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



On March 2 the Knights of Columbus held their annual Free Throw Contest at the GDC Gym for the developmentally disabled children of Guiding Hands School and the adults of Gallco Industries. All of the participants received t-shirts and plaques. We've been doing this for over 20 years. The knights receive more from the experience than they give in organizing the event, keeping score, refereeing, and cheering on the participants. It's always fulfilling and fun. The kids and adults teach us to appreciate our blessings and give us an opportunity to love. They have their own special beauty as children of God with their own special missions. Beautiful is their simplicity and ability to enjoy the little things in life. They'll probably make it to heaven before all of us. Above the children are receiving their medals. Thanks to Tyler Reynolds for taking the above photo.

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?

***Love is Patient; Keep your cool.*** Patience is the first and most important pillar for sustaining a good marriage according to Stephen & Alex Kendrick in their biblically based book, "The Love Dare". Patience gives your wife permission to be human. Patience is merciful. Patience understands that everyone fails. Patience gives your wife more time to correct a mistake or attitude. Patience gives you the ability to hold on during the tough times instead of being a quitter and bailing out. Patience does not rush to judgment, but listens to what she is saying and waits to see the whole picture. Patience strives to understand her.

Patience is how love reacts in order to minimize a negative circumstance or situation. Patience is a choice to control your emotions rather than allowing your emotions to control you. Anger says stupid things and makes a problem worse. Patience keeps a little problem from building up into a monster that is difficult to solve. "A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but the slow to anger calms a dispute" (Proverbs 14:29). Be patient. ***For the rest of Lent*** resolve to be a true man of God and develop virtue.....be patient with her; do acts of kindness for her even if she unfairly provokes you; tolerate the irritants; forgive her; love her more. Then guess what? In time the odds are: she'll reciprocate. ***Then you both and the whole family will have a great Easter!***

**Thank you for your participation in the Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal.** At the beginning of the day, we followed the example of our Council 3335 and consecrated this Conference and all future ones to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The main speaker former POW Capt. Guy Gruters received a standing ovation. This year's Conference was not only spiritual, but also patriotic. The MC took the occasion to gratefully honor all veterans who sacrificed a portion of their lives to serve our Country, in many cases putting themselves in harm's way. The MC also asked the men to recite the Pledge of Allegiance which included the official phrase "under God" (the KofC lobbied for it in 1954) and "justice for all, born and unborn". Thank you Council 3335 for donating \$100 towards the underwriting of the Men's Conference.

**Upcoming Fraternal Leader Training Webinar: Connecting Our Mission to Our Parish.** Learn how to place our council at the center of our parish life by focusing on ways to develop faith-based initiatives that are fueled by charity, faith and fraternity for the benefit of the entire parish. It will also cover how to collaborate with our pastor. Learn how to help to renew our parish. Join knights from all over the country on **Wednesday April 5, 2017 at 8 pm**. Register on the home page of the Knights of Columbus website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). If you can't make the live presentation, you still can register for this archived webinar as well as past ones at your convenience. Help to strengthen families and make our parish a beacon of the New Evangelization. March 29 was the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Kof C.

### **Activities and Announcements for Lent and the Month of April**

1. **Eucharistic Adoration** - *Sunday April 2 after the 10 am Mass.* The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm. You will often feel the Lord's presence while experiencing peace, consolation, and warmth. ***It would be great to have a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard there. 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. Former Grand Knight Bruce Davison usually occupies the first row on the right for most of the time, including the all-nighters. 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 community prayer intention for April*** is for the women of the parish who are pregnant, especially Jackie Ours and that they give birth to beautiful normal healthy babies. The next one is May 7.
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 April it's *Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup>*. The next rosary will be on the week end of May 6-7. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary herself gave us.
3. **K of C Benefit Breakfast** - *Sunday April 23 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses* (generally the 2nd Sunday of each month). This one will honor the first communicants. 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. There is no charge, but voluntary donations are accepted to benefit the Rewiring Project of our church. ***We need your help*** to setup and prepare the food at 7 am, wash dishes, and clean up after each of the two breakfasts. Help to build parish community with your presence. The next breakfast will be to honor the Mothers of our parish on May 14.
4. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - *Monday April 24 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.* 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. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance. ***The next 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday May 22.***
5. **Please buy and sell our Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Tickets**.....\$108,000 in prizes. The proceeds finance two \$500 college scholarships to our high school graduates and charity. This year's graduates should obtain an application from Mike Haas or David Stapleton. For maximum return to our council, please turn in the sold tickets and receipts to Oscar Bastiani or make the deposit in the box in the church vestibule before the first turn-in deadline, April 15.
6. **The Next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification is on June 3 at the Airport Mariott.** Our Council needs more 4<sup>th</sup> Degree knights, especially if they can purchase regalia. The deadline for receipt of applications is before April 9. Contact our grand knight, D.J. Stapleton for the necessary form.