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Congratulations PGK Harding Christ

Ohio State Council

2011 Knight of the Year

For the second year in a row the Ohio State Council has chosen a member of Fr. Ragan Council as their STATE Knight of the Year.

The award was presented at the State Convention in Columbus Ohio over Memorial Day Weekend. Congratulations to PGK Harding.



Some people should not be allowed to shop in a Mexican straw market with a woman's supervision

See the Lake Erie Crushers in Style From a Loge

The ladies of Fr. Ragan's Isabella Guild are again selling raffle tickets that will provide the winner with 12 seats at the Lake Erie Crushers game on Friday July 1st.

Watch as the Crushers take on the Gateway Grizzlies from the comfort of the City of Avon Loge . You will have in addition to the 12 game tickets, a parking pass and as always at Friday Night games—Fireworks will follow the game.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 and can be obtained by calling Fran Sikora at 937-5507 or Mary Jane Morog at 937-5283.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the 4th Degree Fish Fry on Saturday June 18th. Proceeds are used for scholarships and community services.

Essay Contest Winners Announced

The Fr. Ragan Council Essay Contest for 8th Graders is now complete. This year's theme was "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society". Congratulations to the winners and a big thank-you to our judges this year: Scott Gedeon, Gerry Berger, Paul and Colleen Nelson, Katie Nelson, and Laurann Collins.

Hanleigh Heinzmann	St. Joseph	1 st Place
Samuel Provenzale	St. Mary	2 nd Place
Noah Kuemerle	St. Joseph	3 rd Place

Joseph Tamesis	St. Mary	Honorable Mention
Adam Jankowski	St. Joseph	Honorable Mention

Regards,
Mike Collins-Youth Director

Right to Life Corner

by Bob Trunk, RTL Chairman

Brothers,

Let us be resolute and stand with our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, and the entire order, that we will make this coming council fraternal year a Pro-life year. Let us defend the Unborn, the elderly at risk of being put to death by apparent well meaning do-gooders who say they are only interested in taking away their suffering. Let us remember that while suffering is inherently evil of itself, if offered to God in union with his suffering on the cross, God is pleased with such an offering. As Catholics we believe suffering has a redeeming quality.....it is our obligation as faithful Catholics to suffer with our Lord. We are not greater than the master!

Please join with your fellow knights and fight the good fight. All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. These are "sins of omission" for those who remember their catechism days. If you see an opportunity to defend life in public or within your own family don't stand idly by.

Finally brothers, let us remember President Obama and all leaders of our Government in our prayers.

**Election of Council Officers for the
2011-2012 Fraternal Year
This Thursday June 2nd 2011 Plan to attend.**

Scholarship Breakfast follows Quarterly Communion

As is our custom, the final Quarterly Communion of the Fraternal Year is held at St Mary's Church in Avon. Following Mass Knights and their families returned to the council hall for a great breakfast and the presentation of scholarships for those worthy applicants attending Catholic High Schools or a College or University.

A special thanks goes out to our head chef GK John Hricovec for the fine food.

The scholarships are made possible by the Fr. Ragan Charitable Foundation, with proceeds from their weekly bingo sessions, and the Ladies of the Fr Ragan Isabella Guild, with funds generated by various fund raisers and their annual Tea Party. We thank all the dedicated workers and volunteers who support these organizations throughout the year for making these scholarships possible.

We also congratulate this year's winners.

Grand Knights Message

June 2011

Special congratulations this month to PGK Harding Christ. Harding received the highest honor of the Knights of Columbus this weekend at the State convention, where he was awarded the Knight of the Year for the State of Ohio. The very much deserved award is the second consecutive State Knight of the Year for a Fr Ragan Council member. PGK Jim Bruder won the award last year. The award is a testament to the truly great men of Fr Ragan Council.

Something else to be proud of this month is the success of the annual Measure Up campaign to benefit Developmentally Disabled. Under the leadership of PGK Dan Pulit, members of our council raised over \$7500.00. Collections were made at Wal-Mart in Avon, and our 4 parishes over 2 weekends. The proceeds will go to 3 different organizations. \$1000.00 will be given to the Positive Education Program to sponsor a Valentines Day Prom for High School age kids with disabilities. The balance of the money will be divided between Julie Billiard School and Font Bonne home. Julie Billiard is a school operated by the Sisters of Notre Dame where children with different levels of disabilities can learn at their own pace. Font Bonne is the home of Br Ted Kocab, which has lost most of its government support. The caretakers who used to work there, now volunteer their time due to a lack of funds. We should be proud that we are able to help "Our Own" with our works of charity. We are also fortunate so many people were so generous with their donations this year. Thank You to all who helped make this a success.

Vivat Jesus,

GK John Hricovec

Scholarship Winners

Adrianna Davies
Spencer Weidig
Marcus Rodriguez
Megan Hricovec

Elyria Catholic High
St. Edward's High
Elyria Catholic High
Magnificat High

Bryce Stewart
Adriane Sikora
Dominic Sikora
Natalie Cobos
Robert Pesarchick
Christian Pesarchick
Jennifer Misencik
Dan Darkow
Matthew Darkow

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