



March 2016

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



Knights pulling together and putting their faith into action by responding to the need of a brother knight who is confined to a wheelchair and badly needed a ramp built to his trailer. The primary pillar of the brotherhood is charity. Our Council 3335 has responded to other members of the community in the past.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Make your wife number 1 in your life after God.* Her needs over your needs. Close behind is family. Then comes job (career) to support the family, but the family should not suffer for the sake of career advancement and success. If the demands of the job hurt the family, then consider another one. Then comes volunteer work for the Church and the community. Dead last are hobbies, sports, and wholesome entertainment unless the wife and/or the kids share in it. The ideal is volunteering together and having some hobbies or activities in common. Make sure that she goes along with each new activity or project. That will prevent a lot of marital problems. I had to learn the hard way and I'm still struggling to find the right balance. I can hear it now: "Since when have you become a marriage expert?"

Preacher, practice what you preach.” Valid points, but I’m working on it as all men should. It’s not easy. Pray for your wife daily and together too.

The Coats for Kids campaign has been very successful. The coats that are given to the poor, mainly children. Thanks to Josh Davison for all of his work with it. We very much appreciate the contribution of Duke’s Cleaners each year for cleaning all of the donated clothes. Many thanks to all for their donations, especially the Mercersville Baptist Church and King’s Chapel.

March Activities and Announcements

1. **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 March it’s *Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th*. The next rosary will be the week-end of April 2-3. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary personally gave us.
2. **Free Throw Contest for developmentally disabled children and adults of the Rehabilitation Center** (formerly Guiding Hand School) *Thursday March 3 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 the knights as they award t-shirts and medals.
3. **24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration in Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy – Friday March 4th after 7 pm Stations of the Cross, concluding with Mass on Saturday at 5:30 pm**. The knights especially and the parish in general is asked to sign up in the back of the church for an hour of adoration. The spiritual formation of its members is part of the mission of the Knights of Columbus. 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. 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 March is God’s mercy for us and for the virtue of having mercy on others, especially upon those who have offended us. The next one is Sunday April 3.
4. **4th Degree Meeting on Sunday afternoon March 6 at Knights of Columbus Hall in Marietta**. This meeting will be **deadline to receive applications for the 4th Degree at the next exemplification on April 9**.
5. **K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday March 13 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 meal. The next one is Sunday April 24.
6. **Second and Third Degree Initiation of Knights – Sunday March 13 at 12:30 pm in the Knights of Columbus Marietta Council Hall**. All faithful 1st Degree Knights are invited to advance and learn more about the Knights of Columbus, focusing on the virtues of unity and fraternity. The candidates will go together. Call Grand Knight Bruce Davison at (740-256-1427). The first degree focuses on charity and the 4th degree on patriotism.
7. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday March 28 at 6:30 pm** the 4th Monday of the month. 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 or Parish Conference Room at 5:45 pm. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord’s help and guidance.

- 8. 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. The deadline is this Tuesday March 1.

- 9. 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 also review your life insurance needs. K of C Life Insurance is among the very top rated life insurance providers in the world. The profits from the life insurance 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.