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Grand Knight
Bob Schneider

**FR RAGAN
AWARDS DINNER
MARCH 24, 2007
JOIN US FOR A FUN
FILLED EVENING!**

**HAPPY
ST. PATTY'S
DAY**



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From the GK's Corner

It's almost March. Surely Spring is around the corner. Yet with two feet of snow on the ground and a freezing rain predicted, it's hard to think of warm weather, picnics, walks in the park, planting flowers, etc. With an early Easter this year, April 8th, we can hope that the Easter Flowers perk us up. They are always a sure sign of things warming up. And we hope sooner rather than later.

Please mark your event calendar and save the date March 31st, 2007. We are holding a Steak Fry benefit dinner to help a young girl and her family. Dinners and money don't always help, but prayers and actions can help; for those that we are helping and ourselves.

Our Awards Evening will be another nice event. We have the honor to be able to thank our Brothers Knights and Isabella's that have helped make Father Ragan Council something that we can all be proud of. Join with us as we thank this year's winners. Please note that unlike years past, there will be no Mass prior to the event.

Brother Rob Schneider (My Son) has weathered 6 weeks of Marine basic training. He sends his hello's and will stop in once he completes BC (boot camp)

If anyone wants to write him, his address is:

RCT Schneider

PLT 3026 3rd Bn I Co

Box 13026

Parris Island, SC 29905-3026

Father Pascal brought in his newly re-plated Chalice at the February 15th meeting. Father Ragan Council paid for the work in appreciation for Father Pascal's 25 years of service to the Catholic Church.

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The detail in the silver scenes that surrounded the cup, were exquisite. Father talked about with the Chalice and its history. He will use it for special occasions. PGK Jim Bruder is also fabricating an absolutely beautiful wooden case for storing the chalice. The old case looked like an 1873 steamer trunk that had made one too many trips across the Atlantic in the bilge of the ship.

And lastly, as Spring approaches, the annual Family Picnic is in need of a chairman. This event has changed so many times from a one day event, to two days. Bon fires, campouts, hay rides, pony rides, Saturday or Sunday Mass. Basically what ever you want. But we need a chairman to bring it all together. There are many past chairman that can provide direction and suggestions on how to do it. Give it a try, you'll like it.

Grand Knight Bob

Hoopsters Move on to the Next Level



We had some of the area's best shooters at St. Joe's gym on the eve of the Super Bowl. They came, they warmed up, they shot. It was nice to see that one from every age groups of both boys and girls made the effort. They all went on to the district throws at St. Joseph's Amherst. Brothers Mike O'Connor and his son Patrick, Brothers Rob

Garrett, Joe Lowe and DGK John Hricovec all helped with this years event. My thanks goes out for their assistance not only at this event, but also for the many other jobs they do for our Council.

Again this year the Father Ragan Charitable Trust is offering a limited number of scholarships to individuals entering either a Catholic High School, Trade School or College in the fall of 2007. Listed below are the prerequisites

2007 Father Ragan Scholarship

Application Guide Lines



The Father Ragan Council #3269 will again offer Catholic High School and College/Technical School scholarships for the start of the 2007/08 school year.

Applications will be available at the Hall during meetings or if the Hall is open by an officer of the Father Ragan Council. (Meetings 1st thru 4th Thursdays)

The applicant must be sponsored by Knight of Father Ragan Council, 3269, in good standing . The applicant must be a child or grandchild of the member. The applicant may also be a Knight himself.

The scholarship award is a one (1) time event. Applicants can, however, receive one award for High School and One Award for College. Award must be used as payment of tuition for the upcoming school year. Winners of previous Father Ragan scholarships are not eligible subject to the above.

The deadline for returning the applications is May 7, 2007.

Applications are to be mailed or delivered to Mike Cobos 33376 Charleston Ave. Avon Lake Ohio 44012 by 5/22/06.

Notice of award will be by telephone.

