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Happy Easter!



Habemus Papam

Grand Knight Report...

With the words "Habemus Papam", Pope Francis became the spiritual leader of 1.2 billion Catholics. He has many challenges ahead of him as he begins his journey to lead the Church's faithful. He is the first Pope from South America, where millions of Catholics reside.

Fr. Tim O'Connor, Pastor of St. Joseph Church, will be missed by it's members as he will be leaving in the next 2 1/2 months to become the Pastor of St. Vincent Church in downtown Akron. Fr. Tim is a member of our Council and we wish him good luck and thank him for his support of the Knights.

Deacon Terry Grachanin will be ordained a priest in Cleveland on Saturday, May 18 by Bishop Lennon. Terry, who is also a member of our Council, will celebrate his first Mass at Holy Spirit Church at 2 PM on Sunday, May 19. If you have no plans for that afternoon, please help to support Deacon Terry by attending this Mass.

Remember in your prayers the soul of John McConley. John had been a member of Fr. Ragan Council for several years and the 4th Degree members of our Council knew him from Lt. McManus Assembly. Let's keep his family in our prayers.

PGK Tom Bruner recently emailed me to relate fond memories of Fr. Ragan Council. He saw the pictures of our August Picnic that PGK Ted Schmitz planned. Like a boomerang, positive responses from the picnic keep coming back to our Council.

On Saturday, April 13 at 6 PM we will have the Awards Dinner for the Lady Isabella's and our Council. It is a yearly appreciation for all the support and effort that the members have given to those groups and to the community. The basic tenet of Catholicism is charity and both groups strive to raise funds to help those in need and to raise money for scholarships for our youth. Both groups have met to receive input from members to present awards to those who merit special recognition for their effort in the past year. It starts at 6 PM with hors d'oeuvres, dinner to follow and then the presentation of awards. Please join us for a great evening. PGK John Hricovec will prepare the meal, but we need to know how many will attend. Please email me at rgarrettjr72@yahoo.com, call at 440-933-7898 or let me know at the next meeting. Please make reservations by Thursday, April 11.

The Pre St. Patti's Day Party was a lot of fun. PGK Jim Bruder's son-in-law's band entertained the partiers and PGK John Hricovec prepared the corned beef dinners. This great fundraiser was Deputy Grand Knight John Wesner's idea with PGK Vic Sedivec furnishing beer & gifts for raffles. Thanks to the Isabella ladies for providing additional beautiful gifts for raffle. John & Vic's next endeavor is a Cinco de Mayo party on May 4th. Further details will be forthcoming.

Super Cash Bonanza tickets have been sent out to most of the members. 1st prize is \$414 per month for 10 years. There are 24 other prizes as this raises money for the Council to use for charitable events. John Pabin, our Campaign Chairman, has also involved the parochial schools for their benefit. The first turn-in is April 8th, so do your best to get those tickets to John by that date to insure that we receive a little bonus. May 13 is the final turn-in date. A portion of this money goes to seminarians who need your support. Thank you!

PGK Dan Pulit will once again be asking for volunteers to raise money for Measure Up at their churches. We will not be collecting at WalMart due to the construction there. Dan needs your assistance before & after Masses and he will announce collection dates at the next meeting.

To finish up here, we want to welcome Ted (Terry) Tobin to Fr. Ragan Council. Ted was in the Marines and his wife is expecting a baby in a few months. Jim St. John is at Avon Oaks Nursing Home according to his wife Eleanor. It would be nice to visit him. Congratulations to Nolan Meehan, son of Brother Tom Meehan as he won the Regional Free Throw contest for 14 year olds. On Saturday, March 16 he placed 3rd in the State, losing to a contestant who was perfect at the foul line. Nolan has a nice fluid motion and we thank him for doing well.

Vivat Jesus, Grand Knight Robert Garrett Jr.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Council's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Holy Saturday, March 30th. Over 40 children and their families participated in this year's event.



PGK Fred Metz gives final instructions to the Easter egg hunters.

Awards Banquet

Plans are underway for the annual Fr. Ragan Council Award's Banquet to be held at **6:00 PM, Saturday, April 13th.**

There are many council members, families, and members of the community that have contributed to the success of the Council over the past fraternal year. Families, friends and members of the community are welcome to join in this celebration of Charity, Unity & Fraternity.

PGK John Hricovec will prepare the meal, but we need to know how many will attend. Please email Rob Garrett at rgarrettjr72@yahoo.com, call at 440-933-7898 or let him know at the April 4th meeting. Please make reservations by Thursday, April 11th.

