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



The Knights of Columbus played an active part in the March for Life on Friday January 19. A large honor guard in full regalia processed at the Vigil Mass at the magnificent Basilica of the Immaculate Conception with hundreds of cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians all of which was televised on EWTN. At the end of the Mass Cardinal Donald Wuerl, the Archbishop of Washington publicly gave special recognition to the Knights of Columbus for their work. They paid for many of the signs in the March. At the March itself a local council from Virginia acted as the marshals for the March and collected money in a bucket to alleviate the cost of the March. Pictured above are the knights from the Diocese of Steubenville after the Vigil Mass in front of McGivney Hall of the Catholic University of America which was financed by the Knights of Columbus. The statue of Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the order, overlooks the group. The Council from Cambridge brought the greatest number of knights in the diocese. Our own Council 3335 was represented by Michael Stapleton, Paul Sebastian, and Mike Merry. Tim Stapleton came separately with his family of seven children in his stretch van. We missed our chaplain, Fr. Thomas Hamm, who was unable to attend. Both he and his predecessor, Fr. Bill Myers have been very faithful to the March over the years. Start planning now to participate in the March next year. Photo thanks to Susanne Patrick.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Take the high road in arguments; act like a real knight; be a gentleman.* Keep your cool. Don't do or say anything stupid and make it worse, making reconciliation even more difficult. Keep on loving; be patient in working it out. Compromise. Give in when the issue is more important to her than to you. Most of all.....work on your own faults first and she'll respond by working on hers and she'll come around. Doing that will make you both saints. As our Lord said "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3). Ask the Lord and your wife to have mercy on you while you have mercy on her. Marriage is all about mutual sanctification. Pray for your wife daily and together every day. Love her as Christ loved the Church. May Christ be the center of your marriage and family with the Holy Family your model.

Four Year Knights of Columbus Scholarships to KofC members and their children, who will be entering a Catholic college next Fall as freshmen. The amount is \$1,500 per year (total \$6,000). Write jean.graney@kofc.org for an application. Usually they award about 20 scholarships; the deadline is March 1.

It won't be long before we have our main church building back, hopefully by February 16, the first fish fry and the beginning of Lent. That's the goal. Volunteers are already signing up to work the fries. The rewiring involved sacrifice on our part to finance it. We adapted beautifully to the difficult situation. A lot of creativity and hard work went into converting our Parish Hall into a little church.....simple, but still beautiful. Old tabernacles and statues became very useful. The same goes for the Christmas decorations and the Nativity display. The designers of the building never dreamed that the space behind the kitchen was just right for the choir. A classroom was converted into an intimate chapel for daily Mass and another room became a sacristy. The Conference Room became the confessional. We still had room for the Parish School of Religion. Thank you Fr. Tom, Mary Ann, Trudi, and everyone else who worked on it, not to mention Keith Davison for his professional work in planning the rewiring project as well as the contractor and his workers.

The Free Throw Contest for developmentally disabled children and adults of the Rehabilitation Center (formerly Guiding Hand School) is on *Wednesday February 28 at 10 am at the GDC gym.* We've been sponsoring this special olympics type event for years. We need knights to referee, keep score, and cheer on the participants. It has always been very fulfilling and fun for all as our Council awards t-shirts and medals.

Knights of Columbus Insurance. Since our field agent resigned, the General Agent, James Valent is filling in for him. If anyone has questions regarding his own policy or would like to buy a new one, contact him at . "James Valent – K of C General Insurance Agent" <james.valent@kofc.org>, Phone (740) 280-0280.

Watch the Evening News on EWTN for a Catholic perspective on the news.....6 pm, 9 pm, and 2 am. The Knights of Columbus sponsor it. Use the program guide in this week's church bulletin.

Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal Saturday, March 3 from 9 am – 3:30 pm at St. Stephen's Church in Caldwell. The theme is "*Being a Cloud of Witnesses*". The main speaker is Mike Aquilina, a prolific author of over 50 books, particularly on the early Church. He is a nationally known speaker, appearing frequently on EWTN and Relevant Radio. Mike Aquilina will show how the witness of the angels and the martyrs of the early Church apply to us today in secular America. The spiritual formation of its members is one of the main goals of the Knights of Columbus. Contact Paul Sebastian (paulrsebastian@yahoo.com) to register. Enjoy the fellowship by going in the parish van, which leaves at 6:30 am from the Parish Hall.

Activities and Announcements for the Month of February

1. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - *Monday February 26 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm in the Parish Hall Chapel.* 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 together with your participation. *The next 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting is scheduled for March 26.*
2. **Eucharistic Adoration** - *Sunday February 11th, after the 10 am Mass.* The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm. 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 as part of an Honor Guard. 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 intention* for February is the return of fallen away or drifting Catholics to the Church.