It is highly recommended that winners and their families join us at a pancake breakfast benefiting the Pro-Life Campaign. This event will be held at approximately 9:00 AM on May 20, 2007 at Father Ragan Council Hall 1780 Moore Rd Avon, OH. A basket for a FREE WILL Offering, in support of the pro-life effort, will be will be available.

Participants & their families are welcome at Fr. Ragan's Quarterly Communion at 8:00 AM Mass - St. Mary's Avon OH.

A special meeting of the Foundation is scheduled for Tuesday May 8th to review the applications for the scholarship. All members are invited to attend.

4th Degree News - Lt. Francis McManus Assembly



- Tuesday March 13th St Joseph Avon Lake
7:00 PM Confirmation Bishop Pinder from Nassau
Bahamas.
- Tuesday March 13th St Vincent DePaul Elyria
7:00 PM Confirmation Bishop Quinn
- Sunday March 18th St Joseph Avon Lake
10:00 AM Mass Bishop Lennon
- Monday March 19th St Joseph Amherst
7:00 PM Confirmation Bishop Lennon
- Wednesday March 28th St Mary's Avon 7:30 PM Confirmation
Bishop Quinn
- *Date & Time Unknown at Press Time - St Joseph Amherst -
Amherst Council Quarterly Communion*
- **Sunday March 18th at Fr Ragan Council Avon, 4th Degree Dis-
trict Meeting 1:30 PM (Workers needed)**
- **Note:** Attention Sir Knights - Lt. McManus Assembly's March
Meeting will be held at Fr. Ragan Council on March 20th at 8:00
PM. This replaces the meeting originally scheduled for North
Ridgeville Council.

**Be sure to mark on your calendars----the Fourth
Degree Exemplification is scheduled for April
20th & 21st 2007. This years event will be held
at the**

**Hilton Hotel
3663 Park East Drive
Beachwood, OH 44122
Phone 216-464-5950**

**Candidate registration will be 7--9 PM on Friday April
20th and 8:00--9:30 AM on Saturday April 21, 2007**

AWARDS NIGHT COMING UP

SAVE THE DATE — MARCH 24, 2007

6:00 PM HOR'DDOURVES & DESERTS IN LARGE HALL



The annual awards night is coming up and we hope that you can join us for an evening of fun. All of your friends will be there, and maybe you can make some new ones. As we did last year, we are providing hor'dourves, deserts and beverages (no meal). The Isabella s are

assisting us with the deserts etc. If you were at their Christmas Party, the center table was overflowing with many savory delights. This could be the best reason to attend!

Why we have this Awards Night is to honor those members of our Council who, by their dedication and hard work over the past year, have made Fr. Ragan one of the best councils, socially, spiritually and fraternally in Northern Ohio. Please make every effort to help us thank our friends and Brother Knights who have done that little extra this past year.



ADDITIONAL AWARDS NIGHT

INFORMATION

There will be a "**Special**" *Pre-Honors Banquet* Party on the morning of March 24, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

This party is to set up the hall for the nights events. **Coffee + Doughnuts** will be served, work will be involved but if we get enough help we can knock this out in a half hour. Come on down and get your daily exercise while helping out. You could



Attention All Bingo Workers

If you don't see your name on the following form, then either we missed you or we haven't received your phone call. Father Ragan Council is trying to re-establish the Bingo teams and captains for the Friday Night Bingo. This form will provide an exact weekly work schedule so that we don't have 6 instant sellers one week and 2 the next. Please review our initial organization of the "list" If you feel that you could work 1 week per month, even if it is for a few hours, please contact Don Darkow, Bill Bommer or Bob Schneider with your day. We are even interested in a volunteer list of those that can work when someone is on vacation.

Please remember that a large percentage of the money that is donated to our churches, schools and scholarships is earned through our bingo efforts. The bingo workers want to thank you in advance for your phone calls to volunteer. As the Army advertises, We are looking for "One" good man.

