



July 2016

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



Former Grand Knight Matt Bokovitz on the extreme left presents the St. Louis Council's most important and prestigious award, "*Family of the Year*" to Mike and Jennifer Edelmann with their four lovely daughters from left to right Mikayla, Andrea, Stephanie, and Kimberly. A few years ago the family had a big surprise; Mikayla and Kimberly are twins. Fredrick Michael, a former altar server, was away serving our country with the National Guard. All five children are athletes; Stephanie teaches gymnastics. Mike is an engineer at the Piketon plant and Jennifer is President of the Gallia Academy Boosters, having done so much for the athletic program there. The Edelmann extended family has been faithfully active in the parish through three generations. Last Spring their help with the Fish Fry was very valuable. Most of them serve in the choir with other members of the Edelman clan which adds so much to the Mass. Grandma Edelmann is the Choir Director and has produced a great musical family. All of the children have gone through CCD, including Confirmation and were active in the YACHT Club. The Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney to promote, preserve, and protect families.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Make Mama happy.* Before marriage you said that you would make her happy. Now put your money where your mouth was. It's not always easy but keep trying. *Do something today, little or big to make her day, to make her happy even if it's a sacrifice.* Lest we forget: "If Mama ain't happy, NOoobody's happy". Conversely, if she's happy, you'll be happy. No marriage is perfect. Keep working at it. Try to satisfy her needs over your own. Your job and your goal as a Man of God is to do everything you can to make her happy. Ask her: "Honey, how can I make you happy today?" Don't expect her to reciprocate even though sooner or later she will. Pray for your wife today and together every day. Love her as Christ loved the Church.



In the photo on the left Deb Payne with her son, Bryan receives the “*Volunteer of the Year*” award for her recently deceased husband, John Payne who worked with dedication on Council 3335 projects and for his brother knights until a couple of weeks before overcome by cancer. He worked in every aspect of the kitchen. His meals were always delicious. We will especially miss his kindness and friendship. In the photo on the right former Grand Knight Matt Bokovitz presents the “*Lady of the Year*” award to Jaga Sebastian, mother of four, two of whom are still in college. A woman of prayer, she faithfully assists at daily Mass, is a Eucharistic Minister, is a member of the Parish Council and the Catholic Women’s Club, teaches the First Communion Class since 2014, and works with the ecumenical *Loaves and Fishes* Soup Kitchen. Jaga mobilizes members of the parish to donate food for the 300 meals for each last Sunday of the month. On the first weekend of the month Jaga mobilizes the women to say a decade (and mystery) of the rosary each day; together they pray all 20 decades daily. Every weekend she takes up to five ladies to Mass. Every month she organizes a breakfast for those who attend Mass during the week. Jaga has also worked as a nurse for the French 500 Free Clinic and is an adviser together with her husband for the Catholic Newman Club of the University of Rio Grande.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT, Bruce Davison. Brother Knight, you volunteered to become a knight. Ask yourself: “Why?” Then ask yourself: “Am I the son who say to his father: ‘I will go to your vineyard’, but doesn’t?” Or “Am I the son who says ‘I won’t go’ and finally decides to work for the Lord?” And for those who think the knights take them away from family, which of course must be his top priority: look at the men who had to leave their families to fight for the freedoms you are enjoying and are being threatened now. **STAND UP AND BE MEN!!! LISTEN TO YOUR QUEEN WHO CALLS FOR SACRIFICE AND PENANCE.** Please help our new Grand Knight, David Stapleton. He’s young, but full of zeal, spirit, and dedication. He needs all the help he can get.

Many thanks to our brother knights for keeping our cemetery so pristine and beautiful for the great and awesome sacrifice of the Mass that we will celebrate there on Monday July 4 at 8 am. Volunteers will be needed to mow over the summer.

Please pray for Brother Knight Anthony Sola Sr, who is recovering from surgery in a nursing home in Columbus.

Our many thanks to Mary Ann Bokovitz, our parish Administrative Assistant, for taking the photos for this issue of the Knights of Columbus Council 3335 Newsletter.



In the photo on the left former Grand Knight Matt Bokovitz presents the “*Knights of the Year*” award to Tyler Reynolds. After converting to the Church in 2015, he quickly joined the knights and has made an impact.....so much so that he received the “*Shining Armor*” award for first year knights.....first ever in our Council. Already he has been elected as Deputy Grand Knight for the coming year. On the right Jeremy O’Dell receives the “*Blue Coat of the Year*” award in appreciation for his service to the community as a fire fighter at personal risk of life and limb. Our pastor, Fr. Thomas Hamm in the background on the extreme left welcomed the newcomers to the parish who also were honored.

July Activities and Announcements

1. **Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday July 2 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 July is religious liberty in worship, practice, and conscience in our country.*
2. **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 July it’s *Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 10th*. On Sunday July 3 before fifteen minutes before the 10 am Mass we will be treated to a little concert. The next rosary will be on the week end of August 6 -7. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer. Mary personally gave it to us.
3. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday July 25th at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45pm in the church.** We will have the installation of the new Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer, and Recorder to replace John Payne. Installation will be at the July meeting. 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 August 22 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.*
4. **Make Your Summer Fruitful. Borrow Children’s Books and Videos from the Parish School of Religion Library in the Parish Hall and also at the Home School Library in the home of Tim and Chrissy Stapleton.** The donation includes many books and videos on the faith, the saints, Bible stories, and movies 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.
5. **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 review your life insurance needs. K of C Life Insurance is among the very top rated life insurance providers in the world. The Knights of Columbus also provide *retirement annuities*. Both have excellent saving features. The profits from the life insurance and annuities 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.



In the left photo former Grand Knight Matt Bokovitz presents a \$1000 Scholarship to Gabriel Alex Valadez, son of Gabriel and María Luz Valadez, who will be attending Culinary School. This will well equip him to help his father in the El Toril Mexican Restaurant a few shops down from Walmart in the same plaza. His family has been faithfully active in our parish. María Luz was a catechist in Mexico. In the right photo Ayden and his older brother Colton Stapleton, sons of David and Kara Stapleton, receive the “Youth of the Year” award. Both of them were very faithful in being altar servers at the 8 am Sunday and daily Masses and then return for home schooling. Ayden also had the best poster in the “Keep Christ in Christmas Contest”.



In the photo on the left Faith Lewis, daughter of Scott and Bernadette Lewis, receives the award for winning the “Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest” with a lively entry. She’s making great progress in learning Spanish at her home school. On the right are all of those who received awards except Fr. Timothy Kozak, former pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Pomeroy who received the “Chaplain of the Year” award. He was not able to attend. A former computer specialist before becoming a priest, Fr. Tim is probably the very first pastor to design and establish internet websites for both his parish and his local Knights of Columbus council.