



August 2021

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



Dominating the skyline of New Haven CT is St. Mary's Church where Blessed Michael McGivney served his people so well and founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. It will be the site of the opening Mass of the 139th Supreme Convention. Knights participate in all aspects of society...from construction to sales, transportation, and the Church.

Attend the 139th Supreme Convention in New Haven, Connecticut in Your Living Room via EWTN and/or www.kofc.org/convention.

The 139th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus will be virtual while originating at Supreme Headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut.

Participate in the 139th Supreme Convention Tuesday & Wednesday August 3-4 on EWTN Television

The same as last year, this year's supreme convention will be virtual, originating in abbreviated form in New Haven Connecticut, at the headquarters of the Supreme Council

of the Knights of Columbus. You can attend most of the Supreme Convention in your living room live on EWTN television via cable or satellite. All programs 24/7 are also streamed on the internet at www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live. There will be more complete coverage on www.kofc.org/convention according to the following schedule.

Tuesday August 3

6:30 pm - Opening Mass at St. Mary's Church. Homily by the Most Rev. Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford.

8:00 pm – Opening Business Session: Annual Report of the Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly .

Wednesday August 4

10:00 am – Business Session for Delegates only.

2:15 pm – Awards Session (televised only on kofc.org/convention)

3:00 pm - Mass For All Deceased Knights of Columbus

4:00 pm – John Paul II: Be Not Afraid

Matt Bokovitz Nominated to be the next Grand Knight with Mike Dressel as Deputy at the July 26 meeting. Our council needs your prayers to get back on track after a hiatus of 16 months since February 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. During that time we had no meetings. However, we kept publishing our newsletter and continued

with such activities as landscaping of the cemetery, the monthly first Saturday and Sunday Rosary before Mass, the Octoberfest headed by brother knight Tim Stapleton, and the Giving Tree conducted by Mike Ours and his family.

A dinner with all the trimmings is being planned to gather in the knights and give them a burst of energy to move forward with our council activities. As a sponsor of the annual Octoberfest for the families of the parish, our council approved a \$200 grant to help with the expansion. The lector led a short but fascinating discussion of how George Washington's earnest prayers at Valley Forge -- when 2000 men died of disease, supplies were dangerously low, and defeat loomed-- led to ultimate victory in the Revolutionary War and won our independence. Everett King is ailing. Please keep him in your prayers.

Let's take this 16 month hiatus as an opportunity to renew our council with new youthful energy and make it one of the best councils in the state of Ohio as it once was with great fellowship and great service to our parish and the surrounding community. We can do it, but that depends upon us making every meeting and stepping up. So much depends upon YOU, brother knight. St. Joseph, model of a true man of God, pray for us.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY? **Aspire to be a witness as to what a marriage should be.....a light to our community.** Make your home a domestic church, where Christ is the center of the home in a truly Catholic culture. It is often said: “The greatest thing you can do for your kids is to love your wife and be faithful to her”. When there’s marital harmony, the kids feel more secure and have models to follow for their marriages down the road. Consult her; work together as a team; do things together; pray together; have fun together. Do everything you can to make her happy in self-giving sacrificial love and dying to self whether she reciprocates or not. After all.....”Happy wife; happy life”. “If Mama ain’t happy; nobody’s happy”.

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Activities for the Month of August

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 August it's *Sunday the 1st and Saturday the 7th*. Make a sacrifice and come a little earlier. The next rosary will be on the week end of September 4-5. After the Mass, the Rosary is the most perfect prayer which Mary herself gave us. Our Lady urges us to pray the rosary for the conversion of sinners and peace daily; not to mention the scourge of Covid which refuses to go away. The need is urgent.
2. Business Dinner Meeting this Month - *Monday August 23 at 6:30 pm with Mass at 5:30 pm* followed by supper and fellowship. We have a lot of work to do to make up for lost time. The first and most important step is to choose a slate of dedicated officers. 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! Let's talk up the knights and encourage them to attend

the meetings and Sunday Mass as well. A little arm twisting wouldn't hurt.....just a little.

3. **Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass** – *Sunday August 29 (next is October 31) 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. Brother knight, even though you habitually attend the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass or the 8 am Mass, please make a special effort to attend with your family. Your presence will make this Knights of Columbus Mass very special.

Four pillars of the Knights of Columbus: CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, PATRIOTISM.....love our Country or leave it.