



September 2016

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



A scene from the get-together of the knights and their families at the Broken Antler, a replica of a wild west town in Gallia County. All had a great time with great food and great fellowship. Brother knight Allan Stapleton utilizes his profession as a landscaper for a hobby during the slow winter months. He created this fascinating wild west town with a church, barbershop, bath house (only a nickel per wash), post office, jail, and saloon shown above in the background, complete with genuine Kentucky moonshine that we sampled. To give this farm town life, there's live animals.....an elk, buffalo, deer, long horn cattle, and a zoo of stuffed animals since Allan is a taxidermist on the side. Then there's a bustin bronco hobby horse that Jaga overcame, knife throwing, and a small canon for a finale. Perhaps this hobby will help to support his family when people realize that the Broken Antler is a great place for a birthday party for youth, a church youth group, for a family reunion, meetings, or just a get together for families of members of a club or other community group.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** *Don't be a quitter.* The grass always seems greener on the other side of the fence. As a true knight and a gentleman, practice the virtue of loyalty. In Croatia priests introduce couples to each other in pre-marital counseling: "Stephanie, meet your cross (Joseph); Joseph, meet your cross (Stephanie)." With no expectation of a fairy tale marriage where they will live happily after, Croatia has fewer divorces. Your wife is your cross and your joy. Accept her graciously, her virtues and

her faults. There's always hope for your marriage if the will is there. Pray to tap the graces of Matrimony. You promised her way back when that you would make her happy. Now put your money where your mouth is and work on it. Eliminate your selfishness and love flourishes. Keep working at it. Every marriage is a work in progress. Pray for your wife today and together every day. Love her as Christ loves the Church. Let Christ be the center of your marriage and family.

**The pilgrim statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** has been with us since Friday August 26 and will depart this coming Friday September 2. There will be a procession around the church property in Mary's honor on Sunday August 28 after the special Mass at 10 am. The knights will participate in full regalia. That will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament into the evening and the next morning until the 8 am Mass. There will also be adoration for an hour before each daily Mass at 7 am and a rosary following it. Take advantage of this opportunity to become closer to Mary and her Son. Her visit to our parish would be an opportune time to consecrate our lives to Mary. For details see our Grand Knight David Stapleton (740-612-9848) or Jaga Sebastian at (740-245-9404). Mary brings us closer to her son, gives us her maternal love, consoles us, and makes our sufferings that we all have more bearable.

**Mike Stapleton is back from World Youth Day in Poland.** Ask him to show you his pictures on his iphone. He promised to tell us all about it with photos in a future bulletin insert.

**Recruit new members for the Induction of New Knights (1<sup>st</sup> Degree) October 30 at 3 pm in the Parish Hall.** Sell them on the opportunities for great fellowship, service, and the best life insurance deal to protect your family in case of tragedy. Any surplus finances Knights of Columbus charities and rebates to you.

## September Activities and Announcements

1. **Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday August 28 after the 10 am Mass until 8am Monday and every day at 7 am before Mass** for the visit of the pilgrim statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please kneel/sit in the front row left as part of a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. You can do spiritual reading; converse with the Lord; listen to Him; and share your innermost thoughts and concerns with Him to obtain healing and strength. The recommended community prayer intention is for the renewal of our diocese, our parish, and each one of us.
2. **Boat Ride on the Ohio River Sunday August 28 at 6 pm.** All 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights and their families are invited. Each participant is asked to bring a covered dish. They will meet at the Valley Jim's parking lot in Marietta and leave at 6 pm sharp.
3. **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 September it's *Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>*. The next rosary will be on the week end of October 1 - 2. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary gave us.
4. **K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday September 11 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses** (2nd Sunday of each month). 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. Help to build parish community with your presence.
5. **Clay Pigeon Shootout and Cookout Saturday September 24 at the home of Josh Davison** at 2720 Hamilton road in Crown City. Get ready for hunting season. You don't have to be a sharpshooter now, but will be by evening.
6. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday September 26 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm in the church** (enter through the Sacristy door). 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. ***The next 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday October 24 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.***