

## Sept/October Knights Newsletter

October 17, 2019

Brother Knights,

The last two months have flown by. Our council has been very active. As we approach All Saints and All Souls Day, we have much to be thankful for, and much to continue to pray for. We know God answers our prayers.

Since my last newsletter a Knight, George Peters, has transferred into the council. Welcome brother George! We now have 141 council members. We have several award recipients.

Ernie Bucks was recognized as the **Knight of the Month for September** for being the chairman of the Knights of Columbus hosted Parish Picnic. There had been a lot of work behind the scenes for several months. Ernie is a Mass Usher and a member of the funeral luncheon committee. Ernie is also a home bound Eucharistic Minister.

Dave and Michele Kennedy were recognized as the **Family of the Month for September**. They are both Engaged Couples mentors and actively involved in the Greeter Ministry. They have been Alpha table hosts, helpers and Session Leader, including both adult and youth Alpha. They are also both Adult Youth Group Adult team members. Michele is a Sacristan, on the Christian Service Leadership team, Evangelization Commission and a Parish Vision Team Lead, and a member of the Jesse Tree and Hospitality committees. Dave is a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the RCIA team, on the Alpha Leadership Team, past Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, and Current Trustee.

The Knights recognized Marshall Grazioli as our **Knight of the Month for October**. Marshall holds the officer position of Lecturer and is the Knights Faith in Action Director - Life. Marshall has been the chairman of the K of C Soccer Challenge for several years. This year two of the council winners were also winners at the Archdiocesan Challenge. Marshall is the Facilitator of the Men's program this Fall, titled "Who am I to Judge" and is the Respect Life Ministry Lead and part of the Christian Service Committee. As the Respect Life Ministry Lead and our Faith in Action Director, he is active in many Right to Life events, including Memorial Crosses, Baby Bottle Boomerang, fundraiser dinners, and Pregnancy center support. Marshall is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Ernie and Cindie Bucks have been recognized as **Family of the Month for October**. Ernie is a 40 year member of the Knights of Columbus. Both Ernie and Cindie have been very active in the parish. Some of the ministries Ernie has been involved in are: Mass Usher, Funeral Lunch Committee, Safety Committee, Jesse Tree Committee, Homebound Minister, and Food Pantry. Cindie is the Homebound Ministry Coordinator, is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Funeral Sacristan, is involved in the St. Monica Ministry, Intercessory Prayer Group, Jesse Tree Committee, and Food Pantry. For several years both Ernie and Cindie have supervised and coordinated the activities for the Parish Picnic.

The following Knights were recognized for their years of service at our October meeting.

Ernie Bucks 40 years, Jim and Joe Pryce 35 years, Mark Rausch 25 years, Timothy Quinn and Father Paul for 20 years. Thank you all for your many years of service as a member of the Knights.

We received a letter of thanks from the **St. Louis Center** for our spring donation of \$1,472.39 from our tootsie roll drive. We will be going on a tour of the facility on Saturday November 23, starting at 10:00 am. Mark your calendars, it's an amazing place and one of the homes on site is called the Knights of Columbus house. We also received a thank you card from the Kern council for our help with the speaker below.

Soon you will receive from our Worthy Financial Secretary John Lutz, a membership dues notice. Please pay your dues by the end of December. Listed on the dues notice are optional payments for the Take 10 charities and a \$6.00 donation to

the Seminarian Endowment Scholarship for Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This is different than the RSVP fundraiser we do for our seminarian Nick Brown. Please contribute as you are able.

On September 7 we hosted with the Kern council from St. Thomas a 'Becket, **Right to Life speaker Mike Spencer**. He was well received by all in attendance. On September 22 we helped out at the State Special Olympic games in Canton and hosted the parish picnic. On September 29, the officers were installed by Father Paul and DD Brian Zahn. Later in the day we attended our first Knight family picnic. It was raining but we had a large pavilion and fireplace to keep us dry and warm. We had 54 people in attendance and look forward to doing it again next year. We also hosted the **K of C Soccer Challenge** and had 15 contestants. Two of the council winners won the Archdiocesan contest. On October 6 we had 3 Knights in attendance for the Life Chain in Westland. On October 11 and 12 we had our **Fall Tootsie Roll drive** at Busch's and after all Masses. Thank you for all your efforts in making these events successful.

We approved a donation of \$300 to **AAA Pregnancy Center** to purchase a table of 10 for their banquet tonight. We also donated \$100 to purchase 25 tickets to the **Prep Bowl** this Saturday, October 19, for the youth group at SJN to use. This Saturday, October 19, is our annual **Halloween Dance for Special Olympians**. We are also hosting the First Annual Knights golf outing this Saturday, October 19. All proceeds will go toward funding Alpha. The weekend of October 25 and 26 will be our Membership Drive. We will be hosting a table after all Masses and Father Paul will be addressing the parishioners about the Knights after the Masses. Please ask someone to join today and have them stop by our table after Mass. On November 2/3 is **Hospitality Weekend** and on November 3 after the 8:30, 10:30 and 12:30 Masses we will be doing a **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** for the **Food Pantry**. On November 22/23 we will again be providing security for the **24 Hour Adoration**. We will be getting together for **Knights Christmas Celebration** on Friday December 6 at Stella's (Station 885).

At the November 12 meeting we will be collecting sweatshirts for **Holy Cross Services**. The hoodies must be XL or larger and must have a college or pro team logo. We will also be accepting monetary donations to supply bath baskets. A \$10 donation will fill one whole basket. See attached flyer for details.

Recent **prayer requests** were for Emily Cartier, granddaughter of Mike Cartier. Cathy Redman, wife of Larry Redman for surgery for a broken ankle, for the passing of Father Babcock and for a long life together for Dennis Oszust's grandson who is getting married this weekend.

### **Upcoming Events**

October 19 Halloween Dance  
October 19 Golf Outing  
October 26/27 Membership Drive  
November 3 Hospitality Weekend/Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the Food Pantry  
November 12 Membership Meeting  
November 22/23 Adoration Security  
November 23 St. Louis Center Visit  
December 6 Knights Christmas Celebration  
December 13-15 2<sup>nd</sup> annual all K of C retreat at St. Paul of the Cross

Once again, thank you all, for all your support, prayers and love.

God Bless

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