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



Knights of Columbus who attended the recent March for Life in Washington D.C. The knights are posing in front of the statue of their founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney at McGivney Hall of the Catholic University of America. The Knights of Columbus financed the building. The picture was taken after leaving the Vigil for Life Mass at the magnificent Basilica and National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States. Standing beside the statue is John Spencer, the KofC Insurance agent for the Marietta area. He has done a great job over the last two or three years in organizing people from our area to make the March for Life. People from Noble County, Parkersburg, Marietta, St. Louis Church, Sacred Heart Pomeroy, and St. Ambrose were among those who rode the two buses. It was heart warming to see among the marchers so many seminarians and young people, including children, toddlers, and babies. There were delegations from colleges such as Franciscan University of Steubenville and Benedictine University. Most of the over 300,000 people in the March were women who wanted no part in the so called "Women's March on Washington". A cop told me that they had a much greater number than we did. Fr. Tom and Tim Stapleton also participated in the March, but are not in the picture.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?

As a true knight and a gentleman, be strictly faithful to your marital vows and Church teaching, no matter what.....
"For better or for worse until death do us part".....permanent (until death), exclusive (no other), and open to life (no contraception). Love your wife as Christ loves His bride, the Church as St. Paul admonished the Corinthians. Call on the graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony in prayer. Overlook the irritants. Keep you cool. Be patient. Be kind. Be understanding. Forgive her. Respect her. Appreciate her. Thank her. Pray for her and together. Be willing to die for her as Christ died for you. All of that will make you a saint and the quest for holiness is what life is all about as you and your wife together prepare for the entrance into eternity. Make your marriage mutual sanctification. Let Christ be the center of your marriage and family with the Holy Family your model.

The Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal has a very important part in the spiritual formation of the knights of our knights. The Knights of Columbus is not only fellowship and service. It is also spiritual. Most of the members of the Steering Committee are knights and they are very grateful to our Council for its annual donation of \$100 to help to underwrite the Men's Conference. Again our men are strongly encouraged to attend. The featured speaker is Capt. Guy Gruters, a prisoner of war (POW) for over five years in the notorious "Hanoi Hilton" and other camps of Vietnam. He will share how his faith and trust in God got him through it. In his afternoon talk he will relate how he learned to have mercy and forgive the captors who tortured him. He will apply the lessons he learned to our jobs, our families, our parishes, our communities, and our daily lives. Please register with Paul Sebastian as soon as you can. We leave together in the parish van at 6:30 am on **Saturday March 18**. If you cannot afford the \$25, contact Paul Sebastian and we'll find a way.

Upcoming Webinar: Recruitment in the Spirit of Father McGivney. It makes sense to look for new members in the place you're most likely to find them — your parish. One of the most efficient and proven ways to do this is to hold a Church Recruitment Drive. Join us on **Saturday, Mar. 11, 2017 at 2 p.m. EST** for a webinar discussing the best ways to recruit in your parish. Register on the home page of the Knights of Columbus website at www.kofc.org.

Activities and Announcements for Lent and the Month of March

1. **Eucharistic Adoration** - *Sunday March 5 after the 10 am Mass.* The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm. You will often feel the Lord's presence while experiencing peace, consolation, and warmth. *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 March* is for a fruitful Lent in our Parish. That we will all become closer to God as we relive Christ's 40 days of preparation in the desert and His Passion. That we will take Sunday Mass, Adoration, and parish devotions more seriously with deeper participation.
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 March it's *Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th*. The next rosary will be on the week end of April 1 - 2. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary gave us.
3. **K of C Benefit Breakfast** - *Sunday March March 12 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.
4. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - *Monday March 27 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm. Take advantage of the Lenten Monday night 5:30 Mass before the meeting.* 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 cannot be an effective Council without the Lord's help and guidance. So attend Mass together with the meeting. *The next 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday April 24 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.*
5. **Please buy and sell our Raffle Tickets.** The proceeds finance two \$500 college scholarships to our high school graduates.
6. **The Next 4th Degree Exemplification is on June 3.** Our Council needs more 4th Degree knights, especially if they have they can purchase regalia. Contact our grand knight, D.J. Stapleton for the necessary form.