

Dear fellow knights:

Please permit me to precede this January E-mail with a personal note. The Knights of Columbus is all about families, fraternal fellowship, mutual support, and charity. That means getting to know each other and our families better. So if you'd be interested in reading my own Family Christmas Newsletter and best wishes for a blessed and prosperous new year, click on <http://paulrsebastianphd.blogspot.com/2015/01/150-our-2014-family-christmas.html>. It has numerous links that you will find interesting especially if you have kids the same ages as mine and younger. It's a little long, but I put in subtitles to make it easier to do a quick skim. While going through it, don't overlook my daughter Naomi's description of her Haiti project and mission trip there. She's providing the opportunity to help her help the orphans and the aged there.



## JANUARY 2015 ACTIVITIES AND NEWS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3335

Dear fellow knights:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May it be a fulfilling and a blessed one. Let us resolve to grow spiritually in our quest for holiness. Please don't forget the next two activities. We need your participation.

1. **Tomorrow Saturday January 10** there will be a **Drug Awareness Poster Contest** for the children of the parish and their friends. The pancake breakfast for the participants will be from 8 am – 9 am. The Drug Program will follow at 9 am and the poster creation by the children will be from 10 am – 12 pm. It's OK to come late if you can't come earlier.
2. **Tomorrow Saturday Morning January 10 at 9 am** help is needed to **take down the outside Christmas decorations**. You can come early and have a pancake breakfast. On **Sunday after the 10 am Mass** it's time to **take down the inside Christmas decorations**.
3. **Sunday January 11 after the 8 am and 10 am masses - Monthly (2nd Sunday of each month) K of C Benefit Breakfast** for St. Louis K of C Council Charities. 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. Last month's Breakfast raised \$300 for the March for Life Pilgrimage January 21-22.

*We need help* to setup and prepare the food at 7 am, washing dishes, and cleaning up after each of the two breakfasts. Our response for the last breakfast was better, but we still need all the help we can get especially before the 8 am Mass.

4. **Wednesday-Thursday January 21-22 March for Life Prayer Pilgrimage**. We hope that a number of knights will attend and carry our council banner, making our presence very visible to the thousands of participants and viewers on EWTN television. The people of the nation's capital and our nation's leaders cannot ignore some 300,000 marchers even if the secular press dismisses it as only a few thousand. Every year it is a beautiful prayerful testimony for life. Call Tim Stapleton at 740-256-6745 or e-mail [prolife4life@gmail.com](mailto:prolife4life@gmail.com). There may be a few hours for sightseeing as visiting the National

Archives which has the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and the Emancipation Proclamation on display. All three proclaim freedom and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That of course was written for all people of all races. The founding fathers and Abraham Lincoln did not exclude the unborn, which to them was obvious. It's all very educational.

5. **Our Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** will be on **Monday January 26 at 6:30 pm**. We have great fellowship at dinner and your input is most valuable at the meeting as we make decisions about future activities. Our Council is as strong as you make it. We will pray the rosary before the meeting inside the church at 5:45 pm. We cannot be an effective without the Lord's help and guidance.
6. **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 February it will be **Sunday February 1 and Saturday February 7**.
7. **Eucharistic Adoration Sunday February 1 after the 10 am Mass**. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers at 4 pm. It would be great to have a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard there. If you come for adoration, please kneel/sit in the front row for as long as you desire, be it only 15 minutes or more. You don't have to be in regalia. 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. One simple person said: "I look at Him and He looks at me".....i.e., listening to His inspiration. The knights of old in medieval times would keep an all-night vigil of prayer before the tabernacle in preparation for being dubbed as new knights. The knights of old would protect their kings; today we protect Christ the King in the Blessed Sacrament with our lives if necessary. After all, more than once in modern times has the Eucharist been desecrated.
8. **The Coats for Kids Campaign** again helped the poor through this cold spell. We were able to collect and distribute 220 coats to kids. Thanks to Duke's Cleaners for cleaning them as a public service. Thanks to Josh Davison for taking charge of it.
9. **The K of C Campaign to Put Christ into Christmas**. We sold bumper stickers and got an article into the December 24 issue of the newspapers in Gallipolis, Pomeroy, and Point Pleasant in addition to a bulletin insert for our parish. Furthermore, we sponsored a "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" for the kids.
10. **The Christmas Giving Tree** was handled by our brother knight Mike Ours.....some four or five years now. Some 40 poor children benefited from it this year. Thanks for your work, Mike.
11. **The Food Drive sponsored by the Knights, the Catholic Women's Club, and the Parish School of Religion** was fruitful. Due to their work 600 pounds of non-perishable food was collected and distributed along with 15 food baskets. The women provided 15 hams for the baskets. Thanks to all who participated. The Lord will bless you for your generosity.
12. **Prayers Needed. John Payne** continues to receive radiation and quimo for his cancer. Please continue to keep our brother knight in your prayers. He continues to attend the meetings and cook. Nothing keeps him down. Ditto for **Oscar Bastiani** who is recovering from neck/back surgeries. Now he comes to Mass on Saturday evenings, attends our meetings, and collects money. Sadly, **three brother knights have seen their families break up**. Please pray for reconciliation and for more stable marriages in our parish.

The strength of our council depends so much on you.....your participation, your volunteering your time and effort to serve God and His people. Thank you for all of your help.

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Lord, help the Knights of Columbus be a force for the renewal of the parish and ourselves too.

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