



December 2015

**NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. LOUIS COUNCIL 3335**



Originally, Halloween meant the “hallowed eve” of All Saints Day, November 1, but it has deteriorated into a feast celebrating ghosts, goblins, monsters, witches, vampires, the walking dead, and often evil. It is also celebrated by satanic cults with even a black Mass. The Youth Committee of our local Knights is restoring sanity and even a bit of sanctity to Halloween by putting on an All Saints Day Party at Lourdes Hall shortly after this picture was taken. The kids dressed up as saints and biblical characters. At the same time they hopefully learned a little about the heroic virtue and extraordinary holiness of these saints that all of us should imitate.....nothing scary, just a lot of good clean fun. Even parents and grandparents got into it.

**WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** Pray for your wife. Pray together as man and wife. Pray together as a family. As promulgated by Fr. Patrick Peyton, “The family that prays together, stays together”. It can be at bedtime; it can be at meals; take rosary walks together; pray the rosary in the car when taking a trip together. Go to Mass every Sunday without fail and some devotions too as a family. The principal targets of the evil one are priests and Christian families as he takes advantage of the weaknesses of each one of us. At times it may even feel like possibly spiritual warfare in some marital situations and conflicts.

Perhaps it can be said that all hell celebrates a failed marriage and a broken family. *The best anecdote and weapon is prayer. Let's place Christ at the center of our families with the Holy Family as our model.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Recognition.** Anthony Sola Jr., David Stapleton, Everett King, Robert King, and Jay Stapleton Jr. became 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus in a ceremony at the Ironton Knights of Columbus Hall. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree focuses on unity and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree focuses on fraternity. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree focuses on patriotism.

**Our Knights of Columbus Council 3335 received the Columbian Award for Programs.**

### **December Activities and Announcements**

- 1. The Knights continue to sponsor and lead the rosary 25 to 30 minutes before the Masses of the first Saturday and first Sunday** of the month. For December it's the weekend of *Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup>*. The next rosary will be the week-end of January 2-3. Keep posted for the Rosary in the Park.
- 2. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Party** will be held on *December 6* for the sir knights and their ladies at *St. Ambrose Church in Belpre at 1:30 pm*. Call Don Frymyer as soon as possible at 740-591-7490 or 696-1285.
- 3. A 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration – Monday December 7 after the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the beginning of the Year of Mercy.** The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue through the night and the next day until 7 pm. It would be great if every knight in our Council would sign up for an hour of the day or night to kneel on the side of our Grand Knight, thus forming an Honor Guard. Brother Knight, if you come for adoration, please kneel/sit in the front row on the left for as long as you desire, be it only 15 minutes or more. You don't have to be in regalia. You can do spiritual reading; converse with the Lord; and share your innermost thoughts and concerns with Him to obtain healing and strength to keep going. The recommended prayer intention for December is victory over ISIS and world peace. Through her intercession Mary saved Europe from the onslaught of radical Islam at least three times in history.....1456, 1571, and 1683.
- 4. K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday December 13 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses** (2nd Sunday of each month) This breakfast will help to support Brother Knight Michael Stapleton, our parish representative at World Youth Day (the theme is mercy) in Krakow-Poland July 25-31 (see [worldyouthday.com](http://worldyouthday.com)), as encouraged by our diocese. The breakfast will be great fellowship and delicious food with a lot of love added to it to strengthen our parish community. Bring your family and friends. *We need your help* to setup and prepare the food at 7 am, washing dishes, and cleaning up after each of the two breakfasts.
- 5. First Degree Initiation of New Knights** will be held on *December 14* at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Portsmouth. Our knights are asked to accompany them and meet at the Parish Hall at **5 pm**. All faithful practicing Catholic men (18 and over) are invited to join. Prospective members are invited to contact Bruce Davison, the grand knight at 740-256-1427. We ask all knights to recruit new members, telling them about the many benefits of the Knights of Columbus for great fellowship, opportunities to serve the parish and the community, and the best Life Insurance that money can buy.
- 6. A Natural Family Planning Course in complete conformity with Church teaching** for southeastern Ohio is proposed. If done correctly, NFP works Show your interest by contacting Mike Ours or Tim Stapleton.
- 7. There will be no monthly Business Meeting in December** because of the Christmas season.

8. **Please help the poor through the Giving Tree, Coats for Kids, and Food Collection for the Poor** which are our big social and community projects for December. The knights have finished one major home improvement project for the needy and are working on another.
  
9. **Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign**. Our Council will continue where we left off last year.
  
10. **The parish again calls upon the knights to help with the Christmas decorations** and their removal later.
  
11. **Keep in your prayers** John Payne and Red Babbit
  
12. **Many thanks to all the knights who did grass cutting at our beautiful cemetery** last summer.