Call for Officers...

It's that time of year when members must choose the men that will lead our Council during the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. Officer nominees must be a 3rd Degree Member in Good Standing and be willing to accept the responsibilities of the office for which he is being nominated.

For those interested in becoming an officer for the next Fraternal Year, please contact Deputy Grand Knight John Wesner.

Parish Events

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| April 7th | Holy Trinity (Avon): Divine Mercy Chaplet will be conducted at 3:00PM in the church |
| April 7th | Holy Spirit (Avon Lake): Divine Mercy Holy Hour Devotion at 2:30PM in the church |
| April 20th | St. Mary (Avon) Wildcat Derby "Night at the Races" |

Webmaster Position

The Council is still looking for its next intrepid webmaster. PGK Mike Moore will be vacating this position at the end of this fraternal year. The time required for this job is approximately 1 hour per month to upload, maintain and revise relevant information for the site. If you are interested, please contact GK Rob Garrett or Mike Moore.

Pre-St. Patti's Day Party

Approximately 130 people attended our first Pre-St. Patti's Day Party. Those in attendance enjoyed the corned beef and cabbage dinner served up by PGK John Hricovec and his kitchen crew. Conway's Irish Ale (Great Lakes Brewery) flowed from our keg to the delight of beer lovers. The highlight of the evening was the performance put on by the West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band which had the attendees clapping in unison to the beat of their drums. All in attendance had an enjoyable time.



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Isabella Ladies Guild: Tea Party

Isabella Ladies Guild, Fr. Ragan Council Knights of Columbus Avon/Avon Lake will host their Annual Tea Party on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1783 Moore Rd, Avon (next to BJs). Performance by Mary Beth Ions, Violin: Up Close & Personal. Tickets are \$15, advance sales only. Seating is limited. For more information/to purchase tickets, call Pat Christ: 933-8986.



Welcome!...

Welcome to new Fr. Ragan Council member **Henry Rodriguez** who completed his 1st Degree at our Council on March 25th and will join our beloved Council 3269.

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Ohio State Council's Charity Campaign this year, Super Cash Bonanza, is now underway! The ticket stubs and checks or cash should be returned to campaign chairman John Pabin by April 8th (first turn-in) or May 13th (final turn-in). For each ticket sold, Fr Ragan Council will keep \$2.40 to be used for charitable contributions.

2013 SUPER CASH BONANZA OVER \$108,000 In Cash Prizes

OHIO STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OHIO CHARITY FOUNDATION

1ST PRIZE ▶ \$49,680
Payable \$414/month for 10 years!

2ND PRIZE ▶ \$18,780
Payable \$112/month for 3 years!

3RD PRIZE ▶ \$12,720
Payable \$212/month for 3 years!

DRAWING DATE
Friday, May 24, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
The Kalamati Resort & Spa, Sandusky, Ohio
Donor need not be present.
Ticket rules on back.
Donation: \$5.00

4th Prize: \$4,000 10th to 13th Prizes: \$1,250
5th Prize: \$3,000 14th to 17th Prizes: \$1,000
6th to 9th Prizes: \$1,500 18th to 21th Prizes: \$750
22nd to 25th Prizes: \$500

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ON A TICKET AND A FULL PHONE NUMBER.
OHIO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES 2013 SUPER CASH BONANZA



PGK Tom Bruner, who joined Fr Ragan Council in the early 1960's, accepts his retirement plaque from the Sun City Sherriff's Posse in 2011. Tom contacted GK Rob Garrett after seeing the pictures from last summer's Council Picnic. He wishes everyone in Council #3269 well. He and his wife reside in Sun City, AZ and can be reached at teabag2@cox.net

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

This inter-parish men's group meets on First Friday for a luncheon, talk by a priest, and concludes with the celebration of the Eucharist.

Upcoming luncheons are:

DATE: April 5th
SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Andy Turner
CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Pastor of St. John Neumann Church, Strongsville
TOPIC: "Building a Youthful Church"

DATE: May 3rd (This is our last luncheon until September.)
SPEAKER: (To be announced)
CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES):
TOPIC: ""

LOCATION: St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

COST: \$10.00

TIME: Socializing 11:00 AM; luncheon at 12:00 PM; and, Mass at 1:30 PM

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR APRIL 5th: Call George at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, April 2nd

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR May 3rd: Call George at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, April 30th

CALENDAR



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| Thur, April 4 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, April 11 | Foundation Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sat, April 13 | Awards Banquet (6:00PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, April 18 | Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |

April-May Measure Up (TBA)

*No April Officers' Meeting