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Grand Knight
Bob Schneider



Groundhog Day
February 2nd

Ash Wednesday
February 21st



St Valentine's Day
February 14th



President's Day
February 19th



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////GRAND ////KNIGHT'S ////CORNER

Time can sure go fast or slow. It all depends on what you want to have happen. Like last year. 2006 flew by. Plans for our fraternal year seemed to take place and before I knew it we are half way through the fraternal year. There are several items still left on our programs; the annual Free throw contest on 2-4-07, Third degree in February 18th, the Awards dinner on March 24th , the Easter Egg Hunt, family picnic.

Seemed like just a few months ago that PGK Harding was our Master of Ceremony for the Awards dinner and we were proud to announce the winners. Fraternal Man of the Year Joe Lowe, Volunteer Br. Frank Szendry, Catholic Man Br. George Perz, Roman Klingshirn Br. Tom Dunnegan, Knight of the Year PGK Ken O'Connor, Youth Natalie Cobos, Lady of the Year Barb Krulick, Family Br. Mike and Lisa O'Connor. These people earned their awards. And I still see them at meetings, Bingo, functions, behind the scenes; doing what they all do – Volunteer.

Every year, we hear how many hours are volunteered by the K of C and their Ladies for the good of the Catholic Church and the communities that they live in. Our Council is no exception. Hours and hours are given by Brothers in Father Ragan Council freely. And these hours are not performed only by the Grand Knight or Past Grand Knights or officers. Hundreds of hours are by the “regular guy”, one that does not want to be an officer. But ONE who truly believes that the K of C has a mission and the mission is a good one. And that he wants to be part of making us the great Council that #3269 can be proud of. But ONE that really does not want to stand out in the lime-light.

I have a goal that at each meeting to recognize someone in the Council Chambers that is a new member or one that is returning to become more active. Why? Just to say thanks for being there, for attending the meeting. I want to make sure that there we still support the ONE. We all have the common bond of being part of a larger organization. We can be an active supporter for the Rights of the Unborn.

We can join together to support a member who is going through a tough time. We can share food after the meeting and join in with conversation about an upcoming trip or remember a past party. We can get together to pray for sick member or family member.

If you've noticed the thread that binds us all together is "WE". "WE" do things. "WE" get together to plan. "WE" support the church. "WE" help our kids and families. Now "WE" need to find ONE of us that are the "regular guys", to show them that we see what they are doing. WE need to thank them for being such a strong fiber, within the Council. Holding it together, making it strong. It gives us a chance to say thanks to the ONE that is the important part of WE.

Please plan on attending the Awards Dinner in March. It's FREE. GOOD FOOD. GREAT COMPANY. And it's a nice time to say thanks to the ONE that makes such a difference in the WE that make up OUR Council #3269.

Also this is the time that WE start looking for the next wave of officers to lead our Council into 2008 and beyond. Several of the current officers are going to continue advancing through the ranks. Some are moving on. Some helped out for just this year. This means we need to fill a few spots. Yes it means you have to attend one or two more meetings a month. But what else are you doing? With the technology of TIVO, you won't miss that all important TV show on Thursday night. Some of our meetings are actually fun! Like planning for next years Religious Night, the annual picnic, Avon Lake's Homecoming food, revitalizing fund raisers like a Steak Roast, Polka Night, the Duck Tape Festival float. Think about it. No experience necessary. There are plenty of past officers and PGK's to help train you. Plus the Ohio State Council has training sessions. And if you need to miss a few meetings, well, just ask me about traveling! See DGK John or any of the officers if you think you would like to help.

GK Bob



Help needed for Bingo



Here's another plea for Friday Night Bingo Program help. We need help each and every week. But most importantly, we need help on the Third and Fourth Fridays.

Please Volunteer. Give Brother Don Darkow a call at (440) 937-6784



K of C Free Throw Competition

Grand Knight Bob Schneider is looking for a FEW GOOD MEN to assist him at the annual Free Throw Competition. It is being held Sunday February 4th at St Joseph's gym in Avon Lake. It is easy work. If you can count how many baskets each competitor makes we need you. Scheduled starting time is 6:00 PM. This is a national effort and makes the community more aware of the Knights and what they do.



