



December 2016

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



The photo on the left captures the solemn act of consecrating our Council 3335 to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the end of Mass with Fr. Thomas Hamm, the council chaplain presiding. The knights (4th Degree in full regalia), lined up before the altar, are reading the Consecration Prayer, which is attached to the e-mail edition of our newsletter. It is also in the Knights of Columbus section of the parish website at stlouiscatholicchurchgallia.org. In the background is Mary's altar and one of her stained glass windows.

This Consecration is historical because it is the first time ever (as far as we know) that any council of the Knights of Columbus consecrated itself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May many other councils do the same. Our thanks to our Grand Knight David Stapleton for initiating this act of consecrating our council which follows the Reconsecration of our Diocese of Steubenville to the Immaculate Heart. By this consecration we place ourselves and our council in the hands of Mary and ask for her protection and guidance to more effectively serve her Son and His Church and His people while growing closer to the Immaculate Heart and the Sacred Heart which are united as one.

A few hours later in the afternoon we followed up the Consecration of our Council to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with the induction of four new knights: Clifford Leport, Alex White, Jedidiah Ott, and James Mosher. The other photo with the time capsule and a memorial to the heroes of 9/11 in the background pictures those who attended the beautiful ceremony of induction officiated by our District Deputy, Tony Offenberger of Marietta. Pictured from left to right in the first row: Michael Stapleton, Fr. Thomas Hamm (our chaplain), Fr. David Schmidt who will be leaving us, Oscar Bastiani, and District Deputy Tony Offenberger. Standing in the rear are Jim Ryan, Josh Davison, Jedidiah Ott, Alex White, Alan White, Clifford Leport, Tim Stapleton, James Mosher, Deputy Grand Knight Tyler Reynolds, Paul Sebastian, and Grand Knight David Stapleton. Larger photos are in the e-mail edition and on the parish website. May our new knights faithfully attend the meetings and do their share in serving God, His Church, and His people as loyal knights of Christ our King.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Try to understand where she's coming from.* OK, she's strong willed and so are you, but with God's help you can do it. Be humble; don't let pride get in the way. Dialogue with her; listen with love; communicate with empathy for her feelings..... "Honey, why do you feel this way?" Above all; maintain your cool; don't lose it; pray for patience. Your logic and her logic may be a lot different. You see something with brown tinted glasses and she sees the very same reality with rose tinted glasses, a different perspective. Perceptions differ. It's not easy; men and women are wired up

differently. Men have been trying to figure out women since Adam and Eve. If each one of you can give in a little, that's compromise. Pray to the Holy Spirit to enlighten each one of you to arrive at a creative win-win solution that both of you can live with. Pray for your wife daily and together every day. No matter what..... love her as Christ loved the Church. Let Christ be the center of your marriage and family with the Holy Family your model.

As knights of Christ our King, Council 3335 led the people in paying special homage to Him on the Feast of Christ the King, a solemn feast of the Universal Church on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, a week before the beginning of Advent. To add something to this great feast our 4th Degree Knights processed in full regalia and served as an honor guard. At the same time the Mass intention was for all of our deceased knights read by the lector as a solemn roll call, looking forward to the day when we will all be together again. With the approval of our pastor Fr. Thomas Hamm and by vote of the membership at the November meeting, the participation of the knights of Council 3335 in full regalia and the Mass intention for our deceased knights every year on the solemn Feast of Christ the King will be an annual event for both Council 3335 and our parish. Please give Paul Sebastian the name of any deceased knight that we may have missed.....regardless whether he actually was a member of Council 3335.

December 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 December it's *Saturday the 3rd and Sunday the 4th*. The next rosary will be on Sunday January 1 and Saturday January 7. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary Herself gave us. Our Lady urges us to pray the rosary for peace daily; the need is urgent.
2. **4th Degree Christmas Party** Sunday December 4 in Churchtown at 2 pm. Bishop Monforton, a 4th Degree knight will share the meal with us. Treat your wife to a delicious steak dinner. She deserves it.
3. **All Night and All Day Eucharistic Adoration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the end of the 5:30 pm Mass on Wednesday December 7 until the evening Mass at 7 pm on December 8.** It would be great if every knight in our Council would sign up for an hour of the day or night to kneel on the side of our former Grand Knight, thus forming an Honor Guard. 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. 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 prayer intention for December is wisdom and divine guidance for President Elect Donald Trump in choosing his cabinet and organizing his administration.
4. **Farewell gathering for brother knight Fr. David Schmidt** at *Sacred Heart Church Point Pleasant on Saturday December 10 at 4 pm. He will celebrate Mass the next day at 11 am at the same church.* Our brother knight, Fr. Dave will be moving to Dayton closer to his family as a retired priest while continuing to serve the Church as he can. He faithfully served the Church in Mason County and us also for a number of years. He was our lector at meetings. Fr. Schmidt commented that our council is the most active that he has served with.
5. **K of C Benefit Breakfast - Sunday December 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 set up 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. ***This month's proceeds will benefit the March for Life.***
6. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** – ***There will be no meeting this month.*** The next meeting will be on Monday January 23.
7. **Preparing for Christmas.** The knights are again asked to ***help with the clean-up on the mornings of Saturday December 10 and decorations on December 17.*** We again will promote ***Keeping Christ in Christmas with a program for the kids of the Parish School of Religion on Wednesday December 14.*** The ***Coats for Kids*** campaign, the ***Food Drive, and the Giving Tree*** continue in the church.