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Grand Knight Report...

August was a busy month for our Council as evidenced by the following:

This year's Kelly Miller Circus was a success both from an attendance standpoint and monetarily. Many thanks to the Brothers of our Council and ladies of Brothers and friends of our Council (Ticket Outlets) who helped with this event. Moving the Circus venue, I think, from our K of C grounds to the Avon Village Elementary School helped bring about more visibility for our event. Many thanks to PGK John Hricovec for working with the City of

Avon to bring about the change of venue. Also thanks to the brothers who helped repair the grounds that were torn up by the Circus semis who left after a heavy overnight rain which made the grounds very soft.

This year's K of C Members & Friends Steak Fry was a huge success with 130+ adults and children in attendance. Kudos to PGK Ted Schmitz who promoted the event, took reservations, bought the steaks and cooked the corn and his own pork and bean recipe. Thank you's also go out to the Brothers who set up the pavilion, fried the steaks,

brought food to the pavilion and cleaned up afterwards. Also thank you's go out to the ladies who made the side dishes and desserts. Some of the comments I heard afterwards from those in attendance were: the steaks were delicious, the price was right and the weather was great. We're looking forward to another great time next year.

New Members To Our Council

A First Degree Exemplification was held at our Council on Aug. 28 wherein two candidates Erv Jezek (Holy Spirit Parish) and Anthony Manning (Holy Trinity Parish) became Knights of Columbus in our Council. When you see either Erv or Anthony, please congratulate them and welcome them into our Council.

DGK John Pabin and I have been attending meetings with the state wherein the topic of MEMBERSHIP has been emphasized over and over. Last year our diocese was last in the state in obtaining new members, although we were first in the state

with respect to Pennies For Heaven, Measure Up and various other programs. My message to you is: if you have a friend who is a Catholic gentleman, and is not a Knight of Columbus, ask him if he'd like to join the K of C. We learned that the most common answer to the question 'Why Aren't You a Knight of Columbus?' is "NO ONE EVER ASKED ME".

Lastly, all members are invited to our Council's Quarterly Communion Mass to be held at Holy Spirit Parish on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 9:00 AM. If possible, please take a Sunday off from attending Mass at your own parish or from attending a later Mass at Holy Spirit and join other members of our Council in Spiritual Solidarity. Our Sir Knights will be processing the celebrant into church.

Vivat Jesus,

GK - John Wesner

Members & Friends Steak Fry

This year's Members & Friends Steak Fry served 130+ adults and children at the Council grounds on Thursday, August 22nd. PGK Ted Schmitz organized the annual event this year and PGK Mike Moore submitted the photographs below. More pictures are available at... www.frragan.com/albums/13picnic/index.html



Quarterly Communion

Fr Ragan will hold its next Quarterly Communion at Holy Spirit Parish in Avon Lake on **Sunday September 15th at the 9:00 AM Mass**. You have to attend Mass anyway, so why not join your fellow Knights and their families?



"My brother is driving me crazy! Can I please have my steak now?"

Council Clambake



FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL 3269 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL

Clambake/Steak Fry

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Serving 5:30 PM to 7 PM and Band playing from 7-11 PM

Cost \$25 per person for full clambake including chicken and/or steak
\$20 per person for dinner without the clams
\$7 for extra dozen of clams
Children's Menu available for \$5

Coffee/Hot Tea/Soda Pop included with the meal.
Beer is available at additional price.

Reservations are recommended by October 2nd
Contact: Rob at 440-933-7898 or Chris at 440-396-5022

Proceeds will be used to benefit the Knights of Columbus Council
3269 Charitable programs.

Parish / Local Events

Nov 9th St. Joseph (Avon Lake) Married couples' retreat presented by Dr. Allen Hunt: "Passion & Purpose for Marriage." The retreat will be from 9am-1:30pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets can be ordered online: DynamicCatholic.com



Sweetest Day Dance

Attention all you dancing-types... Fr Ragan will be hosting a Sweetest Day Dance with Big Band Music. The event, led by Brother Ted Rink and PGK Jim Bruder, is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. Details to follow later in the month.



