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Thank you to:

- Bill Weilert, Dan Dinkel, Bruce Luehring, Vic Straub, Greg Rau, Andrew Martin, Tony Hug, Ernie Knipp, Ray Bitel, James Ramsey and Bryan Burkemper for selling Thunder Hockey ticket vouchers and collecting donations for the Guadalupe Clinic after the February 22 and 23 weekend Masses. A total of \$520 was raised.
- Chuck Pawloski for coordinating the Pro-Life Pork Chop Dinner and Casino. He and his wife, Rosemary, sold tickets after Masses for 3 weekends while Kevin Barker coordinated the dinner and Joe Betzen took charge of the casino. Thanks to all the workers and dealers as well.
- Tony Hug for volunteering to serve as presider at the new ceremonies and to Tom Schmeidler, John Stuhlsatz, Paul Shearrer, Bruce Luehring, John Betzen and Dean Pater for volunteering to be on the degree team.

Faith in Action

Faith in Action is more than programs and becomes visible when Knights demonstrate their concern for one of their own. An excellent example of this was the concern and love for Ray Kennedy as his health declined and his eventual death. Phone calls and visits were numerous as were the requests for updates on Ray's condition. "My family was overwhelmed by the support of the Knights of Columbus, especially the 4th degree Honor Guard and John Noonan who played Taps at the cemetery. On the day Dad died, Fr. Joe, Pat Loney, John and Joe Betzen, Greg Rau, Bruce Luehring, Tom Schmeidler and Ed Smith visited him and Fr. Wayne led us in the prayers for the dying and a rosary as Dad passed away. I am very thankful to the Knights, too many to mention by name, for their prayers, cards and food for Dad and my family."-John Kennedy.

Upcoming Events (Volunteer and Stewardship Opportunities)

All hands on deck for the annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 27 after Stations of the Cross. We will need several volunteers to prepare, serve and clean up after the event. You can sign up to help at the monthly meeting on March 8 or simply show up at the event.

Brother Jacob Sattler is requesting that Knights sign a petition asking President Trump and Attorney General Barr to enforce existing obscenity laws. Sponsored by the America Needs Fatima organization, the petition simply urges our government to prioritize and enforce laws in an effort to shut down the pornography industry. John Betzen will forward Jacob's email soon and if you click on the phrase, Enforce Existing Obscenity Laws, you will be taken to the America Needs Fatima website. It only takes a minute to sign the petition.

It is not too soon to begin bringing plastic Easter eggs, non-chocolate candy and small coins to the Knights Hall for the annual Easter Egg hunt. Volunteers will be needed to stuff the eggs and run the event on Easter Sunday.

On Saturday, April 4 from 8am till noon, our council will host a half-day men's Lenten retreat in the Knights Hall. We will utilize the Kapaun's Men Video series on the Eight Beatitudes. Please consider this opportunity to prepare for Easter. Watch the bulletin for registration information.

Please pay your dues by mail or online at www.derbyknights.org and follow the membership dues link. John Betzen sent out third notices last month.

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Congratulations to Hudson Cornejo, age 9, and Max Farber, age 12, who won their division at the Regional Free Throw contest and thus qualified for the state contest. It was held on Sunday, March 1 in Salina.

The weekend of March 7 and 8, the Knights of Columbus will be the featured parish organization and a Knight will speak at each of the Masses. We are having a Delta Membership drive that weekend and several Knights signed up to pass out brochures and interest cards after each Mass. On Sunday, March 22, we will unveil the new combined degree ceremony which allows a candidate to reach 3rd degree status in a single 30-minute session with family members present. This will be an open ceremony in the church after the 11 am Mass and is also the path for 1st degree members to become full members of our council. Join us to see this new degree ceremony and support the new members.

119th Kansas State Convention will be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Wichita, April 30 through May 3, 2020. Any Knight may attend the convention. You can register online by going to <http://www.kskofc-convention.com>. The Abby Johnson seminar needs a separate ticket that must be purchased through www.century2.org.

Calendar

March 8 (Sun): Monthly breakfast. Bill Weilert's team.

March 9 (Mon): Rosary at 7pm, followed by snacks and the monthly business meeting starting at 7:45pm.

March 21 (Sat): Fourth degree exemplification at St. Peters in Schulte at 11am.

March 22 (Sun): Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (the new degree) after the 11am Mass.

March 23 (Mon): Monthly officer's meeting at 7pm. All members are invited to attend.

March 27 (Fri): Annual Fish Fry following Stations of the Cross.

For the Good of the Order - Please remember the following in your prayers:

The family of Geneva Drouhard, mother of Past State Deputy Francis Drouhard, who recently passed away, Harry Murphy, Richard Jones, Andy Wojcik, Tony Wojcik, Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant's family (Virgil passed away recently), Kyle Straub, Ray Kennedy family, Ron Mahoney, Harold Lux, Tony & Sylvia Duran, Dick Hopper, Susan Shearrer, wife of Paul, Charlie Smith, Gene Kleman, Robert Riedmiller, Cal Wilbert, Ralph Veach, Jim Coffey, Rita Metler, wife of Brian, Tara Maxwell, wife of Jeff and daughter-in-law of Jim, Ken Bruggeman, and our military Brother Knights.

Knight of the Month

Pete Leidich

Family of the Month

Nick and Teresa Torline



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