

# Ragan Report



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## Flag Disposal Ceremony Flag Day June 14th 2010



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## We're working on it...

The committee charged with determining what the council would do with the donation from our Isabella Guild has acquired an outdoor statue of the Blessed Virgin. They have begun preparing the permanent display by pouring a concrete slab in the front of our hall. Below are some photos of the project



Tom Michelich & Dan Pulit work on getting the back fill set properly.



I wasn't worried that Tom knew how to run that transit, but after a few of those Miller Lights (right foreground) I worry about the final grade.



Jim Bruder & Cy Bliss work on getting the drainage

**This Thursday, July 1st**  
is the first Thursday of the  
Month. Plan to attend our  
Business Meeting and show  
your support of our new  
Grand Knight and his fellow  
officers

## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

FIRST, LET ME THANK THE MEMBERS OF FR RAGAN COUNCIL FOR THE HONOR TO SERVE AS GRAND KNIGHT. IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE AND APPRECIATION THAT I ACCEPT THIS DUTY. I THANK MY WIFE KARI FOR ALLOWING ME TO ACCEPT THE GRAND KNIGHT JOB, AS SHE WILL PROBABLY PUT AS MUCH TIME AND EXTRA WORK IN AS I WILL.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR MOST RECENT PAST GRAND KNIGHT MIKE MOORE. THE JOB MIKE DID, AS GRAND KNIGHT, WAS NOT AN EASY ONE. TAKING ON THE TASK OF GETTING OUR COUNCIL FREE OF DEBT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, BUT HARD HEADED LITTLE MIKEY PUT HIS MIND TO IT AND IT GOT DONE. I COMMEND ALL OF THE KNIGHTS WHO SUPPORTED HIM, THROUGH COUNCIL FUNCTIONS, SETTING AND CLEANING THE HALL, AND WHEREVER ELSE THE MONEY CAME FROM. MIKE'S WORK HAS EARNED HIM THE RESPECT OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, AND ALSO RAISED A FEW EYEBROWS AT THE STATE LEVEL. I AM PERSONALLY PROUD OF THE FRIENDSHIP MIKEY AND I HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE.

OVER THE COURSE OF THE FRATERNAL YEAR, I WILL RELY ON ALL OF THE PAST GRAND KNIGHTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE. YOUR EXPERIENCE FROM HAVING SERVED AS GRAND KNIGHT MAKES THE OFFICERS AND THE MEMBERSHIP LOOK TO YOU AS THE BRAINS OF THE OPERATION. I WISH I HAD TIME TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF THE PAST GRAND KNIGHTS, BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WRITE A BOOK. I WOULD HOWEVER LIKE TO RECOGNIZE BOTH OF MY GRAND FATHERS WHO ARE PAST GRAND KNIGHTS. PGK TOM HRICOVEC SR WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE FR RAGAN COUNCIL, AND A MEMBER OF ST MARY IMMACULATE. HE WAS A VEGETABLE FARMER ON STONEY RIDGE RD IN AVON BEFORE STARTING TOM'S COUNTRY PLACE ON HIS FARM IN 1959. HE USED HIS INFLUENCE AS A CATHOLIC MAN IN A SMALL FARM COMMUNITY TO RECRUIT KOFC MEMBERS FROM ST MARY'S. MY OTHER GRAND FATHER ADAM AB-FALL JR ALSO SERVED FR RAGAN COUNCIL AS GRAND KNIGHT. HE ALSO WAS A LOCAL FARMER, AND A MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY. HE WAS THE PROUD FATHER OF 16 KIDS. HIS WIFE ROSE HAS ALSO BEEN AN ACTIVE ISABELLA FOR MANY YEARS. I AM FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD GOOD GRAND PARENTS AND PARENTS RAISE ME WITH THE KOFC AS PART OF MY LIFE. I BELIEVE THE WORK WE DO AS KNIGHTS FOR OUR CHURCHES AND OUR COMMUNITIES MAKES US BETTER PEOPLE.

I WILL BE GETTING TO WORK RIGHT AWAY WITH THE OFFICERS TO GET A FIRST DEGREE SCHEDULED, POSSIBLY AS SOON AS OCTOBER. NEW MEMBERS ARE KEY TO KEEPING OUR COUNCIL VIBRANT. THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF CATHOLIC MEN IN AVON AND AVON LAKE, JUST ASK THEM TO JOIN.

VIVAT JESUS  
GK JOHN HRICOVEC



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## Special Honors for Two Great Guys

For many years, two individuals have worked behind the scenes helping out and supporting Father Ragan Council and the Father Ragan Charitable Foundation. Ray & Mike Gilles of Ray's Auto & Truck Service on the corner of Moore Road and Colorado Ave. deserve the gratitude of all of our members.

In addition to participating in and patronizing various council events, and providing door prizes for events whether or not they are able to attend, they have made sure that the snow has been removed from our parking lot. Considering all of the Council activities, our Isabella Guild activities, our Charitable Foundation's Friday night bingo, and the various other rentals throughout the year, Ray & Mike have provided service above and beyond what anyone would expect.

Knowing that neither of them wished to be in the spotlight, and figuring that getting them to a meeting after working long hours at their shop would be near impossible, a group of senior members of Father Ragan caught up with them at their garage and presented them with the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of all they do and with the grateful thanks of all of their Brother Knights.

If you get a chance stop by their shop and let them know how much they are appreciated. You will not find two men more humble yet deserving of your appreciation.

### **Presentation of the Fr. Ragan Lifetime Achievement Award to Ray & Mike Gilles**



*PGK Harding Christ, Dom DiLuciano, PGK Tom Czarney, PGK Jim Bruder, Tom Michelich, Ray Gilles, Mike Gilles, PGK Mike Moore, PGK Dan Pulit, PGK Cy Bliss, PGK Vic Sedivec*



# Member / Guest Council Picnic & Camp Out Saturday—Sunday July 17th & 18th

Planned Activities- Games will be held throughout the 2 days. There will also be volleyball and baseball if enough people join us! If it's warm, there will be water activities such as water balloon fights!

Time- The bonfire will start anytime after 6 pm.

Provided- Boy Scouts will cook burgers and hotdogs the first night, S'mores, games and prizes will be provided. We are hoping to have Mass Saturday or Sunday at Father's discretion.

What people need to bring- If you are staying the night, you can bring a tent or a camper to sleep in. If it rains, we can sleep in the hall or in our cars. It would be a big help to us if people could bring a side-dish or dessert! Drinks and music will be provided!

Contact- Mike Cobos at 440-396-5594 or [mcobos@mail.com](mailto:mcobos@mail.com). He can also be contacted at [mike@cobosinsurance.net](mailto:mike@cobosinsurance.net).

Bring your children, grandchildren, anyone you want! We are hoping this will be a great turnout! We hope to see you there!

## Kodiak Construction Comes to the Rescue

After reading my previous article about the site preparation for the concrete slab for the statue of the Blessed Virgin, and the skill level of the volunteer workers doing the job, Tom & Bill Hricovec representing Kodiak Construction, came to the rescue. As you can see from the following photos, the supervisors outnumber the workers. Fortunately this allowed the task to be completed twice as fast, as the "helpers." didn't get in the way

Tom Michelich tells Tom Hricovec how to run the float

Tom Hricovec, with trowel, and Billy Hricovec work the concrete. Jim Bruder is standing on the wire mesh to keep it from jumping out of the form. Tom Michelich, Dan Pulit, & Cy Bliss have assumed the supervisory position



Despite the volunteer help the finished product looks great.

