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



John Payne taught us how to live and how to die. He knew he was terminal, but continued to do what he was doing as a brother knight since he became a member of our parish family some six years ago.....helping wherever he could, especially in sharing his gift of cooking with all of us, be it at Knights of Columbus dinner meetings, banquets, or our Fish Fries (he's second from the left pitching in with other members of our parish family). John continued being active until only a couple weeks ago when it was impossible to carry on. Somehow, confined to a wheelchair, he made it to the wedding of a relative a week before he died. The hat will tell you: John, raised in the Chicago area, was a loyal White Sox fan. He was proud of the picture of himself with his son Josh at a White Sox game. He showed it to many of us and put it on Facebook.

John loved St. Louis Church and we all loved him. At one of the fish fries in March we gave him the above birthday cake, prepared by Alex Garrett (740-612-5042), a member of the parish. John was touched. Well before he received the news that he was struck by cancer, John Payne commented that he has never been a member of a parish with such wonderful, accepting, and open people. He found a home here. His wife, Deb liked it here too and was faithful to John to the very end. She suffered with him and helped him on the journey. **The intention of the Fifth Sunday Knights of Columbus Mass at 10 am this Sunday May 29 is for John.**

He was a member of the Parish Council, a leader in our church. He was our recorder at meetings and usually cooked a dinner for each one. We awarded him the Knight of the Year and Volunteer of the Year which he will receive posthumously. John has left a vacuum in our council and parish. We are counting upon our brother knights to step up and fill that void.

John's suffering was not in vain. It helped him to die like a saint. As encouraged by Catholic belief, he united his tremendous cross with the Lord's cross and offer it all up as a dynamic prayer for the church, the missions, for a better world, and for his loved ones. Offering up one's suffering is a most effective prayer.

Cancer could not crush John Payne or his spirit. He drew strength from his faith which increased in his twilight years. One priest commented: "Those who die of cancer die like saints." We believe that holds for John as well. He made heroic efforts to attend our Men's Conferences. John confronted his cross with grace, with faith, and with courage; he did not complain. May we do likewise when our time to suffer and die comes sooner or later. Thank you, John, for all that you did for us. Good-bye until we're all together again for that big party in eternity. We'll be counting on you to cook. Make sure that you get there, brother knight, by being faithful to God and His Church.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Ride it out. Keep on luvin!* Sometimes she gets ornery and so do you sometimes. Keep loving her even when she's not so loveable. Love doesn't have to be felt, although that's nice. Love is an act of the will.....to die to self for her. Be a true knight and a gentleman; take the high road. **DON'T DO OR SAY SOMETHING STUPID!** That could make the damage irreparable. Make that extra effort to show your love. Pray hard. Apologize. She'll come around. Make up and start over again and again. Pray for your wife today and together every day. Love her as Christ loved the Church. Let Christ be the center of your marriage and family with the Holy Family your model.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT, Bruce Davison. Where the !@#%^^&* are you guys?. What are you thinking? Everything we do or don't do to help others has eternal consequences. May you never hear those words: "Depart from me you evil doers! I never knew you (Matthew 25:31-46).

The Knights will be helping with the financing of the Electric Wiring Project. Please join one of the committees that are being organized. Without God's help it will be a failure. Thus the **Prayer Committee** is basic. The **Begging Committee** will approach many parishioners one on one. The **Grant Committee** will approach governmental and private organizations as well as foundations. **The Fund Raising Committee** will sponsor such activities as raffles, barbecues, etc.

June Activities and Announcements

1. **Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday May 29, the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) after the 10 am Mass until 4 pm.** Please kneel/sit in the front row left as part of a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. You can do spiritual reading; converse with the Lord; listen to Him; and share your innermost thoughts and concerns with Him to obtain healing and strength to keep going. The community intention for June is conversion and a greater love for the Eucharist.
2. **Cleanup of the Church Grounds Saturday June 4.** The men should be finished by noon. Volunteers will be needed to mow over the summer.
3. **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 June it's ***Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th***. The next rosary will on the week end of July 2-3. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer. Mary personally gave it to us.
4. **K of C Awards and Welcome Breakfast - Sunday June 12 after the 10 am Mass.** Please come to welcome and get acquainted with our new parishioners and new members of the Church. Come and recognize the recipients of the annual Knights of Columbus awards. It 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.
5. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday June 27 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45pm in the Conference Room.** Elections of the new Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Recorder to replace John Payne. Installation will be in July. We have great fellowship at dinner and the input of every knight is most valuable at

the meeting as we make decisions regarding future activities. Our Council is as strong as each knight makes it. Come earlier for the Rosary. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance. *The next 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday July 25 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.*

6. **Make Your Summer Fruitful. Borrow Children's Books and Videos from the Parish School of Religion Library in the Parish Hall and the Home School Library** at the home of Tim and Chrissy Stapleton. The donation includes many books and videos on the faith, the saints, Bible stories, and movie features that teach virtue with questions for discussion. The books and videos for the Home School Library are more general, but most teach values and virtue through novels and movies. Anybody in the parish may borrow these materials through a sign-out sheet. It is most important that PSR students read. CCD alone is not enough.

7. **Call Nathan Frazee, your local K of C Insurance field agent**, at 740-853-3784 or 740-256-1689. He would be happy to help you and also review your life insurance needs. K of C Life Insurance is among the very top rated life insurance providers in the world. The profits from the life insurance do not go to the stockholders as with for-profit enterprises, but are distributed to its policyholders in rebates and to Knights of Columbus charities.