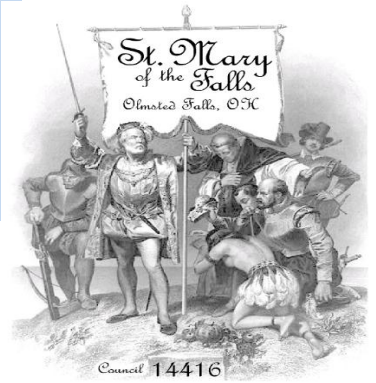




# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



## The Knightly News

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### From our Grand Knight

#### **Brother Knights,**

December already! I hope everyone has entered the season of Advent with hopeful anticipation as we await the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at Christmas. We are now halfway through the fraternal year and well on our way to meeting the requirements towards obtaining the “**Star Council Award**”. This is not an easy accomplishment. It takes a lot of hard work and commitment. That is why we need **YOU** to make this happen! As we enter the second half of the fraternal year join us as we support our parish and community. We would love to see you and would welcome you with open arms! **YOU ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR COUNCIL.** We need you! This is a great time to become active. We have many events this month during this season of giving for you to use the talents that our Lord has blessed

you with. Check out all of these opportunities for putting the Corporal Works of Mercy into action as you read the newsletter! We especially need your support, though, for our upcoming “Reverse Raffle with a Hungarian Dinner” on Saturday, Jan. 21st. This is our **BIGGEST** event of the fraternal year and the proceeds go towards the five seminarians of our parish who are ALL Brother Knights! Tickets are \$45 and make a great “Stocking Stuffer” for your loved ones with the chance to win \$1,500 and to share an evening of great food and fellowship. Contact our Deputy Grand Knight John House TODAY to get your tickets before they sell out (casasu12@gmail.com). May you and loved ones have a Great and Very Merry Christmas! Your Grand Knight **Steve**

### Knights of Columbus Mission Objective

Fostering men united in a faith that will continue the growth of Fr. McGivney's dream ensuring the spread of Columbianism; becoming more visible through the good works of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity; creating an atmosphere which encourages and calls all Catholic men to serve with their Brothers.

#### Corporal Works

*Feed the hungry  
 Give drink to the thirsty  
 Clothe the naked  
 Shelter the homeless  
 Visit the imprisoned  
 Bury the dead*

#### Spiritual Works

*Admonish the sinner  
 Instruct the ignorant  
 Counsel the doubtful  
 Comfort the sorrowful  
 Bear wrongs patiently  
 Pray for the living and the dead*

Please Keep the following Seminarians from St. Mary of the Falls in your prayers:  
 Andy Gonzales  
 Josh Cochrac Scott Swinerton  
 Eddie Miller Sean Neville

# Opportunities to Serve

## Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism

### MEETINGS & DEGREES:

#### Council Meetings

##### **December**

13<sup>th</sup> – Officer's Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

##### **Jan-17**

10<sup>th</sup> – Officer's Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting

Officer's meetings are held in the Parish Office Conference room every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

General Meetings are held in the Parish Hall every fourth Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm. (except December 2016)

### UPCOMING DEGREE OFFERINGS:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Degree

Dec 12–St Helen, Newbury 6:30 pm

Dec 14, St Clarence 7:00 pm

Dec 19–St Ladislav, Westlake 6:30 pm

Dec 20–929 Pearl Rd, Brunswick 7:30 pm

Jan 5 - 16271 Pearl Rd, Strongsville 7:00 pm

Jan 8 - 5947 Mayfield Rd, Mayfield Hts 2:00 pm

Jan 17–929 Pearl Rd, Brunswick 7:30 pm

Jan 17–10806 Granger Rd, Garfield Hts 7:00 pm

Dec 20–929 Pearl Rd, Brunswick 7:30 pm

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

Dec 12–St Helen, Newbury 7:30 pm

Jan 8 - 5947 Mayfield Rd, Mayfield Hts 2:00 pm

Jan 17–10806 Granger Rd, Garfield Hts 8:00 pm

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Jan 29–10806 Granger Rd, Garfield Hts 1:00 pm

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

none

### BROTHERS IN NEED:

Lord, hear our prayers for the families of Sue DiNardo and Tim Duffy, both who have moved on to be with our Father in Heaven.

