

SJN Knights Newsletter July 25, 2019

Since the June newsletter and since the start of the fraternal year, we have welcomed Nate Svoboda, as our newest member. Nate is the son of Ken and Kathy Svoboda. Congratulations Nate!

At our July membership meeting, we recognized the Brian and Kelly Zahn family as our **Family of the Month**.

Both Brian and Kelly are part of the Funeral and Rosary Ministry, are Eucharistic Ministers, and are members of the Marriage Prep team.

Brian is Past Grand Knight and currently is the District Deputy for the Knights. He is the Hospitality Refreshments Coordinator, and a member of the St. John Neumann Finance Council. Brian is a Board member for Journey to Housing and the Plymouth Community United Way. He is a United Way Alexis de Tocqueville member.

Kelly is on the St. John Neumann Leadership team, a member of Neumann's Needlers, and the Women's Organization. She has been an Alpha Host, Helper, and Session Leader. She is a Vacation Bible School Assistant and is the Past Parish Vision Team Chair-Discipleship.

Roger is a Eucharistic Minister, Usher, is part of the Young Adult Youth Ministry, and participated in the "That Man is You" program. Roger graduated from Alma College in 2016, with a degree in History and Political Science. He currently works at Corrigan Moving in the logistics department.

Kathleen recently graduated from the University of Dayton, with a degree in Religious Education. Kathleen is this year's Vacation Bible School Coordinator, is an Usher, a Young Adult Leader and was a member of the SJN Youth Group Leadership team. Kathleen is a past "Timothy Award" recipient. This Fall Kathleen will be teaching Religious Education at Catholic Central in Springfield, Ohio.

Carl was on the SJN Youth Group Leadership team and a past "Timothy Award" recipient. He is currently enrolled in Lewis College, majoring in broadcast journalism. Carl is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Also at the July membership meeting, we recognized Alan Nutten as our **Knight of the Month**.

Alan is a past Grand Knight and a retired chef. He has used those skills to help Alpha with its meal preparations. In June, Alan coordinated, prepared food and planned meals for two Knights of Columbus Detroit Diocese training sessions at SJN. He prepared food for 300 people in one training session alone. He is also an Usher.

The Knights are supporting the Right to Life Petition drive to end dismemberment abortions. Under the leadership of PGK Jim Pryce, we have been manning tables in the Gathering space after all Masses. This weekend will be the last weekend until the weekends of September 14/15 and September 21/22. Use the sign up link on the cover letter.

Deacon Pat will be at our next membership meeting on August 13. He will be talking about the new safety program that is being rolled out by the Archdiocese. He will need our support with this initiative. We will also be voting on our budget at the August membership meeting.

Mike Spencer, a Pro Life speaker will be at SJN on Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. This event is being co-sponsored by our Council and Kern Council from St. Thomas a 'Becket. We will be providing a continental breakfast, so please plan to attend.

The Parish Picnic is September 22, more details next month. On September 29, at the 12:30 Mass, will be our next Corporate Communion. Please plan to come with your family. After Mass, the Officers will be installed by Father Paul and our District Deputy Brian Zahn. Then after Mass we will be having a Picnic for all Knights and their families at McClumpha Park in Plymouth. We have the pavilion reserved from 4:00 to 9:00. I'd like to have the council supply the hamburgers, brats, hotdogs and soft drinks. We would ask everyone to bring a dish, pretzels, chips etc., to share with everyone. This is our first picnic as a Knight family and it would be great if we could do this yearly. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you all again for your support during our 2018-2019 fraternal year. The SJN Council bar has been set high. I believe our council is the best in the State. Together once again, let's bring more new men into our Council and continue to run our programs and support our parish and community. The membership goal established by the State for us is 10 net new members. Our goal to achieve "Double Star" Council for the second year in a row is 20 net new members. I have no doubt we have the brotherhood to achieve this goal.

God Bless

Dan

Upcoming Events

July 27/28	RTL Petition Drive after all Masses
July 27	Pilgrimage to Solanus Casey
August 3	First Saturday Mass 9:00 am
August 13	Membership Meeting social 6:30 pm, meeting starts 7:00 pm
August 15	Praise and Worship 7:00 pm
August 27	Officer Meeting 7:00pm
Sept 7	Pro Life speaker Mike Spencer 9:00-11:00
Sept 10	Membership Meeting
Sept 14	Alpha Launch Party 5:30 pm Forgotten Harvest
Sept 19	Praise and Worship 7:00pm
Sept 22	Parish Picnic 1:30pm-4:00pm Soccer Challenge
Sept 24	Officer Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 29	Corporate Communion 12:30 Mass Installation of Officers after Mass SJN Knights Family Picnic after Installation