Father Ragan Council FRIDAY Bingo Teams			
1st week		3rd Week	
Bob Booth	Caller	Patty Aflan	Caller
Bill Bommer	Captain	_____	Captain
Al Bommer	Payoff	_____	Payoff
_____	Cookie Jar	_____	Cookie Jar
Don Darkow	IS	Bob Vielhaber	IS
Bob Vielhaber	IS	Mark Pescharcik	IS
Bernie Bruder	IS	Fred Metz	IS
Frank Bommer	-Banker	Leon Krulik	Banker
Kitchen		Kitchen	
Bob/Chris Schneider		St. Mary's School	
Ken O'Connor		Ralph/Gerry Wearsch	

BINGO-BINGO-BINGO-BINGO-BINGO-BINGO-BINGO-BINGO-BINGO

2nd Week	4th Week
Bob Booth Caller _____ Captain _____ Payoff _____ Cookie Jar	John Langdon / Bob Booth Caller _____ Captain _____ Payoff _____ Cookie Jar
Bob Schneider IS Bob Vielhaber IS Mark Pottiger IS Mike O'Connor IS Bob Banker Banker	Rob Garrett IS Mark Pottiger IS Bob Vielhaber IS Joe Greiner IS Bob Banker Banker
Kitchen	Kitchen
Mike and Donna Cobos	Freida Pastor
5th	Week
Bob Booth Caller _____ Captain _____ Payoff _____ Cookie Jar	Rob Garrett 933-7898 Bob Schneider 933-2469 Don Darkow 937-6784 Frank Szendrey 365-8518 Bob Uszak 937-5658 Bob Vielhaber 963-0747
Bob Schneider IS Joe Greiner IS _____ IS Bob Banker Banker	Ted Schmitz Banker
Kitchen - Cy and Mary Bliss	

State Raffle Calendar

**Feeling Lucky? Do you want a chance to win some big bucks?
How about helping our Council earn some money?**

**The Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus is starting the
2007 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Raffle.**

The prizes are all cash.

1 st place \$49,680 – payable at \$414/month for 10 years	6 th place \$2,000
2 nd place \$18,780 – payable at \$313/month for 5 years	7 th place \$2,000
3 rd place \$12,720 – payable at \$212/month for 5 years	8 th /11 th place \$1,500
4 th place \$4,000	12 th –15 th place \$1,250
5 th place \$3,000	16 th /20 th place \$1,000

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary - that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary - an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy - the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to talking with each of you.

Mike Radca - KofC Insurance Agent

Member of Fr. Ragan Council

(440) 926-3806


























Campaign Begins

First turn in is April 16th. Final turn in is May 18th. The drawing will be at the State Convention. This year it is to be held at the Cleveland Renaissance Hotel on May 25, at 9:30 PM.


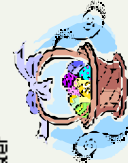

This is a chance for our Council to earn \$2.40 profit from every ticket sold. Each ticket is \$5.00. We would like to sell 564 tickets, which is one for every active member. But how about 3 tickets per member for a total of 1128 tickets sold? This would help the Council's bank balance to a total of \$2,700!

It's should be that easy to sell 3 tickets each. Let's give it a try. Tickets will be available at each meeting.

Turn in will be to GK Bob Schneider.

March 07						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 25	26	27	28	March 1	2	3
			St Mary's Bingo 	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Business Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			St Mary's Bingo 	7:30 PM Fr Ragan Charitable Trust Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Savings Time Begins 	 Also on March 13 St Vincent DePaul 7 PM Confirmation Bishop Quinn 	 Isabella Guild 4 th Degree Turnout Confirmation St Joseph 7:00PM Bishop Pinder of Nassau Baha mtg 	St Mary's Bingo 	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Social Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	St Patrick's Day  Good Luck!
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00 AM Bishop Lennon Mass @ St Joseph Avon Lake 	St Joseph Amherst Confirmation 7:00 PM Bishop Lennon 	Lt. McManus Assy 4 th Degree Meeting @ Fr Ragan 8:00 PM 	St Mary's Bingo 1 st Day of Spring 	7:30 PM Fr Ragan Officers Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	Awards Night Hor's Drovers 6 PM  
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
4 th Degree District Mtg 1:30 PM 			St Mary's Bingo  St Mary Avon 7:30 PM Confirmation Bishop Quinn 		Fr Ragan Bingo 	BENEFIT STEAK DINNER FOR SOPHIA  