#### Breakfast for Santa - December 4

This parish event will be taking place after all of the Masses in place of "Donut Sunday". Please remember to wear your Knights of Columbus shirt

#### Wade Park VA Medical Center

A Gift Shop has been formed to bring cheers to Veterans hospitalized during the Christmas season. This year the Christmas Gift Shop will be held **Monday December 5th thru Thursday December 8th.**

**Volunteers are needed all 4 days from 9am to 2pm.** Monday is set-up with the next three days for distribution.

The Gift Distribution is sponsored and operated by 41 veterans, civic, welfare, and fraternal organizations, comprising the VA Voluntary Services (VAVS) committee. Funds enable the group to purchase a large array of gifts for each patient.

**To Volunteer, Contact:** David Bowling, Jr. (216) 299-2057; Brian Shollenberger (440) 773-3599, bnsolly@gmail.com; Norm Klein (440) 463-1868, njkleinj@sbcbglobal.net

Thank you in advance for supporting our Hospitalized Veterans. Even though we are past the original dead line, contributions are still being accepted. Checks are to be made payable to **VA Medical Center**, memo: **GPF #1041** and mailed to:

David Bowling, Jr.  
Ohio District 1 Veteran's Chairman  
14108 Strathmore Ave.  
East Cleveland, OH 44112

#### Christians in Action Christmas Party -

**December 11**

Knights of Columbus & Christian's in Action - Adopt a Family for Christmas

In collaboration with the Christian's In Action annual Christmas Party to be held on December 11th, Council 14416 has adopted a elderly gentleman who is a client of Olmsted Falls Food Pantry. Our council will purchase around \$100 worth Christmas gifts for this individual whom is home bound using the Gift List he has provided. Our council is committed to serving those in need and to bringing the Joy of Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Lord, King and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

**St Mary's of Berea - Sunday Dec 18th**

Our council will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at St Mary's Berea on Sunday, December 18 after each morning Mass. Funds raised will be used to support students and seminarians.

It will be held at the Fr. Garrity Community Center across from St. Mary's Church on Kraft Street (NOT at the school). It will feature Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Coffee, Juice, as well as Christmas Music, Raffles, and Parish Fellowship. Thank you to all volunteers; others are urged to buy their \$5 tickets by contacting John Mastandrea

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH WE CONTINUE TO WANT YOUR ALUMINUM CANS! Please drop off your bagful of aluminum cans and any other aluminum scrap metal into the cart located inside the wooden fence located between the Church vestibule and the school. All of the proceeds go towards the support of our charitable program to support Catholic education and the seminarians from our parish.

## Opportunities to Serve (cont.)

### REVERSE RAFFLE CHARITY EVENT

Please join us on Saturday, January 21, 2017

St. Mary of the Falls - Parish Hall, 25615 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls

Doors Open at 6 pm, All boards will be called at 9 pm

#### Big Board Grand Prize \$1,500

4 Lucky Sideboards of \$5 \$3 \$2 and a second \$2 to Purchase a "Chance to Win"

Tickets are \$45 which includes the "Big Board", an Open Bar,

Hor d'oeuvres, and an authentic Hungarian Dinner

Tickets can be purchased from Steve Hupp:

(440) 239-0057 or stevenmhupp@hotmail.com

### COCKTAILS & HOR D'OEUVRES

*served from 6 - 7:30*

*Hungarian Dinner at 7:30 by European's Best*

*Dinner entries are:*

*Chicken Paprikash & Stuffed Cabbage*

### RTL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

#### Rally with March Down Constitution Ave on January 27, 2017

Bus leaves from Fr. Ragan Council parking lot located at 1783 Moore Rd, Avon

(next to B.J.'s) on January 26th at 8pm. Return to same location by midnight

January 27. Mass at the Basilica of Immaculate Conception, Rally at the

National Mall and March to the Supreme Court Building.



