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



The Knights of Columbus held their 137th Supreme Convention in Minneapolis August 6-8. In the opening session Supreme Knight Carl Anderson above gave his annual report (see <http://kofc.org/un/en/conv/2019/resources/annual-report2019.pdf>). He reviewed many of the KofC accomplishments of the past year. “Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order’s first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights. It is the tangible way that we live out that spirit of fraternity and “missionary discipleship” to which Pope Francis has called us.”

A few snapshots appear on the right. The Middle Eastern woman and child (top center) are being helped by the Christian Refugee Relief Fund to help persecuted Christians. The Knights are prepared to immediately provide \$250,000 to give humanitarian help to refugees on our southern border.

The Knights of Columbus were right there to help during Hurricane Michael (top right), during the wild fires in the West, and Midwest flooding. The Knights of Columbus donated \$2.7 million to disaster relief in 2018. The Knights completed their 10-year goal of placing 1,000 ultrasound machines all over the country (bottom left). When a pregnant mother can see what her womb contains, it’s no longer a “fetus” or “glob of tissue”, but a living human baby. Only the most heartless mother can then choose death for her baby.

Other initiatives include the promotion of religious liberty, special olympics, Coats For Kids, the protection of children, the Native American Initiative, church loan program, and the domestic church. A strong and renewed Church begins with strong and renewed families that are faithful and active in the Church. Many priests are knights (bottom right). At the local council level (16,142 councils in all) the some 1,989,016 Knights contributed \$185.7 million to charity and donated 76.7 million hours of their precious time as food drives (bottom center), blood drives, wheelchair drives, academic and vocations scholarships, etc. The hours that you gave, brother knight, are included in that. Are you doing your share, young knight or do old men have to do it all, including your share? Teach your kids by being a witness and example to them. Action speaks much louder than words.

The Knights of Columbus also sponsors the daily evening news from a Catholic perspective on EWTN television at 6 pm, 9 pm, and 2 am. In addition it maintains the St. John Paul II National Shrine and museum in Washington, D.C. When in Washington, visit it with your children.

“The Knights of Columbus are champions of charity — not just in the United States, but in every country where we are present.” Among them are councils in Canada, Mexico, Poland, Lithuania, the Ukraine, South Korea, the Philippines, and France where they support the reconstruction of the Cathedral of Notre Dame. And there’s also 67 councils at military bases around the world and 36,559 student knights on 390 college campuses as Notre Dame.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? Our Sunday Visitor interviewed a variety of experts in the area of marriage and family life and identified eight tips for couples to help strengthen their marriages. Continuing: #2) **Embrace Commitment**. Deacon Stephen Bowling, director of the Office of Family Ministries for the Archdiocese of Louisville KY believes that couples in successful marriages realize the seriousness of their commitment and that it is lifelong. #3 **Spend Time Together**. Greg Schutte, a Catholic therapist who is director of “Marriage Works! Ohio” says that “the biggest problem with couples is not falling out of love, but of not knowing one another.” In courtship much time is spent getting to know each other, but in a busy married life that process can stop. Arriving home from work each day, “The first thing I do is find my wife, check in with her, & ask, ‘How was your day?’”

Appointments. The new District Deputy is Tony Offenberger. Under Keith Davison, the Program Director are:

- **Larry Angel**, Family Activities Chair.
- **Mike Haas**, Community Activities Chair
- **Tim Stapleton**, Right to Life Activities Chair
- **Paul Sebastian**, Faith Activities Chair. He also does Public Relations. He accepted responsibility for membership promotion under the conditions that all knights help. Everyone must talk up the knights and recruit new members who will come to meetings and be active. Do the same with old members.

Pro Football Sweepstakes. Winners each week are determined by the performance of the four teams designated on the ticket for each of ten weeks (October 27 to December 29) of the National Football League season. Each ticket gives you ten chances to win. This is a great money maker for our Council to finance its charitable activities. Sell or buy as many of the \$20 tickets as you can. Tickets may be obtained from Oscar Bastiani or ask any knight.

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Please pray for our ailing brother knights Ray DeGarmo, Bruce Davison, Jeremy O’Dell, Oscar Bastiani, Everett King, and our KofC insurance field agent, Michael Williams.

Activities for the Month of September

1. **Belated Father’s Day Brunch Put on By the Catholic Women’s Club - Sunday September 8 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses.** Show our gratitude to our women by your attendance. Bring your friends and family.
2. **Business Dinner Meeting this Month - Monday September 23 at 6:30 pm with Mass at 5:30 pm.** 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. That begins with YOU! We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord’s help and guidance together with your participation. Some of the men make great sacrifices to attend the meetings. May all do the same. Talk up the meetings and get your brother knights to attend. ***The next 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting is October 28.***
3. **Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass – Sunday September 29 (next is December 29) at 10 am.** The 4th 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; Fr. Tom is also a knight. We will all ***meet in the back of the church at 9:45 am.*** Come for the pre-Mass rosary at 9:20 am. At the end of Mass there will be the installation of officers with our District Deputy, Tony Offenberger presiding.