

Knights Newsletter November 20, 2019

Brother Knights,

As the liturgical year comes to an end, we look forward with renewed hope as the new liturgical year starts, and the coming of our Lord. But before Advent starts, we celebrate Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for. God has provided for us abundantly. We have a great parish family, led by Father Paul and Father Mark. I'm thankful for my family and renewed health. I'm also thankful for my brother Knights. We have a very special brotherhood of Knights at SJN. We had 63 brothers in attendance at our last membership meeting on November 12, and we have grown to 164 strong. That is amazing growth and support. You are generous of your time, talent and money. I'm so thankful to be a part of such a great council. What are you thankful for?

We had two Knights recognized at our November meeting for **Knight of the Month**. Bob Rugenski and Larry Redman. Bob Rugenski holds the officer position of Trustee and is the Faith in Action Director for Family. Bob was the chairman First Annual Knight Picnic and the Chairman of our Halloween Dance for Special Olympians. Bob is a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a member of the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group, a table host for Alpha, and a Religious Education teacher. Larry Redman is our Membership Director and coordinated a membership drive that resulted in 24 men joining the Knights. Larry is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, is on the committee for the Thursday night men's program and a member of the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group. Larry was also the co-chairman of the Tootsie Roll Drive for the Intellectually Disabled and is a member of the Evangelization Committee.

Randy and Michele Martin were recognized as our **Family of the Month**. Randy is a member of the Knights and Michele is a member of the SJN Women's Organization. Both have been active with Alpha, as table host and helper, Randy has also been a session leader, while Michele has helped in the kitchen for Alpha. Randy is past member of the Alpha Leadership team. Both are members of a Connect Group have served on the Peace and Justice Committee. They helped promote Catholic Social teaching by promoting a College Grant Essay Contest. Both are members of the Transportation Ministry, giving rides to parishioners to Mass, and the Called and Gifted Ministry. Michele is a member of the Prayer Ministry and Randy is a member of the Christian Service Committee, Funeral Ministry, and the Men's Prayer Breakfast and has helped coach SJN CYO baseball.

Congratulations to our award recipients and thank you for your service to our parish family.

Jim Pryce was recognized at our meeting for 35 years of service and Cam Jankowiak was recognized for 5 years of service to the Knights. Thank you both.

By now you all should have received your notice of dues. In addition to you membership dues of \$40.00, there is an optional donation to the Take 10 Charities listed in the dues notice and a \$6.00 donation to the Sacred Heart Seminarians. These additional donations are strictly optional. All of the additional money collected will go directly to those organizations. Please try to have your membership dues paid by December 31. You can bring the dues to our next meeting on December 10 or mail the dues to our Worthy Financial Secretary John Lutz.

Also at our November 12 meeting we collected 26 sweatshirts and \$170 in money which will be given to **Holy Cross Services**. The money will be used to create Bath Baskets. If you forgot to donate, there is still time, just drop off your hooded sweatshirt or donation in the office and mark it for the Knights. You have until November 30. The sweatshirt needs to be XL or larger and have a pro or college logo on it.

I received notification that the Detroit Diocese Knights have collected \$40,000 for an **Ultrasound Machine**. With the match from the Supreme Council we will be able to purchase 2 machines. Money was collected over two years and we

donated \$500 each year or a total of \$1,000. We should all be proud of that accomplishment. The **Special Olympics Halloween Dance** was once again well received. Special thanks to Chairman Bob Rugenski. We had 80 athletes and about 50 others in attendance. We received a very nice thank you card from the Mog family. The **Pancake Breakfast for the Food Pantry** raised \$390. The **Golf Fundraiser** was a huge success, especially for our first time. We raised \$1,376.25 for Alpha. Special thanks to Co-Chairs Robert Johnson and Randy Martin. Our Tootsie Roll Drive for the Intellectually Disabled raised \$2,700. Special thanks to Co-Chairs Larry Redman and Joe Pryce. The Officers have suggested the funds be split 3 ways, with the Special Olympic Plymouth Canton Stars, the St. Louis Center, and St. Francis Camp on the Lake. They all support the Intellectually Disabled and are supported by the Knights of Columbus. We will vote on this at our next membership meeting on December 10. As previously mentioned in an email, we recruited 24 men to the Knights as a result of our **Membership Drive**. Special thanks to Larry Redman. There is a Major Degree scheduled in Garden City on December 8. If you have anyone who wants to join or if you have only achieved your Admission or first degree, this is your opportunity to achieve your second and third degrees. Contact Larry Redman with questions, casaredman@yahoo.com, 734-674-4544. Thank you to all who helped at all of these events.

We have one slot open for **Adoration Security** on Saturday November 23, from 2:00 am to 3:00 am. Thank you to all who volunteered your time. We still have slots open to go to the Religious Ed classes, on December 1, 2, and 3rd and explain the **Keep Christ in Christmas** poster contest. You will be given a script. We also have slots open to help decorate the outside of the church on Sunday December 1 starting at 2:00 pm. Our **Christmas Celebration** scheduled for December 6 at Stella's Trackside, has been cancelled. I'll try to reschedule something for January. The State Deputy for the Knights has asked for our council to host a **Diocesan Meeting** again on January 14. They were impressed with our hospitality for the meeting in June. This is normally our membership meeting date. Our membership meeting will be moved. Watch for details on the new date. There will be a signup to help with the food set up and clean up for the Diocesan meeting.

We have a signup to help with **Hospitality Weekend** on December 7 and 8. This is a pretty simple activity. There will be others there to help you if you are not sure what to do. On February 8, the Knights and family members will be going to **Forgotten Harvest** from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Wives and kids 14 and above are welcome. There will be a **Knights of Columbus Retreat** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, from December 13-15. Suggested Donation is \$215. Register at stpaulretreat.org. Our next Corporate **Communion** is scheduled for December 29 at the 10:30 Mass. We reserve seats and the Knights, along with family members sit together to celebrate Mass as a Knight family. Knights, wives or any other family members fill all ministry positions this day. There is a sign up for this also. You can sign up for your family member at our signup link. We will also have the Consecration to the Holy Family prayer recited after all Masses on this day.

There are many people in need of our prayers. Please go to the link for our prayer list to see all the names and keep them in your prayers. Thank you for all for being a part of this council and all that you do. Happy Thanksgiving.

God Bless

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