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



New Brother Knights were inducted into the order in a beautiful ceremony conducted by the Knights of Columbus Council 1664 Sacred Heart Church in Pomeroy. Sitting is Everett King backed by his son Robert. On his left are Frederick Michael Edelmann, Anthony Sola, Frank Lalli, and Tyler Reynolds. A few weeks later Jeremy O'Dell and Larry Angel were also inducted in another beautiful ceremony done by the Knights of Columbus in their Council Hall in Portsmouth. A very warm WELCOME to our newly dubbed knights, most valuable additions to our council! Notice the pictures of Fr. McGibney & Christopher Columbus.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? Alarming is the number of broken families and troubled marriages in our Country. St. Louis Church and our council have also suffered from this epidemic. When any family breaks up, the children are wounded or scarred for life, our Council grieves, our parish grieves, the whole Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ, grieves. Since the Knights of Columbus is all about family, we will dedicate a section of each newsletter to not only stop the bleeding, but also to strengthen all marriages.

Every marriage has its ups and its downs. We appeal to couples to persevere and tap the graces of the sacrament of Matrimony. Get help from your parish priest or from a Catholic counselor whose goal is to save marriages. Most effective for strengthening and renewing all marriages is *Marriage Encounter* (Call 330-305-9963 or email LGrieshammer@gmail.com in Steubenville or go to their website at <u>WWME.org</u>). Marriage Encounter weekends are frequent in Columbus and southeastern Ohio. There is also *Retrouvaille* for couples with marital problems including those who are considering marriage separation and those, who are already separated or divorced, that want marriage help to save their marriages. Go to <u>retrouvaille.org</u> for details and the contact in our area. Wounds and hurts can be healed if the couple strongly desires it. Research shows that in general couples, who work hard on their troubled marriages and stick it out, are significantly happier in the long run than those who divorce and remarry. Please, don't give up and quit.

November Activities and Announcements

- <u>The Knights continue to sponsor and lead the rosary</u> 25 to 30 minutes before the Masses of the first Saturday and first Sunday of the month. For November it's Sunday the 1st and Saturday the 7th. The next rosary will be the week-end of December 5-6. The next monthly Family Rosary in the City Park will be on Saturday November 14 at noon.
- 2. <u>K of C Benefit Breakfast</u> *Sunday November 8 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses* (2nd Sunday of each month) for the poor of Gallia County. 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. This one will benefit the poor of Gallia County. We need your help to setup and prepare the food at 7 am, washing dishes, and cleaning up after each of the two breakfasts.
- **3.** Eucharistic Adoration Sunday November 22, the Feast of Christ the King after the 10 am Mass. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm. 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. 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 November is family stability.
- 4. <u>A Natural Family Planning Course in complete conformity with Church teaching</u> for southeastern Ohio was proposed at the last meeting. Show your interest by contacting Mike Ours or Tim Stapleton.
- 5. <u>Monthly Business Dinner Meeting</u> *Monday November 23 at 6:30 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 will pray the rosary before the meeting inside the church at 5:45 pm. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance.
- Sunday November 29 Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Mass at 10 am. Please come in regalia if you can. We will meet for the entering procession at 9:45. Your presence makes a difference. The Mass will be offered for the deceased knights of the parish.
- 7. <u>Large Donation of Books and Videos by a Brother Knight</u> for 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. Trust is maintained through a sign-out sheet.

8. <u>Knights of Columbus Insurance</u> and retirement products with \$92 billion of insurance in force is rated among the very top insurance companies in the world in financial stability and security with a superior A++ rating. Premiums are lower than other insurance companies because members are faithful Catholics who are less likely to fall into unhealthy and risky life styles. Any profits do not go to stockholders, but to K of C charities and rebates to its policy holders. Call Nathan Frazee, your local field agent, at 740-853-3784 or 740-256-1689. He would be happy to help you and review your life insurance needs.