LOOKING FOR A ROAD TRIP?

PGK Harding Christ is exploring the opportunities that are available for a group excursion to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Headquarters in New Haven Connecticut. The K of C Museum has many different exhibits. These include not only artifacts of our order but other exhibits of general interest.

The current special exhibit has various items representing the Swiss Guard that is celebration 500 years of service guarding the Pope.

For further information or to get on the list of travelers contact PGK Harding at (440) 933-8986.



Attention

In our ongoing effort to recruit new members Br. Scott Gedeon arranged for all the parishes in our area to advertise for us on January 20th + 21st. The parishes agreed to place a flyer in the Sunday bulletin, have an article in the bulletin, or place flyers in a prominent location that provided information about the Knights in general and contact information should they want to ask questions.

Grab a friend and sign him up you'll feel good about it.

Degrees for all levels have been scheduled as follows:

1st + 2nd Degrees

January 28th

Fr. Ragan Candidate call at 1:30 PM with the degree starting at 2:00 PM

February 13th

St Theresa of Avila 1878 Abbe Rd (at Colorado) Sheffield Village, OH Candidate call 7:00 PM Degree at 7:30 PM

3rd Degree

February 18th

Fr. Ragan Candidate call at 1:30 PM with the degree starting at 2:00 PM

Informational Websites

Supreme Council—<http://www.kofc.org/>

State Council— <http://www.kofcoho.org/>

Fr. Ragan Council— <http://www.halls4u.com/>

Money can't buy love, but it sure gets you a great bargaining position

Murphy's Law

February 07

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 28	29	30	31	February 1	2	3
			St Mary's Bingo 	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Business Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo Groundhog Day 	4 th Degree Turnout St. Jude Elyria Bishop Lemmon 
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Super Bowl 			St Mary's Bingo 	7:30 PM Fr Ragan Charitable Trust Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
Free Throw Comp at St. Joes A.L. 8:00 PM 			St. Mary's Bingo Valentines Day 	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Social Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Also on March 13 th 2 nd Degree 7:00 PM @ St Theresa Sheffield 	4 th Degree Turn Out St. Jude Confirmation Bishop Quinn 7 PM 	St. Mary's Bingo Valentines Day 			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sister Ann's Books Final Turn In 	President's Day 	Lt. McManus Assy 4 th Degree Meeting Lorain 8:00 PM 	St. Mary's Bingo ASH WEDNESDAY 	7:30 PM Fr Ragan Officers Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
25	26	27	28	March 1	2	3
10:00 AM St. Joseph Quarterly Communion 	St. Peter N Ridgeville Confirmation 7:30 PM Bishop Quinn 		St. Mary's Bingo 		Fr Ragan Bingo 	
St. Theresa Sheffield 1 PM Bishop Quinn Confirmation 						

March 07

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Daylight Savings Time Begins	 Also on March 13: St Vincent De Paul 7 PM Confirmation Bishop Quinn 	Meeting with the Isabella Guild  4 th Degree Turnout Confirmation St Joseph 7:00 PM Bishop Pinder of Nassau Bahamas 	St Mary's Bingo 	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Social Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	St Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4 th Degree District Mtg 1:30 PM 		Lt. McKanus Assy 4 th Degree Meeting Site TBA 8:00 PM 	St Mary's Bingo 1 st Day of Spring 	7:30 PM Fr Ragan Officers Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	Awards Dinner 7 PM Hor's Douvra's 6 PM Mass 4:30 PM 
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			St Mary's Bingo  St Mary Avon 7:30 PM Confirmation Bishop Quinn 		Fr Ragan Bingo 	



