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Grand Knight's Message . . .

Grand Knight Robert Schneider Jr. made the following remarks following the Father Ragan Council installation of officers on July 20.

It's hard to believe that one year has past since I was elected as Grand Knight of Father Ragan Council 3269. As I reflected back on this year, the idea of keeping the office of Grand Knight for two years is quite simple. There is so much to learn and do for such an active council as ours. One cannot learn how to do the job properly, even with moving up through the chairs, in just one short year.

But if we can learn in the first year, and use these ideas to proceed forward in the second year, how much stronger will the council be? How can we learn to better serve the Church? How can we learn to benefit Catholic education and our youth? How can we learn to serve our community better?

The other night, our Deputy Grand Knight - John Hricovec - made a comment that this council looks like it is going places. He enjoys attending the meetings and the fellowship of other Brother Knights. I made a comment that we have done many things this year that we all should be proud of. He asked what I was the most proud of. It took me all of three seconds to arrange in my mind what I thought were the important events of the year. And, if I may, I would like to re-view them with you:

- Celebrate Our Clergy and Religious program. Probably the best organized event with high attendance of priests, deacons, religious sisters and seminarians that this council has ever sponsored. We were honored with the Best Church Activity among all K of C councils in Ohio for this program.
- Friday Night Bingo. What a success this is for our council! More than \$100,000 in eight months.
- Fund-raising dinner for the Marlene Lapushansky family. She is the widow of our late Brother Knight John Lapushansky, who was ill for a number of years.

- Working with St. Mary's Parish to start Wednesday Night Bingo.
- Senior Citizens' Holiday Dinner. This was our 21st consecutive year hosting the dinner - and giving something back to the community.
- Clambake. Our 20th year of good eating.
- Turkey Raffle. Another success, even through we held it on the "wrong" Thursday.
- Children's Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Family Picnic, Football Sweepstakes, Spring Ohio Charity Campaign. All were nice successes.
- Flag Disposal Ceremony with our Fourth Degree. First time in many years. It was a beautiful event.
- Reorganizing the Foundation and Columbian Club. This was a big item that took our Past Grand Knight's Ken O'Connor, Roberto Cobos, John Riba and Vic Sedivec a number of years to work through.
- Pushing the advertising of the Hall, and running it as a business. And we are just getting started. Bridal shows, community rentals and a new state-of-the-art website are just the tip of the ideas.
- First, Second and Third Degrees.
- Measure-Up Drive in our four Avon and Avon Lake Catholic Churches. This was a "first" for our council, and it was very successful.
- Light Up for Christ program last December to open the Advent Season.
- Our new smoke exhaust system; painting of the Main Hall; and, yes, a major sewer repair job.
- Reorganization of the council's Scholarship eligibility rules.

It seems like a bunch of things going on here. And this is only a partial list. When you add the Isabella items that the Knights are involved with, the bi-monthly meetings, Foundation and officers' meetings, repairs around the Hall, you can see how busy a council we are.

GK Message Cont.

Please let me re-state a very important point:

WE as a council are busy. **NO ONE SINGLE PERSON** can run a council of this size. It requires many volunteers - people who step up to assemble the Ragan Report, people to help cook and set up and clean up, people who give of their knowledge of accounting or publishing or organizing.

If the Grand Knight and his elected officers did not have the support from the council members, how long would the council last? If the wives did not show their support of this council, how many functions could we do? Or do right?

And while the Grand Knight might wear the jacket for success of each event, there are many people who want Father Ragan Council to succeed. **YOU** are the people we need. **YOU** are the people who make this group an organization of people who can help the Church and schools. **YOU** are the people who help others that are in need. And **YOU** are the people who show support of our own in trying times.

What we need to do as a fraternal organization is to get the word out to our fellow Catholic men that we are a group of people who put our Faith into action. We try to spread the words of Jesus through our deeds and visible signs in the community. We need them to join us in a crusade this year to grow. Grow as a Catholic organization - a fraternal group that will show publicly that we are here to stay and that we are good people who care for others.

I recently updated our Deceased Brother Knights board. In the past two years, we have lost 16 Brother Knights. We did not bring in that many new Brother Knights. So I am asking each one of you - No, I'm **CHALLENGING** each one of you to bring in **ONE** new member this year. This is the only way that we can keep growing and keep active. Ask a neighbor, or someone from your parish.

