



March 2018

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



On February 28 the Knights of Columbus held their annual Free Throw Contest at the GDC Gym for the developmentally disabled children of Guiding Hands School and the adults of Galco Industries. All of the participants received t-shirts and medals. We've been doing this for over 20 years. The knights receive more from the experience than they give in organizing the event, keeping score, refereeing, and cheering on the participants. It's always fulfilling and fun. The kids are showing off their medals that they won in their own little Olympics. We can reflect that God has given each one of these kids a special mission or purpose in life, the same as to each one of us. Each and everyone of these beautiful kids has as much dignity as the president. Each one of them is as valuable as you or me.....all created according to the image and likeness of God. After all, Christ died for them the same as He died for me and you. We thank the kids and the adults for giving us the opportunity to love. Beautiful is their simplicity and ability to enjoy the little things in life. They'll be in heaven before all of us and that's all that matters. Our thanks to Tyler Reynolds for taking the above pictures. Other photos will be sent with our online newsletter to all of our knights who have e-mail and to our website [stlouiscatholicchurchgallia.org](http://stlouiscatholicchurchgallia.org).

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** *Keep her informed on what you're doing and where you are at all times*, especially if you have a cell phone. If your work, meeting, task, or other commitment takes longer than expected, give her a call. It's not only your life, but hers too. After all, you and your wife are one. She worries about you. Let her know how things are going in your job. Consult her on career decisions. Pray for your wife daily 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.

**We finally have our main church building back** and fish fries are back in the parish hall as all the elves go to work every Friday afternoon during Lent. The big rewiring project is done and we have state of the art cost efficient lighting. The pews are refinished and look like new. Halleluiah! A number of our knights made significant contributions with their time, energy, and skills to supplement the work of the contractor and his technicians, while most families contributed with their prayers and sacrificial giving. Our pastor ended up as the superintendent. Thank you all.

**Knights of Columbus Insurance.** Since our field agent resigned, General Agent James Valent is filling in for him. If anyone has questions regarding his own policy or would like to buy a new one, contact him at “James Valent – K of C General Insurance Agent” <james.valent@kofc.org>, Phone (740) 280-0280. Brother knight Nathan Frazee, the former field agent, is engaged in an entrepreneurial endeavor and is sorely missed. The position of field agent for our area remains open and would be a great *career opportunity* for a knight. Contact James Valent.

**EWTN, the Catholic cable television channel, has special programming for men this Lent**

Monday thru Friday at 11 pm.....

BATTLE READY	LONG RIDE HOME WITH BEAR WOZNICK	CROSSING THE GOAL	REAL LIFE CATHOLIC	YOU'RE AMAZING WITH JUSTIN FATICA
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On *Monday* Doug Barry helps us to be ready for the battle with evil. Every *Tuesday* rev up your bike with Bear Woznick. Reserve *Wednesday* for football and let Coach Danny Abramowicz, former All-Pro New Orleans Saints, use football language and examples to help you get into spiritual shape. On *Fridays* Justin Fatica will show how amazing you are. DON'T MISS Saturday March 10 at 10 pm and Tuesday 9 am when *Dr. Ray will interview Capt. Guy Gruters*, whose faith carried him through five years as a POW in Vietnam. Both are former speakers at our Diocesan Men's Conference.

**Thank you all for your help with the Men's Conference.** Nine men in all journeyed to Caldwell early in the morning. All nine are knights in line with one of the goals of the K of C. Our council not only promoted it, but also helped to underwrite it with a generous \$100 donation for the ninth consecutive year. This annual Lenten mini-pilgrimage was an act of love to God as a sacrifice and penance to educate ourselves in the faith. Mike Aquilina was very dynamic in showing us the importance and value of witness as spiritual leaders in our homes, parishes, communities, and on the job. May we have even a better turnout next year on March 23.

**First Bonanza Raffle Turn-in – April 8.** Proceeds support Knights of Columbus charities all over the world. This first turn-in is critical because it gives our Council the maximum rebate that we use to finance the scholarships we give to high schools seniors of our parish. Please be aggressive in selling the tickets and generous in buying as many tickets as you can to win \$50,000.....25 cash prizes worth \$108,000 in all. Contact any knight to buy a ticket.

**Graduating High School Seniors, who are active in the parish, may apply for a \$500 college scholarship.** Obtain an application form from Mike Haas or from the parish secretary.

**Recruit new members** for our council. We need new blood, real men we can count on to actively participate, to come to meetings, to take leadership roles, and to pull their weight. Talk up the knights. Tell the guys about the great fellowship, opportunities to serve the parish and community, and the great life insurance program that we have. Then we'll be ready to send a delegation for the next official induction of new knights.

**Activities and Announcements for the Month of March**

- K of C Benefit Breakfast** - *Sunday March 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. Donations will be accepted for to benefit the local council's projects and charities. *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.
- Monthly Business Dinner Meeting** - *Monday March 26 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm in the Parish Hall Chapel.* 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 together with your participation. *The next 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month Dinner Meeting is scheduled for April 23.*
- The next Eucharistic Adoration**, usually the first Sunday of the month, *is April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday.* It's a relaxing and peaceful time with our Lord, one on one in silence, a break from all the noise, the stress of the hustle and bustle that we face in our daily lives. Tell him about your problems, your desires, and decisions you have to make. Ask for His will, which is for your best, and trust. Then listen. He will comfort you, guide you, and give you peace. Often He will heal you, inspire you, open doors, and tell you what to do.



## APPENDIX

### Additional Photos of Our Free Throw Contest With the Developmentally Handicapped









