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



**Brother Knight Remo Rocchi, a founding member of our Council 3335 and former grand knight, died on August 13, three days short of his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. In 1923 at the age of two, he immigrated with his parents from Italy. In the above faded photo he is pictured with his wife of 69 years, Helen Marie by their restaurant. She died only a few months earlier on April 25. At her funeral he revealed the simple secret for their long marriage: “She loved me and I loved her.” Together they bore ten children, who have a beautiful legacy to follow. An entrepreneur of sorts, he founded Remo’s, a fixture in Gallipolis, that features hot dogs served with a unique Italian sauce, well known in the area, even by many outside of Gallia County. Today his son Robbie continues in his father’s footsteps at 241 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Remo Rocchi was an example of being always faithful.....to God first, his wife, whom he took care of for a number of years, his children, and his Country. Remo was part of the “Great Generation” that emerged from the Depression, fought for freedom in World War II, and made America great. Badly wounded in the European Theater and recipient of the Purple Heart among numerous other medals, he was for a good while one of the few World War II veterans still living. Thank you, Remo, for risking all for our country. An American Legion Honor Guard played taps at his burial. For so many years Remo was a pillar of St. Louis Church, its longest standing member. Along with others he saved the tabernacle and other sacred objects when St. Louis Church was in flames. While healthy, he was a regular at daily Mass and even in his twilight years made daily visits to chat with Our Lord in the tabernacle. At the same time Remo had a special devotion to Mary and was one of the bearers of the Pilgrim Virgin statue in procession when she visited our church in 2012. Remo always had a spiritual director to guide him on his journey to Heaven. Surely, he is praying for us to get there. A Dio y con Dio, Remo (Italian) or to God, and with God until we meet again.**

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? *Love is thoughtful.*** Many a man often gets into his wife’s doghouse by not thinking. Then he wonders how he got there. So THINK, MAN, THINK! Think before saying or doing something stupid. Engage mind before putting mouth in gear. Perhaps she’ll get irritated by what you’re doing. Anticipate her reaction if she has to wait. Don’t take her for granted. Don’t let her feel slighted or ignored. Speak in truth and kindness. Be multidimensional. Women are better at that.

Know that loving thoughts precede loving actions. When you first fell in love, being thoughtful came naturally. You won her over and you have the “trophy”. Is your pursuit over? NO WAY, José! You have to keep winning her over every day and renew your marriage vows from time to time as on the Sunday closest to Valentine’s Day or when attending a wedding. Focusing on your career, your job, your problems, your activities, etc. makes it too easy to forget about your wife and overlook her needs. Ask her about them; satisfy them. Your job is to make her happy. Remember anniversaries by doing something special. Consult her on decisions, even those regarding your career. It’s her career too. After all, you and your wife are one. What’s yours is also hers. In any event a successful marriage and family is more important than a successful career. Thoughtfulness takes advantage of opportunities to show love. Don’t blow it. On a work break call her up and ask how she’s doing. Women long for their husbands to be thoughtful and show their love, but often expect him to pick up on her hints and needs that she implies. Then LISTEN carefully and be creative in showing your love. Little clever surprises add spice to a marriage. (Parts from the book, “Love Dare” & movie, “Fireproof”).

**Public Square Rosary Prayer Rally in the Park Saturday October 14 for the Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun.** Every year the group “America Needs Fatima” ([americanneedsfatima.org](http://americanneedsfatima.org)) promotes rosary rallies all over the country at noon on the Saturday closest to October 13, the anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. The purpose is to pray for peace and be a witness, but the ultimate goal is to spread the Fatima Message. For years our parish has done its part by having a rosary rally in the Gallipolis City Park at the Gazebo. Since 2011 our Knights of Columbus council has sent an honor guard in full regalia to participate and pray the rosary. We ask our knights to participate with or without regalia as well as the entire parish and public to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. Let us all participate on this momentous anniversary by having our best attendance ever. Bring your families. The family that prays together, stays together. Our world is in such a shape that we are due for a chastisement such as a monetary collapse. This centennial may be the world’s last chance to accept and follow the Fatima message to prevent it.

#### Activities and Announcements for the Month of October

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 October it’s ***Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>***. The next rosary will be on the weekend of November 4-5. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary herself gave us. Our Lady urges us in her Fatima message to pray the rosary for peace daily as a sacrifice for the conversion of sinners; the need is urgent.
2. **Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - ***Monday October 23 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm in the Parish Hall Chapel.*** Our Council is as strong as each knight makes it. 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 November 27.***
3. **Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass** – ***Sunday October 29 at 2 pm Confirmation.*** The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree knights will process in full regalia and make the Mass more beautiful and impressive than it already is. The knights will do it all; our chaplain, Fr. Tom is also a knight. We will all ***meet in the Parish Hall at 1:30 pm.***
4. **First Saturday Mass and Rosary November 4 at 8 am.** There is also Mass on the other Saturdays of the month at 8 am. The Mass readings are for Saturday while the 5:30 Vigil Mass has the readings for Sunday and thus fulfills the Sunday obligation. On December 10, 1925 Mary appeared to Lucia with the following message in her own words: ***"Behold, my daughter, my Heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce It at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and make known on my behalf that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months confess their sins, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."***