One more thing that I am proud of is that since joining the Knights, the large number of people that I have met. And I can call them friends. Friends that I would not have known without the Knights of

GK Message Cont

Columbus. A man is rich if he has good friends. Well, I guess I'm wealthy - not necessarily in the financial way, but in the human way.

So I want to thank you - all of you - for the first year. For the support and the friendship. For the extra hours, the work and effort that you have given to this council. For making us stronger as a fraternal organization. And for allowing us to get out into the public as a good neighbor.

We have work to do, more to accomplish and challenges ahead of us.

NASA Speaker at August 17 meeting

If you want to hear an excellent program on our country's space program, plan to attend the Aug. 17 Father Ragan Council meeting.

Guest speaker at that meeting will be Bill Crell, representing NASA. His topic will be *Living and Working in Space*. He will bring with him displays of equipment and demonstrate how the equipment works in outer space.














This Lecturer's Program has been put together by Council Lecturer PGK Victor Sedivec. It ought to be one of the best programs we'll have this fraternal year.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP YOUR COUNCIL?

New member Scott Gedeon was recently voted the Advocate of the council. The Advocate helps us follow the rules and will involve himself with any legal type of questions. Lucky for us Scott is a lawyer.

He also volunteered to be on the first degree team. Scott is replacing Jim Bruder who held the position for 20 years.

August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 St Mary's Bingo 	3 8:00 PM Business Meeting	4  K of C Bingo	5 
6 3:00 PM The FEST Borromeo Seminary Mass at 8:30 PM	7	8	9 St Mary's Bingo 	10 7:30 PM Charitable Trust Mtg	11 K of C Bingo	12 
13	14	15 L1. Mc Manus Asy 4th Degree meets at Lorain Council 8:00 PM	16  St Mary's Bingo 	17 8:00 PM Social Meeting Special Guest Speaker from  National Aeronautics and Space Administration	18  K of C Bingo	19 
20	21	22	23 St Mary's Bingo 	24 7:30 PM Officers Meeting	25 K of C Bingo	26 
27	28	29	30 St Mary's Bingo 	31		

FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL 3269 ANNUAL CLAMBAKE/STEAK FRY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006

SERVING: 3:00PM TO 6:30PM

COST: \$ 19.00 PER DINNER FOR EITHER A BAKE OR STEAK DINNER

BAKE INCLUDES:

1 DOZ. CLAMS
1/2 CHICKEN
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SALAD
CLAM CHOWDER
BOULIION
FRESH VEG
FRENCH BREAD
DESSERT

STEAK INCLUDES:

STRIP STEAK
BAKE POTATO
CORN ON THE COB
SALAD
CLAM CHOWDER
BOULIION
FRESH VEG
FRENCH BREAD
DESSERT

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1st & 2nd Degrees Scheduled in August


Our council will be sponsoring a first and second degree in August. We have a goal for new members this year that we would like to beat. Plus this helps the council to grow for the future. Please bring someone to the next degree.

Council Officers are Installed

Our 2006-2007 fraternal year Father Ragan Council officers were installed in a ceremony held on July 20. Conducting the ceremony were District Deputy Dale Kirsch, Chaplain Fr. Leo Dechant and Fr. Paschal Petcavage.

The new officers are:

Grand Knight..... Robert Schneider Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight..... John Hricovec
Chancellor..... Past Grand Knight Ted Schmitz
Recorder..... Past Grand Knight Harding Christ
Treasurer..... Michael Moore
Financial Secretary..... Robert Booth
Advocate..... Scott Gedeon
Warden..... Michael O'Connor
Inside Guard..... Mark Potteiger
Outside Guard..... Theodore Kocab
3-Year Trustee..... Past Grand Knight Ken O'Connor
2-Year Trustee..... Past Grand Knight Victor Sedivec
1-Year Trustee..... Past Grand Knight John Riba



**You never get a second chance to make
a first impression.
Make sure yours is the best first
impression it can be.**

RAGAN REPORT EDITOR NEEDED

After many years of dedicated service PGK Hardy Christ is stepping aside as editor of this publication. Any individual or group that is interested in helping contact GK Bob Schneider. It's easy and we will provide any help you need.

Foundation News . . .

The Father Ragan Charitable Foundation has been busy planning improvements for the operation and looks of our K of C Hall. At the July 12 meeting, the Foundation:

- Authorized DGK John Hricovec to spearhead a project to replace concrete in front of the main entrance door and under the driveway overhang.
- Reviewed estimates to bring a state-of-the-art copy machine/laser color printer into the K of C Hall to allow better quality work in such areas at the Ragan Report.
- Is taking steps to establish a Father Ragan Council website. This will be an important addition - not only for our members, but also to advertise our building for rentals.
- Is considering a way to include a special K of C Hall representative to field calls and help arrange rentals with prospective renters.

