



St. Thomas More Council #7826
Knightly News for August 2015

My Brother Knights,

I am pleased to report that we have officially earned the Quadruple Star Award. Our Council is one of only five in the entire state of Florida to have achieved that honor. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished in a relatively short period of our existence. At the same time, we must not forget what we are all about and we must remain dedicated to achieving the goals set forth in our Service Program Plan for the new fiscal year.

We may be in the summer doldrums as we enter the month of August, but there is much planning and organizing happening to continue the work of our Council. Some of the officers will be attending a Tri-District planning meeting on August 8th and a Regional Membership Seminar which includes our State Deputy, Don Goolesby, on August 16th. We look forward to a busy but very rewarding year.

In that regard, we will be taking over the Coffee and Doughnut ministry after Sunday Masses starting in October. The need arose and we were contacted at the suggestion of Father Joe. John McAlonie has agreed to take charge of this project for our Council. John and his wife were previously involved in the event and his familiarity will serve us well as we take on the responsibility. Thank you John! Some of the people who were involved in the past have indicated a desire to continue, but we will probably need additional volunteers from our council.

Please remember to set aside those clothes you no longer need or have been waiting for years to fit into once more, for our October Clothing Drive for Resurrection House. We want to emphasize, jeans, sneakers and backpacks, but all types of gently used clothing will be appreciated. **Do not bring anything until the October meeting, as we do not have storage capacity.**

We are not having a social event in August; however the following three months' agenda is set and promises to be exceptional. On September 25th we will be going to dinner at Miguels on Siesta Key. The details and sign up sheets will be coming out around the beginning of the month. On October 30th we will be doing the LeBarge cruise of Sarasota Bay. More information will be forthcoming. Of course, our annual Holiday party will be on November 21st at Stoneybrook Country Club in Palmer Ranch, with a disc jockey for your dancing pleasure.

New Members

Congratulations to our newest member. Chuck Lynch completed his first degree on July 22nd. Please welcome him to our brotherhood.

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Johnnie Turner who was selected as the Knight of the Month for June. Johnnie was one of the founding brothers of our Council.

Johnnie was our Spring Training fund raiser leader for the most successful season we've had. He regularly volunteers for every event and is serving as the Deputy Grand Knight for a second time.

The following Brothers will add another candle to their birthday cake this month:

Dan Lundy	August 1	Joe Sommer	August 19
Jon Lemole	August 3	Chuck Lynch	August 20
Charles Baldelli	August 4	Tom Perry	August 22
John Wojtyna	August 6	Ed Deverna	August 25
Richard Schwehr	August 8	Jim McNamara	August 25
John Maier	August 9	Jim Clark	August 29
Ed Lyons	August 11	Kim Klee	August 29
Monty McDonald	August 13	Ed McManus	August 30
John Murray	August 18	Philip Maresco	August 31

Be sure to congratulate them when you see them.

The “Good of the Order” included the following people in need of our prayers.

Joanne Ballschmieder (Wife of Charlie)

Gerhard Glaesel

Annie Hayes (Wife of Jerry)

Paul Mehalso

Margaret Mentz (Widow of Phil)

Blanca Talero (Wife of Gilberto)

Eugene McNany

Dan White

Joyce Faeth

Our Departed Brothers.

Please keep them in our constant prayers.

In July, less than two months after the passing of her husband, Phil, Margaret Mentz passed away. In lieu of flowers, as requested by the family, our council made a donation to Manasota Solve, a charity that Margaret was involved with for years. Margaret remains on our prayer list.

If you would like to order a name badge for your wife, they are \$10 and can be ordered by contacting Larry Faeth. Email Larry with the spelling of your wife’s name at lfaeth@aol.com.

Council shirts can be ordered from Tony D’Alberto. It is important to wear a council shirt to our meetings as well as a number of our events during the year, so that you can be recognized as a Knight. Tony offers a variety of styles and colors at reasonable prices. You can see Tony at our Council meeting or email him at threadz@aol.com.

Finally, I thank you all again for your support. As always, I welcome anyone and everyone’s suggestions on how we may continue to improve in any area

whatsoever. If there is anything on your mind, please share your thoughts with me at danb6002@comcast.net.

Vivat Jesus

Dan Bulinski