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Brothers,

Welcome to the January newsletter. Please find information on current news, and volunteer opportunities that are coming soon.

Blessed Michael McGivney pray for us, our families, our parish, and those we serve in the name of Christ.

UPCOMING COUNCIL AND PARISH EVENTS

Thursday, January 4, Council Business Meeting, 7:00pm, SJNCS Music Room

January 6-7 Weekend Masses - Consecration To The Holy Family – see Family section below for more details

Sunday, January 7, Parish Breakfast Buffet, after 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Mission Of The Family 5-part video Series. SJNCS Library. See Faith Section below for more details

- 5 consecutive Wednesdays, starting on Wednesday, Jan 10, at 7:05pm
- 5 consecutive Sundays, starting on Sunday, January 14, at 9:25am

Saturday, January 13, That Man is You (TMIY) 6:30am – 7:50am, SJNCS Cafeteria, Start of Spring Semester. See Faith section below for more information.

Sunday, January 14, Assembly 3500 4th Degree Meeting, 5:00pm, SJNS Music Room,

Thursday, January 21, Council Officer's Planning Meeting, 7:00pm (6:30 Rosary), SJNCS Music Room

Sunday, January 28, Free Throw Contest, 1:30pm, SJNCS Gym

Sunday, February 4, District Free Throw Contest, 1:00pm, SJNCS Gym,

Council News

The UT football game concessions team had another great year. They raised a total of \$17,986.09 that we can distribute to our charities. Of that total, \$4,012.10 was from tips from appreciative customers and Aramark. The team contributed a total of 605 volunteer hours with the average gameday time commitment of 11 hours from the time they left SJN until they returned. Many thanks to the volunteers and to Pete McKenzie who once again coordinated this effort. The following worked at least one game during the season: Stanford Stone, Terry Harrigan, Matt Sturgill, Jason Moore, Austin Oravitz, Gary Shurina, John Walter, Walter Hanson, Pete McKenzie, Chafica Ashkar, Dan Rachke, Claudette Buccola, Roger Grieco, Ricky Summitt, Brian Walker, Jennifer Walker, Charlie Phan, Michael Muir, and Lorrie Beal

Stephen Behnke has volunteered to be the council treasurer.

Walt Hanson has graciously donated a laptop to be used by the treasurer for council finances.

We had three brother Knights achieve the 3rd degree at our December 2 exemplification ceremony. Congrats to Brad Ertmer, Beau Broussard, and Matthew Feldman. Thanks to our degree exemplification team of Bruce Soderberg, Greg Larson, Rich Cataldi, Mike Gates, Don Schreyer, Mark Calvert, John Toliver, and Terry Scoggins. Also, thanks to Matt Sturgill for providing refreshments in Seton Hall after the ceremony.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession was held on Tuesday, Dec 12. Thanks to council members Rich Cataldi, Walt Hanson, and Pete McKenzie for their participation.



Chuck Payne forwarded the following information on the Diocese's newest school, Chesterton Academy. Chuck volunteered to assist anyone who is interested (chasjpayne@me.com)

- *Chesterton Academy currently has immediate openings for 1-2 full or part-time teachers as well as an office secretary/receptionist to support our growing school. Successful applicants will be able to start ASAP and will be preferred candidates for the 2024-25 school year as we prepare to relocate to a larger location in West Knoxville. The teachers should be able to teach at least 2 of the following subjects: Math, Science, Theology, Literature, History, or Latin. The full job descriptions and links to apply are below. Resumés and references can also be emailed directly to employment@knoxchesterton.com*



We had good council representation at the annual KofC Christmas Dinner on Dec 8 at Fox Den CC. Good times were had by all!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesday, January 10, 7:05 SJNCS Library, and next 4 consecutive Wednesdays. Approximately 8 volunteers per session are needed to lead table discussions after the video, or serve as lead for the entire meeting. Contact Brad Ertmer, at (Mercury18743@gmail.com) to volunteer or get more information.

Sunday, January 14, 9:25am, SJNCS Library, and next 4 consecutive Sundays. Approximately 8 volunteers per session are needed to lead table discussions after the video, or serve as lead for the entire meeting. Contact Brad Ertmer, at (Mercury18743@gmail.com) to volunteer or get more information.

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Helpers to Ensure Food Safety and Assist with Loading Perishables for Jellico Poor – You don't need to haul food or have a big vehicle. You do need to be in fair health and are willing to make time for the ministry in July. We have regulars that have pressing family commitments. The poor clients of Catholic Charities depend on us year-round. In the heat of the summer, we must be vigilant regarding food safety; so, food storage needs to be clean and ordered. We still need help loading the trailer on Tuesday AM. Want to do something of value for a little while? Have a student who needs community hours? Contact one of our coordinators, Michael Muir (mccmuirretired@gmail.com, 865-254-0357), or Mike Wilson (mjwilsonknox@gmail.com, 865-924-8631).