At the July 12 meeting, the Foundation also voted to allow one of the Holy Trinity Parish CYO football teams to practice on our K of C grounds.

And Council Grand Knight Robert Schneider Jr. reported that 16 of the council's missing chairs mysteriously reappeared in the storage area. There now are 30-plus folding chairs in storage. GK Schneider stated that a chain and lock are being purchased to lock up the chairs so they can't be taken without permission. The chain and lock were ordered by the Foundation through approval of a motion at the June meeting. Yes, the chairs are available for use by members - if they follow proper procedures and request them through the Hall Manager or Grand Knight.

A bit of bragging . . .

Past Grand Knight Harding Christ, who works at Cleveland Indians games at Jacobs Field, has been honored as Employee of the Month of June among captains and supervisors of the Usher/Ticket Taker Department. He is a captain in the department, and a few years ago had been honored at Employee of the Month among the ushers at the ballpark.

Another Father Ragan Council member is an usher at Jacobs Field. He is Ryan O'Connor, who in the off-season attends The Ohio State University. Ryan is the son of Brother Knight Mike O'Connor, our council Warden.

And, yes, ushering jobs are available at Jacobs Field. It's a great experience - to see Major League baseball (well, sometimes), and get paid for it. The ballclub interviews prospective ushers throughout the year. Ushers range from retirees, doctors and lawyers and insurance agents to school teachers, college and high school students and many others.

If you'd like more information about ushering at Jacobs Field, contact either PGK Christ or Ryan O'Connor.

Lightning strikes . . .

Our Father Ragan Council Grand Knight, Robert Schneider Jr., knows what it's like to have lightning strike.

When a storm hit Avon Lake during the early morning hours of July 4, lightning struck very close to his home. It knocked pictures off the wall and lit up his bedroom brighter than daylight.

In the morning, Bob took a look at his house.

The garage door would not function. Than outside landscape lights were blown up - literally (pieces were found in a neighbor's yard). Two large holes were in the yard where perhaps the lightning struck. A large section of wood was blown off the deck. The back yard floodlights would not work. Wires were disconnected in the box. An inside light switch was fried. The outside GFI was burnt. The computer modem was toast.

SOCCER ANYONE?

The Ohio State Council this fall is initiating a new Youth Activity - a Soccer Challenge.

And leading that effort is the State Youth Activities Director, who happens to be our own PGK FDD Mike Abfall.

The Soccer Challenge includes a series of special soccer skills for youths who participate. There will be contests on the council, district and regional levels, followed by the State Finals at The Ohio State University, Columbus.

Look for more details in the coming issues of the Ragan Report.

August Birthdays of Brother Knights

James Rafter.....	Aug. 1	William Sexton.....	Aug. 13
Frank Bommer.....	Aug. 3	PGK Frank Konya.....	Aug. 14
Charles Murphy.....	Aug. 3	Ryan O'Connor.....	Aug. 14
Del Novotny.....	Aug. 3	Chris Williams.....	Aug. 15
Ted DeMarco.....	Aug. 4	Mark Hricovec.....	Aug. 16
Michael DiMassa.....	Aug. 6	James Pease.....	Aug. 16
George Drda.....	Aug. 7	Joseph Wysocki.....	Aug. 16
Thomas Sullivan.....	Aug. 8	Owen Haney.....	Aug. 17
Christopher Conrad.....	Aug. 10	Timothy Russell.....	Aug. 17

Council Clambake October 1, 2006

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NO reservations are necessary. Just show up at our K of C Hall on Moore Rd., Avon. Chairman is PGK FDD Mike Abfall. For more information, call him at (440) 937-5338.

Also, any Brother Knights who would be willing to help with serving or cleanup, please give Mike a call. He can use the help!

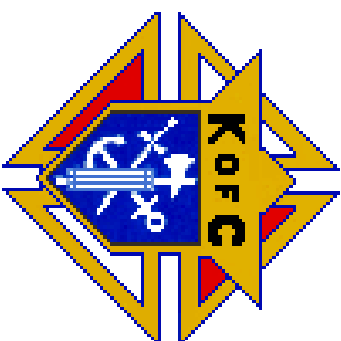
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