The Natural Choice is Life

**\$80.00/adult, Discount tickets \$25.00/student (H.S. or College)**

**Reservations requested by December 23, 50% deposit and balance paid on Jan. 26**

For more information and advanced sale tickets call John (440)725-7369, Kevin (440)930-4740 or Bob (330)225-7155

Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest is being run by our council in cooperation with the principal and administrators of the St Mary of the Falls Parish school. Grades 4 through 8 participate with a winner in each grade as well as an overall winner. Winners will receive a certificate and \$25 gift card at a school assembly on December 16th. We will publish the winning posters in the January newsletter.

## Knights in Action



On Saturday, Nov. 19th, two new seminarians, Sean Neville and Edward Miller, joined our Council in a 1st Degree Ceremony conducted at Borromeo Seminary. Grand Knight Steve Hupp joined with eight other Brother Knights from the diocese of Cleveland, along with State Membership Director Nick Gresko, in presenting this very special degree ceremony in which 13 seminarians and one priest became Brother Knights! This now brings the total number of seminarians in our Council to five along with one priest our Council Chaplain Fr. Max Cole!!! This is an outstanding display for support for these men of faith that have chosen a religious vocation in life to serve our Lord. **LIFT HIGH THE CROSS!!!**

## Knights in Action (cont.)



Council 14416 again sponsored a Free Breakfast for any Veteran at the Falls Family Diner on Veterans Day Monday November 11th.

13 Veterans (all from our Council) were honored and prayers offered in thanksgiving for their service to our great country. Special shout out to Grand Knight Steven Hupp who orchestrated this event, including placing it in the St Mary of the Falls Church bulletin to let all veterans know that the Knights of Columbus honor and respect our veterans. Also attending but camera shy was John Mahoney.

May God Bless all of our of Veterans and may the citizens of this country always honor our veterans and let them know that they are appreciated for the sacrifices for us and our Country. Pray that our country will strive to better serve the needs of those who have served her so well.

S.M.O.F. Men's Fellowship Group and Council 14416 provided a Thanksgiving Dinner to the Catholic students at the Newman House at Baldwin Wallace University. Knights and their families joined about 30 students for the Dinner on Sunday November 20th. Knights provided turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans almond-dean, and of course pumpkin pie. Additionally, twice a semester the Knights sponsor a pot luck dinner for those attending mass on campus at Baldwin Wallace



### From the Editor

**The Emergency Room:** Almost two weeks ago, my wife's four-month puppy, a French Bulldog, suffered a broken leg. It was not an uncommon injury for the dog breed, but it required surgery that our own vet had never performed. Therefore, my wife and I reasoned that for our dog to have the best chance of walking using all four legs, it was in our best interest to have the surgery done by a specialist in Akron, one who had routinely performed the surgery on similar breed dogs. So there I was in a waiting room and for the first several minutes our Ruby shook uncontrollably. Slowly she relaxed in my arms, seemingly to trust me without understanding what was wrong or could go wrong. And, for the next 2 hours Ruby & I waited, briefly seeing a technician and then a doctor. As I held Ruby, my mind wandered and I thought about the last ten years spent with my dad, and how much of that time had been in emergency and waiting rooms. He lost his wife (my mother), and a daughter (my sister). He survived colon cancer with the various treatments of radiation and chemo. His last years were spent trying to manage bladder cancer with the probing, testing, scraping. Then there were the heart problems and the dementia. Sometimes I still think that the dementia was a blessing. And, through it all there were rarely complaints, (although each doctor visit did include a stop at Trivs for a drink after). My Dad always seemed to have a smile and story for everyone, regardless of the circumstances. Yes, my dad trusted me to take care of him, my dog trusted me, or did it have nothing to do with me. Wasn't our Father above only showing His Love for His children. Interrupting my thoughts the doctor asked: "We can do the surgery and it will cost \$\$, will you pay the price? Of course we will. I pray that all of you have a Blessed Christmas and that we learn to put our faith in our Father above, regardless of cost or consequences. AMDG, a brother Knight