

Knights Newsletter December 14, 2019

Brother Knights,

As we continue on our Advent journey of longing and expectation, we look forward to the coming of our Lord, Jesus. O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

We welcome 4 new members to our council, Jim Demmers, Austin Lynn, Jonathan Otten, and Leo Tykoski. They received all three degrees on December 8. Also, Mike Robinson, Tim Wood and Steve Otting received their second and third degrees. Congratulations brothers. We also welcomed a recent transfer into our council, Hans Hansen. Year to date we have gained 28 new members and 3 transfers. We are now up 168 members. Thank you all for stepping up to make that commitment.

Our **Knight of the Month**, recognized at our December meeting, was Ron Kretschmer. Ron has handled all refreshments at our membership meetings for over a year. He has been a table leader at both the Men's Prayer Breakfast and the "That Man is You" program. He is currently attending the men's program, "Who am I to Judge"? You can always see Ron attending many programs at the parish and attending and supporting many Knight Events. We also recognized George Peters for 10 years of service to the Knights.

Mike and Elise Howe, and children Frances and Peter, were recognized at our meeting for **Family of the Month**. They are involved in the Family Ministry at SJN. Elise is also a writer for "Blessed is She," a ministry for Catholic women. Due to our late start they were not able to attend our meeting. We will present them with their certificate after the 10:30 Mass this weekend. If you're attending this Mass we can get you into the picture we will take after Mass, with Father Paul and Father Mark.

Congratulations to you all and thank you for your service to our parish and community.

We attended all Religious Education classes on December 1, 2, and 3, to promote the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest** with students and parents. Our chairman, John Guth also has been in contact with All Saints School. We anticipate a large turnout of contestants. We will judge posters on Saturday, December 21 at 9:00am. Anyone is welcome to judge, just show up.

Our **Corporate Communion is on December 29, at the 10:30 Mass**. We will have 6 rows of seats reserved for Knights and their families. The rows will be on the left side, as you walk down the main aisle. Please sign up to fill ministry openings. After this Mass and all Masses this weekend the Consecration to the Holy Family prayer will be recited. This is a Knight sponsored program.

On January 4th and 5th we will have **Hospitality Weekend support**. Sign up if you can help. On January 14 the **Knights Diocesan meeting** will be held at SJN. The Knights State Deputy and all state officers will be in attendance. The State Deputy specifically asked Father Paul if the event could be held at SJN. This event, and the **District Meeting** on January 15, is open to anyone. I just need you to let me know you wish to attend.

Due to the Diocesan meeting being held on January 14, our normal membership meeting date, our **January membership meeting** is being moved to January 21.

Please make note of the date change for our **St. Patrick's Reverse Raffle Fundraiser** to Saturday, March 7. This will once again be a big fundraiser and event for us. Please plan to help out and attend.

At our meeting we voted to distribute our **tootsie roll funds donation** of \$733 each, to the St. Louis Center, Plymouth Canton Stars Special Olympics, and St. Frances Camp on the Lake. Also at the meeting, we discussed purchasing for the parish a new **AED** machine at a cost of \$1,605. This has been asked of us by the parish health ministry and Father Paul. We will vote on this at our January meeting.

Our next **Pancake Breakfast** fundraiser will be on February 2. The sign up link is already posted.

On February 8 the Knights and family members will be volunteering at **Forgotten Harvest**, from 1:00 to 4:00. This has been reserved specifically for the Knights and their families. We need to fill 20 slots. Please sign up soon so we know we can fill the slots. If we can't fill the slots, we will have to go to others to fill the slots.

By now you should have received the **Knights state raffle tickets**. We will receive \$1 from every ticket sold by our council. This is an easy fundraiser for us and helps many of the Knight charities. Please try to purchase or sell your tickets.

Please take the time to fill out the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**. This is important for our council to try to document our volunteer activities. You can include all meetings attended at the parish in any capacity. Just list them under "miscellaneous." Here is what the Knights have contributed, worldwide.

Charitable contributions \$185 million

Hours to community service \$76 million

Disaster relief \$2.7 million

Hurricane relief \$526,000

Special Olympics \$4.9 million

Coats for Kids 500,000 coats

Food for Families 11 million pounds and \$9.6 million

Charitable Education \$8.8 million in scholarships, \$4.6 million for religious vocations, \$8.9 million to seminaries

Ultrasound machines over 1,000

We should all be proud to belong to such a great organization as the Knights of Columbus.

We are again going to field a team for the **Knights State Bowling tournament**. We have one team already, but if there is enough interest we can field a second team. Contact Marshall Grazioli, if interested. mgraz5@yahoo.com

Thank you to all for all the things you do to make our support our parish and make our council successful. Pam and I wish you and your families, a **Merry Christmas**.

God Bless

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