Program directors are still needed for Life and Family programs (Walt Hanson still serving as interim Family director). Please let Rich Cataldi or me know if you are interested in learning more about these programs. All these programs have necessary and rewarding activities to allow you to serve the parish and community with minimal time commitments. You don't have to invent activities, nearly all that we do has been done before and adequately scripted. You have help. You are called to run with the plan, call on members through the GK, and oversee and report on how your activities did. Contact Programs Director Richard Cataldi (cdrcataldi@tds.net) or GK Terry Scoggins (IrishTN@gmail.com) if interested in any of these programs.



There is still an urgent need for more 4th degree Knights with uniforms to assist with funerals and color guards. Contact Richard Cataldi (cdrcataldi@tds.net) for more information.

SJN Free Throw Contest – Sunday, January 28, 1:30pm, in the SJNCS Gym. Contact Romano Vlastellica for information or to volunteer. (ROMANO@PENTALUX.COM)



COMMUNITY

Ukraine Solidarity – During the first year of the “War In Europe” (2/24/2022-2/24/2023) the Council raised \$2,625. Since we renewed our effort, an additional \$1,050 has been given by only two people. Why has our Order been so concerned? We have 2,000 brothers and their families affected by this War In Europe. We are a fraternity and we stand by them and our Church who are both under attack.



Might you be willing to give the cost of a dinner out to help our Order give humanitarian relief to our Catholic brethren? Please scan the QR code or contribute at <https://donate.kofccharities.org/SJNCC8781farragut>

Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center Mowing. Council 8781 has mowing duties. If interested in helping, contact Brother David Hetrick (davidmhetrick@gmail.com) to have your name added to the list



FAITH

ATTENTION MEN OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

That Man is You! - Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then come join us.

That Man is You!

Saturday Mornings in the SJN School Cafeteria

Starting on January 13th, 2024

6:30am to 7:50am

Reach out to: Bruce Soderberg at bwsoderberg@gmail.com or Rich Cataldi at cdrcataldi@tds.net

Details for the January sessions below:

January 13 th Session 14: The Path of Life

Mike DiCosola

- Jesus is the path of life
- Jesus wants to meet you where you are and take you further.
- We have the grace to be a saint today.
- Pray daily: the Rosary, Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, etc.
- This path leads to the fullness of joy, which is heaven.
- Practice the 7 steps of TMIY

January 20 th Session 15: A Lamp Unto My Feet

Michael Gormley

- The future is uncertain, but God is steadfast.
- Seek first the kingdom of God.



- What does God wants you to do today?
- Do you trust God with your tomorrow?
- Build up your prayer life.
- Surrender your life to God each day.

January 27 th Session 16: The Light of Sacred Scripture
Dr. Ralph Martin

- Scripture is from the Holy Spirit without error.
- Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- The Modern World is confused about morality.
- Repent for the Kingdom of God is near.
- Stop honoring people who dishonor God.
- What are the areas in your life that you need to repent for?

Contact Brothers Bruce Soderberg (bwsoderberg@gmail.com) or Rich Cataldi (cdrcataldi@tds.net) for more information.

The Mission of the Family video series - Are you preparing your family to remain Catholic in 2024 and beyond? The 5-part video series titled, The Mission Of The Family, illuminates the truth and beauty of the Church's teachings on marriage and family and inspires us to live them in the modern world; it offers some practical aids. Each part opens and closes with prayer, has a 13-minute video, provides opportunity for small group discussion, and has take-home aids. We encourage attendance by husbands and wives.

The program is on the following dates and locations. Each part contributes to the whole, but each also stands alone. Please attend all that you can.

- Five consecutive Wednesdays, starting on 1/10, at 7:05 PM in the SJNCS Library. Parents of children attending RE classes or the Youth Group on those days are encouraged to attend. All other couples also are welcomed.
- Five consecutive Sundays, starting on 1/14, at 9:25 AM in the SJNCS Library. Parents of children attending RE classes on those days are encouraged to attend. All other couples also are welcomed. Nursery service is provided for up to 12 children; please contact Teresa Lavallee (tlavallee@sjncs-knox.org) in advance to reserve a spot.
- For those attending the Bible Study, The Letter of James: Practical Solutions for Sanctifying Everyday Circumstances, these videos will be viewed and their handouts provided at the end of the 7:00 PM Monday and the 11:00 AM Tuesday sessions, starting on 1/8 and 1/9 respectively.

