

SJN Knights Newsletter August 23, 2019

Brother Knights,

As summer is winding down and football season (Go Pack) is approaching, we are ramping up our activities. Please help out where you are able. During 2018, the Knights contributed \$185.7 million dollars to charities and donated 76.7 million hours of hands-on service. You should feel proud to be a part of this great organization. I recently received confirmation from Supreme that we have been awarded **Double Star Council**. Thank you all again for all your efforts that contributed to this honor as a council. Before we get to the upcoming activities, I would like to recognize and congratulate our recent award recipients.

Jim Pryce was recognized as the **Knight of the Month**. Jim is a Past Grand Knight and has held the positions of Trustee and Membership Director and is a member of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. He is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Jim is currently enrolled in the Diaconate program at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Jim chaired the Right to Life Petition Drive to end dismemberment abortions. In three weekends at St. John Neumann, he was able to obtain close to 1,000 signatures. Signatures will continue to be collected.

The Knights recognized Joe and Shannon Pryce as the **Family of the Month** for August. Joe has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 35 years. He currently holds the officer position of Warden and has been recognized twice as Knight of the Month. Joe for the last several years has been the Co-Chair of the Knights highly successful Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for the Developmentally Challenged. He has volunteered at numerous Knight Events including the Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Contest, Hospitality weekends and car wash fundraiser. Both Joe and Shannon regularly attend the Knights quarterly Corporate Communion. He attended the "That Man is You" program and has volunteered at numerous church events, including Easter and Thanksgiving food baskets, food pantry, and grounds beautification helper.

Shannon volunteers many hours as the Food Pantry Coordinator, is a Parish Vision Mission team member, is on the Christian Service Leadership Team, the Youth Ministry Adult team and the Intercessory Prayer team. She was the Easter and Thanksgiving Food Baskets chair, Grounds Beautification Leader, the 2018 Mercy in Action Coordinator, and Advent by Candlelight Leader. Shannon is a member and Past President of the Women's Organization, a member of Neumann's Needlers, has volunteered as a helper for Holy Hour and Vacation Bible School. She is a Sunday Greeter and Eucharistic Minister. Shannon has been on the SJN Mission trip to Guatemala and served as a Youth Group service trip chaperon twice. She is currently enrolled at Sacred Heart Major Seminary studying Lay Ecclesial Ministry.

I would like to congratulate Greg Rapelje on his retirement from being our Field Agent. He was instrumental in helping achieve our insurance goal for all four years. He has been a very supportive brother in that area and also in helping out on our projects. Thank you Brother Greg, for all your efforts and enjoy your retirement. Until his position is filled, his duties will be filled by his boss, General Agent

and Brother Knight Jack Jerzewski Jr. He can be reached at 313-334-6396, jack.jerzewski@kofc.org. His website is www.jerzewskiagency.com.

There has been some confusion on the **Birthday Celebrations for Father Paul**. The SJN celebration is on September 4. Register in the parish office. The St. Francis Camp on the Lake Fundraiser/Father Paul's birthday celebration with the Alhambra is at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren and is on September 14. He needs two celebrations as he is turning 50!

The **RTL Petition Drive**, chaired by Jim Pryce, tables will again be manned in the Gathering area the weekend of September 7/8 and 14/15. This may be the last weekends at SJN. Look for the links to sign up. The weekend of September 7/8 is also the restart of **Hospitality weekend**. See the link to sign up. Also on September 7 is our **RTL speaker Mike Spencer** from 9:00am -11:00am. See the attached flyer to register.

The weekend of September 22 is a busy one for us. Sign-up sheets for the **Parish Picnic**, chaired by Ernie Bucks, will be in the Gathering area starting this weekend. We will need a lot of help. Also on September 22, we will again hold our **Soccer Challenge** for boys and girls 9-14, chaired by Marshall Grazioli. All kids are welcome. This will be at 2:00 pm. We will need 8 people to help the day of the event, 4 people to pass out flyers at Independence Park on 9/14, and 4 people to help set up the net on 9/21 at 5:00pm. There will be sheets for the Picnic and Soccer Challenge on the boards in the Gathering Area starting this weekend. Also on September 22 is the State Special Olympics Fall Games, at Independence Park. They need help starting at 9:00 am. See the link to sign up.

Our next **Corporate Communion** is on September 29 at the 12:30 Mass. After Mass we will have the **Officer Installation** done by Father Paul and DD Brian Zahn. Come to the Mass with your families and we will all sit together. Please wear your shirts. There will be no Rosary after Mass because of the installation of officers, but please stay to support your officers. Afterwards, starting at 4:00 pm with dinner at 5:00 pm, we will have our first **Knight Family Picnic**, chaired by Bob Rugenski. This will be at Plymouth Twp. Park. The Knights will supply burgers, brats, hot dogs, liquid refreshments and games. Please bring a dish, chips, etc., to pass. We have the pavilion reserved. It is large and has a fire place, so the picnic will take place rain or shine. We will need to get a count for this so look for the link to sign up. Just put your name and total number from your family who will be attending. Mark your calendars!

Our membership goal this year is 10 new members. To again achieve Double Star Council we will need 20 new members, which is the number of new members we brought into the Council last year, so it is achievable. We will have more information to share with you next month about our membership recruitment drive we will hold in October. But ask someone to join today.

Thank you all once again for all that you do for our council, our parish, our community and for God. We are so Blessed.

God Bless

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