/promotions.

Also at the June membership meeting we recognized Larry Redman as our "**Knight of the Year**". Larry truly exemplifies what a Knight is and what we do. Larry volunteers for many programs within the Knights and within our St. John Neumann family, too many to list. He is always willing to help, many times without being asked. He does all these things with love, passion and a drive to help and support others. Larry prefers to do all these things quietly and without fanfare or awards, but just because it's the right thing to do. We are so proud to recognize Larry as our Knight of the Year.

Also at our June meeting we recognized Father Paul with a “**Certificate of Appreciation**” for being our Chaplain. Father Paul attends our monthly membership and officer meetings. He is very supportive of all the things the Knights do. He is not only our Spiritual leader, but is constantly encouraging and supporting us. Father Paul volunteers his time to many State Knight functions as the Detroit Diocesan Chaplain.

Both Father Paul and Father Mark attended our June meeting and addressed the members present. We are truly thankful and blessed to have Father Paul as our Council Chaplain and Father Mark as our Associate Pastor.

On June 14, Father Paul, Father Mark, Ray Coppielle, Jeff Wagoner, Ken Svoboda, Brian Zahn and I attended the Archbishops Gala, to support our seminarians. At the Gala, the Knights State Deputy, Bill Chasse, presented a check to the Archbishop for \$150,000. This is from the donations submitted by all the councils this year. The Knights truly do a great job supporting our seminarians. Thank you for being a part of that great effort.

After our Corporate Communion Mass this weekend, the Ed and Mary Alice Hurst family will be recognized as our **Family of the Year**.

Ed is a member of the Knights and has held the officer positions of Recorder, Chancellor and is the Incoming Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director. He has been the past chairman of the Christmas Poster contest and has served on numerous committees. Ed is a Fourth Degree and Color Corps member. He holds the office of Scribe in the Fourth Degree and is a member of the SJN Evangelization Commission.

Ed is a Media Minister, Eucharistic Minister and a "Chosen" team leader for the 2019 Confirmation class. He is a Core Team Member of the "That Man is You" program. He was the music minister and video coordinator for the Vacation Bible School. Mary Alice is the assistant to the Religious Education Director, a Catechist and was the Vacation Bible School Coordinator in 2018. She has been a facilitator for Little Rock Bible study. Both daughters are Mass Servers and have been Vacation Bible School volunteer leaders. Noella is a teen Catechist.

The family has volunteered and supported several Knight Projects including car wash fundraisers and the Tootsie Roll drives for the developmentally challenged. The children have participated in the Christmas Poster contest, Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Contest, 5th Sunday Rosary program, and have been Corporate Communion Mass helpers. The family participated in the Memorial Crosses set up. The family has volunteered for Gleaners food collection at Kroger's and have helped prepare food baskets for the St. John Neumann Food Pantry patrons and have participated in food pantry delivery to families in need.

Congratulations to all our award winners and thank you.

Upcoming Dates

- July 16 Membership Meeting (**a change from our normal date of July 9**)
- July 23 Officer Meeting
- Aug 13 Membership Meeting
- Aug 27 Officer Meeting
- Sept 7, 8 Hospitality
- Sept 7 Pro Life Workshop sponsored by the Knights
- Sept 22 Parish Picnic
- Sept 29 Corporate Communion and Officer Installation

As our fraternal year comes to a conclusion, I really appreciate all you do for our council, our parish and our community. We truly are making a difference. We are putting our **"Faith in Action"**. Thank you.

God Bless

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