Anyone, anywhere, at any time can host the program. The video series is accessible online through the Knights of Columbus. To get facilitator materials, contact Walt Hanson (wehanson319@gmail.com)

This is a great New Years Resolution! Make it a gift to your spouse and to your family. The program is over in time for Valentine's Day, 2/14. The parts are:

- Part 1 – Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World
- Part 2 – Marriage: Foundation of Family
- Part 3 – Gift of Children
- Part 4 – Healing in the Family
- Part 5 – Creating a Legacy of Faith

We welcome assistants to help with small group discussions on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please contact Brad Ertmer (Mercury18743@gmail.com).



Get on the Pray More Novenas Distribution List – Have you ever committed to praying a Novena only to forget a couple days of it? You can sign up for all the major Novenas in the Liturgical Calendar and receive a daily email reminder at <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/>. The site won't share your email with anyone. And they won't beg you for money. All they want is for you to join them in prayer, and they make it easy. Don't miss another Novena.



FAMILY

Consecration to the Holy Family - The Consecration To The Holy Family will be offered at Masses next weekend, January 6-7. At the end of those Masses the celebrant will consecrate willing families. Ushers will have prayer cards for each family as they enter Mass.

Family Holy Hour and Potluck – The **4th Sunday of each month starting at 4PM in the church** with potluck afterwards; next date 8/27. See the Parish Bulletin for sign-ups for the potluck. We encourage our members to attend this Holy Hour for added reflection and to show support for the parents who are building a strong faith foundation for their young children. Contact for people interested in attending is Brother Thomas Wenning (wenning.thomas@gmail.com).



LIFE

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Sharing your pro-life beliefs is not harassment.

Neither is acknowledging that men are men and women are women.

But new guidance from the EEOC is threatening free speech in the workplace.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has proposed guidance regarding harassment in the workplace that would suppress or prohibit speech that upholds the sacred gift of human life, the truth of God's design for marriage, and the reality that we are each created male or female. The guidance claims that sexual harassment includes harassment based on (1) "a woman's reproductive decisions, such as decisions about contraception or abortion," and (2) "sexual orientation and gender identity." It is good that we have laws prohibiting harassment in the workplace. But speech expressing moral opposition to abortion, contraception, or same-sex unions, or speech that refers to people by their actual sex, is not harassment. Likewise,



maintaining separate restrooms and dressing areas for men and women is not harassment.

Join USCCB in telling the EEOC to change its guidance to remove its references to abortion, contraception, sexual orientation, and gender identity! The deadline to comment is November 1. Take action today!

To read the USCCB's letter to the EEOC, click [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Newly Admitted Members. You have up to 6 months from your admittance date to order a discounted apparel package: one Council name badge and one Council short-sleeve Polo shirt for \$35. Badge orders are handled by the Financial Secretary [See ITEMS OF INTEREST]. Shirt orders are handled by Brother Sean Diehl (614-599-9411 / sdiehl68@yahoo.com). All orders require payment in advance. See more information on shirts on page 6 below.

Recruiting Reminder – Anyone can be a recruiter. Follow these easy steps to enroll a prospect:

1. Go to www.kofc.org/joinus and have the prospect fill out the web form on his smartphone.
2. Have the prospect enter **8781** in the Council Number field.
3. Have the prospect use **JFLOREA** for the promo code. VERY IMPORTANT: Any prospect who is new to our Order that signs up with our Field Agent Josh Florea's code, "JFLOREA", gets **12 months of free online membership** and – until 6/30/2023 – for those "new to our Order" prospects who are admitted by our Council, Brother Josh will make a **\$10 donation to our Council** when that membership is recorded.
4. Contact our membership director, John Toliver (jwtoliver21@gmail.com, 423-413-8079), for more information.

4th DEGREE NEWS –

4th Degree Meeting at St John Neumann, Sunday, January 14, at 5:30pm in Music. Dinner afterwards.

Would you like to take the next step and join the 4th degree? If yes, you then wear the fourth degree uniform and honor and celebrate events that occur in our parish and diocese. You can honor a brother at his funeral or honor new Deacons and Priests when they are ordained, support our Catholic high school football games and graduations in addition to other events. Please contact Brother Rich Cataldi (cdrcataldi@tds.net) if interested in serving in the Honor Guard for parish and Diocesan events.

\$150 for the taking! Assembly 3500 offers a \$150 rebate to members buying their first uniform. Help our Order display our patriotism, honor special events for our church and give last respects to our dead.