//////**BECOME A 4th** //////**DEGREE** //////**KNIGHT**

The Fourth Degree imparts a lesson on the virtue of patriotism. The primary purpose of this degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship. Local units, called assemblies, draw their members from Knights of Columbus councils. The qualifications for membership in the Fourth Degree are: membership in the Knights for at least one year and being a Third Degree Knight. A Fourth Degree Knight may become part of the assembly's color corps. These members are recognized widely by their distinctive attire of tuxedo, feathered hat (chapeau), cape and sword. These members regularly take part in civic events such as parades and wreath-laying ceremonies, and at ecclesial functions at Catholic churches. The various colored capes and chapeau feathers denote different officer positions within the Fourth Degree. **You do NOT have to buy the full regalia (Cape, Chapeau, Etc.) to join and we can loan you the necessary sword, baldric & gloves for the exemplification.** The next exemplification is scheduled for April 21st in Cleveland. New members are always welcome. Contact Sir Knight and Current Faithful Navigator Frank Szendrey at (440) 365-8518; Dominic (Red) DiLuciano at (440) 934-5766 or any Sir Knight for information on joining.

Scheduled 4th Degree turnouts

Saturday Feb 3rd St Jude Elyria-Bishop Lennon 4:30PM

Tuesday Feb 13th-St Jude Elyria-Confirmation Mass Bishop Quinn
7:00 PM

Sunday February 25th St Theresa Sheffield Village-
Confirmation Bishop Quinn 1:00 PM

Monday February 26th St Peter North Ridgeville-
Confirmation Bishop Quinn 7:30 PM





Meeting 7:00 PM Isabella Guild

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

Isabella News for February

I heard in the news that by this time in January, all of the resolutions we made for the new year have gone by the way-side. Not so -- if your resolution was to be a part of the Isabellas! Our first meeting of 2007 is Tuesday February 13th. We will celebrate our 52nd anniversary that evening with hor'dourves and cake. Remember to bring a wrapped white elephant gift for a game.

As part of the 4th Degree Exemplification this spring the Sir Knights are collecting toiletries for our troops. They need trial sizes only so they are light and the men and women can easily carry them as they travel. They have asked all of us to help them be of assistance to our armed forces.

As you gather up the sample size bottles you have at home, you might find some clothing you no longer need (or your husband shrank it while doing the wash) Bring it along as the homeless shelter can always use more.

Isabella Guild Meetings

Second Tuesdays of the Month

7:00 PM in K of C Hall

February Anniversaries: Bill & Marie Mayton

Feb 18

February Birthdays:

Elaine Cook	2/4
Marian Ertler	2/5
Jeanette Black	2/11
Marilyn Misencik	2/11
Dorothy Schnell	2/13
Beth Schindler	2/23

Deadline Extended on Books for Sister Ann



We have been accumulating books over the past few months for Sister Ann's library project for Ghana. The stack of books collected is growing so well that the turn in deadline has been extended until February 18th. This is to enable those who wanted to donate books but got buried by the holiday work load, to still bring them in. You can drop them off at the hall whenever it is open. This includes the evenings of Wednesday after 5:00 PM (bingo), Thursday after 7:30 PM (KofC Meetings), or Friday after 5:00 PM (bingo).

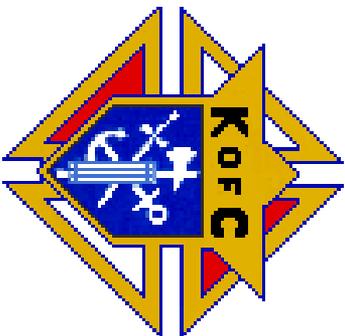
In case you missed the original article it is reprinted below:

We are looking for a few good books. Sister Ann has asked the Father Ragan Council to start collecting books for an Africa Library Project. The books will be sent to Ghana and to towns in that country. We will be collecting good used books in the following categories:

- *Any children's books, fiction or non fiction up to grade 6 reading.*
- *Middle and Secondary school non fiction; science, math, grammar, world history, general interest*
- *Encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs and atlases published after 1980*
- *Non fiction college textbooks*
- *Trade books; carpentry, plumbing, auto mechanics, nutrition, cooking, sewing.*

All books will be delivered to Copley Ohio where they will be sent to Ghana. Let's set a deadline for January 14th, 2007 (Now February 18th) to complete our collection. Check out your attics and basements. This would be a good time to clean up those books and do a good turn for someone.

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