April 07

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 1 Palm Sundry 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Easter 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 St Mary Elyna 1:00 PM Confirmation Bishop Quirm 	30	May 1	2	3	4	5

Cold - Snow, Don't Stop 3rd Degree

Mother Nature did her best to provide obstacles to the 3rd Degree held February 18, 2007 at our Council.

Many of the team members had to drive a considerable distance in less than favorable conditions to put on the degree.

Candidates too were affected and a few did miss the action.

All this was compounded by the monster snow storm of February 13th & 14th. A scheduled 1st & 2nd Degree at St. Thomas in Sheffield Lake was scheduled for the 13th but had to be cancelled. There were several candidates that intended to make their second degree and a few newbies that had intended to make both degrees, 1st & 2nd. Obviously these candidates had been planning to attend the 3rd Degree on the 18th. District Deputy Dale Kirsch & GK Bob Schneider both promised a rapid rescheduling of the 1st & 2nd degrees and perhaps a road trip to Cleveland to finish the trifecta.

The day wasn't a total bust as 22 men from Lorain and Western Cuyahoga County did successfully complete the Degree. Congrats to the following members of Fr Ragan Council: Paul Green, Rob Garrett, Bob Uszak, Leo Citro & Fred Metz. The good news was that there was plenty of the fantastic dinner no matter how big your appetite. This was all achieved under the direction of our DGK John Hricovec and Tom's Country Place. The French Bread, Ham, Parsley Potatoes & Corn, were just part of this feast. I don't eat that well at home a lot of the time. For those of you who missed it, we look forward to sharing a meal next time we gather for a degree.

Helpers included both our GK & DGK along with DD Dale Kirsch, PGK Harding Christ, Rich Bencal, Joe Lowe, PGK Ken O'Connor, PGK Vic Sedivec, Mike Moore, Bob Booth, PGK Joe Greiner, & PGK Jim Bruder.

Brother Joe Christopher came to work and ended up participating in the degree as one of the guards.

This degree is a beautiful and fitting conclusion to the three foundation degrees of our order. All Brother Knights should strive for their own completion of the third degree.

One of the benefits of becoming a third degree member is that you become eligible to serve as an officer of the council. (See following article)

We did miss the guidance of our moral leader, PGK Cy Bliss, who had deserted us, going to Florida with Mary. We'll see them when the grass starts growing.

Elections are Coming, Elections are Coming!

As we mentioned in the preceding article, council elections are just around the corner. Several positions remain open with varying amounts of responsibility. We hope to see some of our new 3rd degree members step forward to help. Its easy, everyone in the Council will help you and show you the ropes. (Not that we stay inside the ropes anyhow)

There must be three readings of nominees beginning at the Social Meeting in May. If interested or if you need more information, contact any of the current officers.

You will get as much satisfaction **OUT** of the Council directly in proportion to the involvement you put **IN**. Give it a try.

Snowed out 1st & 2nd Degrees Rescheduled

The snow knocked us out of a first and second degree at St. Teresa's on February 14th. Father Franco felt the roads were too bad to risk holding the degree. DD Dale Kirsch has discussed a rescheduling and Father Franco selected March 18th to make up both degrees. St. Teresa's might be the next new church based council if all goes well. This degree is open to all potential members. So if you know someone interested in joining, please bring them. Twelve men had originally indicated that they would attend the degrees but we need more. If you know someone from church, bring them. If you know the next door neighbor, bring them. If you know, Get the idea? **ASK SOMEONE TO BECOME A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS.** Don't keep the membership a secret!