STATE NEWS –

New TN State Council Officers were elected 4/29 and start their term July 1.

- **Bill Markiewicz is our new State Deputy** (pictured at right). He is a parishioner at St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Cleveland,



Tennessee, and a member of Council 4572

- **Eric Pelton** is our new state secretary. He is a member of Council 8576 at St. Jude Church in Chattanooga and a parishioner there.
- **David Zwissler** is our new state treasurer. He is a member of Council 17578 at St. Michael Church in Memphis and a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cordova.
- **Alan Stanley** is our new state advocate. He is a member of Council 9168 at St. Luke Church in Smyrna and a parishioner there.
- **Donald Castillo** is our new state warden. He is a member of Council 7447 at St. Catherine Church in Columbia and a parishioner there.
- **Fr. Gervan Menezes**, the pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Cookeville, is our new State Chaplain.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD – FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) and Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) recently introduced the below bills.

- **The Protecting Children from Experimentation Act of 2023** prohibits doctors from referring for or performing experimental gender transition procedures on minors.
- **The End Taxpayer Funding of Gender Experimentation Act of 2023** protects children as well as the consciences of taxpayers by prohibiting federal funding of gender transition procedures.

Please tell our elected officials to protect children in America and co-sponsor these bills. This link was created by Family Research Council to facilitate communicating your message: <https://frc.quorum.us/campaign/47945/>

These procedures are not medical care and have widespread and dangerous impacts ranging from interrupting natural development to disfiguration and sterilization. It is unconscionable to offer these “treatments” to minors below the age of consent.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Member’s Name Badges – contact Brother Mike Gates (denning8781@gmail.com)

Badges cost \$10.00 and are pre-paid. When ordering them please specify whether you want the “fold-over for the pocket” style or a magnetic badge. **Please make payment to TED DENNING COUNCIL 8781 and in the memo block, write “Badge Order.”**

Council Shirts – contact Brother Sean Diehl (sdiehl68@yahoo.com)

Our Council has set aside funds to reduce the cost for this shirt batch, so now is likely the best time to buy.

These fixed prices (regardless the shirt size) are well below the cost incurred for the shirt, shipping, and tax. Members who are awaiting the January shirt order received a 23% cost savings.



\$28.00 for the short-sleeve micro-mesh Polo shirt pictured left
\$33.00 for the long-sleeve easy-care shirt pictured right

Personalizing a shirt is extra. Personalized orders have to conform to KOC requirements and we need the exact written spelling of anything that you want extra on the apparel. What you order, you keep.



Please make payment to TED DENNING COUNCIL 8781 and in the memo block, write “Shirt Order.”

All prices stated above are for check or cash payments.

Please add \$1 to the cost of each shirt or badge paid via PayPal to offset the processing fee.

Payments can be made for Badge or Shirt Orders by PayPal or by check:

- PayPal link https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/denning8781?locale.x=en_US.
- Mailing checks to: Colin Mike Gates, FS, Ted Denning Council 8781, 341 Eaton Village Trace, Lenoir City, TN 37771.



GOOD OF THE ORDER –

Ken Aken RIP-1	Rev. Christopher Floeresch	Melanie Markiewicz RIP-1	Gary Shurina
Theresa Arlington	Frank Floersh	Rev. Michael Maples	Fran Snyder
Don Blancher	Gene Fox	Rich Markowicz	John Stabile
Madeleine Blancher	Tom Francescan	John Murphy	Bruce Stearns
April Blancher	Msgr. Patrick Garrity	Dora Niquen	Kathryn Stearns
Trey Blancher	Anita Gouge	Rev. Doug Owens	Dcn. Marquis Syler
Callie Elizabeth Botica	Dcn. Mike Gouge	People of Ukraine	Em Way
Cathy Botica	Carissa Hamby	Carol Perkins	Joe Thie (RIP-1)
Bruce Broussard	Othello Hamby	Mike Perkins	John Wagoner
Bob Buckner	Rev. Joseph Hammond	Brittany Perry	Marilyn Wagoner
Bill Casey	Earl Hetrick	Tom Perry RIP-1	Hillary Walters
Daniel Cooper	Rita Hetrick	Bob Peterson	Olivia Weber
John Diroma	Sarah Hetrick	Rev. Joe Reed	
Michele Dougherty	Paul Hughes	Bill Reingard	
Sherry Estes	Dave Kubeja	Anita Rounsefell	
Hector Fernandez-Valdez	George LeCrone	Holly Senatore	
Victor Hugo Fernandez-Valdez	Ausrele Liulevicius RIP-3	Louis Senatore	



