



February 2017

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



Scenes from the Clay Pigeon Shootout and Cookout at the beautiful rustic home of brother knight Josh Davison as a Fall training for hunting season. Using buckshot, Mike Ours had the highest score as sharpshooter. Jay Stapleton Jr. came in next as marksman. Also doing well were Nathan Frazee, Mike Haas, David Stapleton, and Josh Davison. Paul Sebastian tried to make a comeback from his army days, but finished dead last. Today he couldn't hit a barn door at 10 yards. The wives and kids came along for a great cookout and were treated to an explosion of gunpowder and nitrate.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** *It doesn't have to be "my way". Look for the best way* and complement her when she comes up with a better way. Recognize her special gifts and talents. Women often come up with great ideas due to their special gifts and different perspective. After all, women are wired up differently than men. Let her have her way when it's not that important. Is it worth fighting about? If she's feels more strongly about something than you do or her heart is set on something, give in. If she has a certain expertise or responsibility in a matter, give in. When there's an impasse, somebody has to give in to maintain some harmony. Traditionally, the husband as God appointed head of the family, had the final word after much sincere and honest dialogue plus a lot of prayer, but much of that mentality has disappeared today. Both spouses must be humble. If she gives in a little and you give in a little, there's compromise. If necessary, obtain the expertise of a third party as a pastor, counselor, or expert. Pray for your wife today and together every day. Love her as Christ loved the Church. Let Christ be the center of your marriage and family with the Holy Family your model.

**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](mailto:jean.graney@kofc.org) for an application. Usually they award about 20 scholarships; the deadline is March 1.

**Large Donation of Children's Books and Videos by a Brother Knight** 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 through a sign-out sheet. It is most important that PSR students read. CCD alone is not enough.

## February Activities and Announcements

1. **Eucharistic Adoration** - *Sunday February 5 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. Former 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 February is for our new president.....that he may exercise his grave duties with wisdom and humility, always seeking the will of God.* The next one will be on Sunday March 5. There is also adoration at 7 – 8 am on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays before Mass.
2. **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's *Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>.* The next rosary will be on the week end of March 4-5. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary gave us.
3. **Work Session** - *Wednesday February 8 at 7 pm* to prepare the Parish Hall for the February 12 Bingo Fund Raiser for the Rewiring Project.
4. **K of C Benefit Breakfast** - *Sunday February 19 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses* (generally the 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 Rewiring Project of our church. *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. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - *Monday February 27 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 March 27 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.*
6. **Free Throw Contest for developmentally disabled children and adults of the Rehabilitation Center** (formerly Guiding Hand School) *Thursday March 2 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.