Anniversary

Thomas & Patricia Kruman 3/19

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Glen	Allen	3/1	3/1/44
James	Judge	3/1	3/1/61
George	Kepic	3/1	3/1/23
John	Chinchar	3/3	3/3/62
Jeffrey	Kerr	3/5	3/5/55
William	Roman	3/5	3/5/43
Michael	Wrobel	3/6	3/6/49
Joseph	Lowe	3/8	3/8/32
Leonard	Gannelli	3/10	3/10/53
Tom	Steigerwalt	3/10	3/10/77
William	Damm	3/11	3/11/70
Vincent	Tramontana	3/11	3/11/50
James	Marsh	3/12	3/12/43
Robert	Novotny	3/13	3/13/60
Joseph	Lach	3/15	3/15/27
Larry	Mumford	3/16	3/16/42
Robert	Schlachter	3/16	3/16/33
James	Stringer	3/21	3/21/66
William	Bommer	3/22	3/22/26
James	Czarney	3/22	3/22/49
Edward	Bommer	3/23	3/23/30
Gerard	Gonda	3/24	3/24/53
Cornelius	Whitford	3/24	3/24/64
James	Aschenbrener	3/25	3/25/40
Robert	De Chant	3/25	3/25/25
Jerald	Rakvic	3/26	3/26/48
Victor	Zaborowski	3/26	3/26/41
Allan	Klingshirn	3/27	3/27/28
Edward	Snahnican	3/27	3/27/52
Bernard	Bruder	3/30	3/30/39

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Welcome

I've got to apologize to all the new members of Father Ragan Council. I kind of lost track of you and have not OFFICIALLY welcomed you to our Council. Whether you are a new Brother Knight, a returning veteran, or a transfer from another Council, we appreciate your efforts to join us.

Don't be strangers, come to our meetings, get active in Council Events, and express your ideas. We need and value your input. Listed below are the men who have joined us in the past few months.

Leo Citro

Mike Craig

Al Feronti

Bob Garrett

Brendan Mackin

Fred Metz

Kevin Nowak

John Stanley

Mike Stock

Bob Uszak

Herman Wearsch

Famous ??? Quotes

"Half this game is ninety percent mental."

- Yogi Berra

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them."

- Mark Twain (1835-1910)

"You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there."

- Yogi Berra

Are You Willing to Help a Very Sick Youngster?

We were saddened to learn about a little 3 year old girl named Sophia Quayle who was just diagnosed with brain cancer. Her parents, Mark and Emily are members of Holy Spirit Church and are neighbors of our Advocate Scott Gideon. From the sketchy information that we have learned, she was diagnosed last week. The cancer is growing around her brain stem and is not operable. The parents also have a 7 month baby girl named Sarah. Because of the seriousness of the illness, the father will take off work to stay with the family and pursue other medical options.

When we heard this sad story, we as Knights of Columbus, like our founder, Father McGivney, wanted, no needed, to do something.

DGK John Hricovec immediately offered to help and will be organizing the first fund raiser to help Sophia's medical bills. Brother Bill Hricovec of Tom's Country Place will also be involved by getting us the steaks. Whistlers Ice Cream will provide the deserts.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday March 31st for this most important event. **All profits will be given to the family.** Please check out the dinner advertisement and menu and then decide for yourself if you too can help someone in our Catholic community by attending and showing support.

Prayers are also very much needed and appreciated. As we all know, miracles can happen.

Brother Scott Gideon will also chair a second benefit dinner later this year. Scott's wife is expecting any time but did not want to delay this first response.

Keep Watching your Ragan Report's for further details and progress.

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Benefit Dinner for Sophia Quayle

When: Saturday March 31st, 2007.