Tim Bruder Memorial Golf Outing

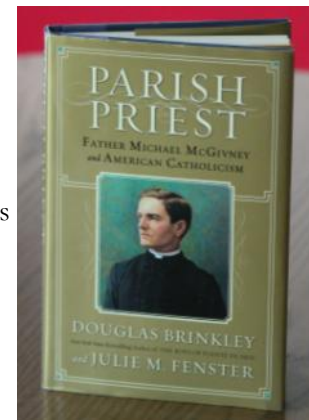
The Tim Bruder Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 21st at Bob-o-links Golf Course in Avon. Proceeds from the outing will go to benefit Crohn's and Colitis patients at the Cleveland Clinic's Digestive Disease Institute. For more information, please contact PGK Jim Bruder at 440-934-4053.



Have You Seen Me?

Earlier this year Brother Tim Hohman started a Council 'book chain' to get more members reading books that hold significant importance to the Council and the Knights of Columbus. The effort was started with *Parish Priest: Father Michael McGinney and American Catholicism* written by Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster.

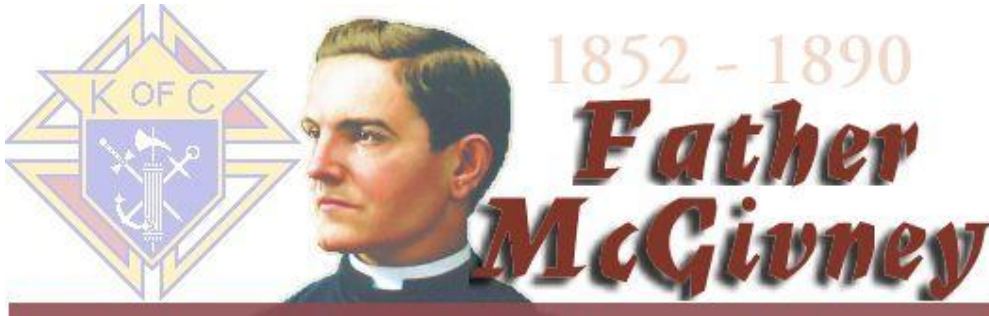
Have you seen this book recently? Do you have the Council's copy at home? Look for the book at the next Council meeting, take it home to read, sign your name in the back and return it to the next meeting.



Fraternal Activity Numbers

The results from the most recent Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity show just how involved Knights are across the country and throughout the world. Some of the highlights include:

- State councils, local councils, assemblies, circles, and the Supreme Council total contributions: **\$167,549,817**
- Total volunteer/fraternal activity hours: **70,113,207**
- Number of blood donors: **423,575**
- Visits to sick and bereaved: **5,159,777**
- Donations to Church activities: **\$49,550,798**
- Donations to community activities: **\$56,839,860**
- Donations to youth activities: **\$18,595,934**



Knights of Columbus Expand to Ukraine, Lithuania

The Knights of Columbus have established a presence in Ukraine and Lithuania, it was announced at the organization's 131st annual international convention in San Antonio, Texas.

The two countries are added to a list of nearly a dozen countries in which the organization is active, and are the second and third Central and Eastern European countries with active Knights. The Knights of Columbus entered Poland in 2006.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

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

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: September 6th and October 4th

SPEAKER: Sep 6th: Rev. Bishop Richard G. Lennon;
Oct 4th: Rev. Fr. Joseph Rodak

TOPIC: Bishop Lennon: "TBD"
Fr. Rodak: "Abraham: God testing Abraham or Abraham testing God?"

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

COST: \$10.00

TIME: Registration 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM; Mass at 12:00 PM; luncheon and talk to follow

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: Call George at (440) 937-6606 by the Tuesday before each luncheon

George W. Perz
Secretary-Treasurer
TGIF-FWest

CALENDAR



Thur, Sep 5 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)

Thur, Sep19 Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)