Where: Father Ragan Council

Time: 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM

**Menu: 12 oz. Strip steak, potatoes, French bread,
Corn on the Cob, and Salad**

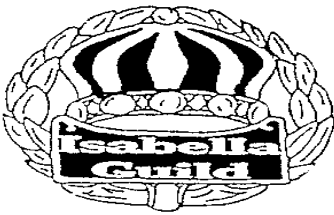
Desert: Whistler's Ice Cream—Cones and Cups

Kids Menu: Hamburger or hot dog

Adult \$15.00 per person

Kids Menu \$5.00

Gentlemen, DGK John has stepped forward to get this project moving. He cannot do this alone. If you can help please do. Large or small efforts are appreciated. Any help we get makes it easier on everyone. Come and be a part of making this worthwhile event a huge success



Isabella Guild

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

Due to the snow and cold, the Isabellas celebrated their 52nd anniversary a week later than usual in February. The tasty appetizers, chocolate fountain, and cake helped to make for a memorable Fat Tuesday. In future years the anniversary will be celebrated in June so that bad weather will not keep members from attending, and our snowbirds should be back north.

March and April meetings will have programs that will be both interesting and informative. On Tuesday, March 13th Gerda VanThoor will demonstrate how she makes handmade greeting cards. She gets her supplies from her home country of Holland. There will also be a selection of cards available for purchase. Save room for pizza!

Our April 10th meeting will feature a physical therapist who will talk to us about health issues of interest. Hope to see you at both meetings!

AWARDS NIGHT

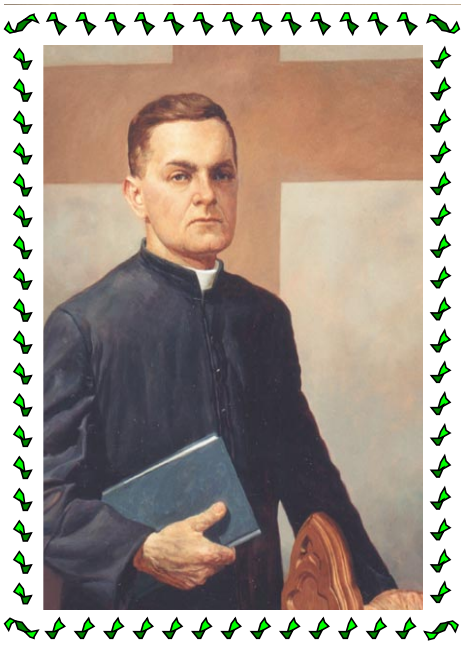
Join us on Saturday, March 24th for the presentation of awards to deserving Knights and Isabellas. The program will start at 6:00 PM at the K of C Hall. The Isabellas have volunteered to bring appetizers and desserts for the evening. Please call Mary Jane Morog (937-5283) and let her know what you will be bringing. This is a good time to let our members know how much we appreciate their work and

MARCH'S BIRTHDAY GIRLS

Natalie Treece	3-Mar	Marlene Lapushansky	16-Mar
Eddie Guthrie	5-Mar	Bobbie Bruder	21-Mar
MaryEllen Kall	8-Mar	Paula Farnner	29-Mar
Caitlyn Baird	9-Mar	Gerry Perusek	29-Mar

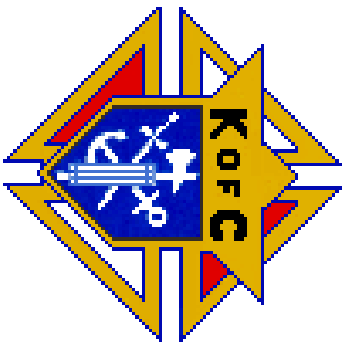
Recent Miracle Attributed to Fr. McGivney

A report has recently been released that a new miracle has been attributed to the intervention of Father Michael J. McGivney founder of the Knights of Columbus.



There was recently a situation that found Brother **Mike Moore** unable to get his key to open the office door. **PGK Jimmy Bruder** was asked for assistance and proceeded to immediately open the office door. Realizing that there is no way on earth that PGK Bruder could accomplish a task that the highly trained and supremely intelligent Brother Moore could not, it was immediately proclaimed a miracle. There are plans to notify the Vatican.

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Early Birds start 7 P.M.

Bonanza \$1,000 Coverall Instant

