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Grand Knight Report...

October has arrived and that means that leaves will be turning color and the views will be spectacular. High School, college and professional football is in full swing making weekends exciting and eventful for families. Kids of all ages will also be getting ready to celebrate Halloween. Outdoor activities will be in abundance as the days and nights turn colder with the onset of winter.

October of this year will also be a very active month for our Council. We will have our annual clambake on Oct. 5, a Saturday, breaking tradition

by not having it on a Sunday and also by having a band for entertainment. On Sunday, Oct. 13, at 9:00 AM we will have our quarterly communion Mass at Holy Trinity Parish which it is hoped will be well represented by our Knights and their families. On Saturday, Oct. 19, the Foundation will be hosting a Sweetest Day Dance with a live big band orchestra playing tunes of the 40's swing era. Lastly we close out the month with our annual Council Memorial Mass which this year will be celebrated at our Hall on Oct. 30, to be followed by a dinner compliments of Brother Bill Greaney

of the Miscencik Funeral Home. Look for details on all of these events including the Memorial Mass in this Ragan Report. Please join your Brother Knights and Ladies at the aforementioned Council Events and make this an October to remember.

On a slightly different note I'd like to ask Brothers of our Council who are or were skilled tradesmen, to email me and let me know if you'd be

willing to donate some of your time to assist us with repairs that are needed in our hall. If you are or were an electrician, plumber, pipe fitter or painter, or would just be willing to give us a hand, please email me at mjj980826@aol.com, and thank you for your consideration.

Vivat Jesus,

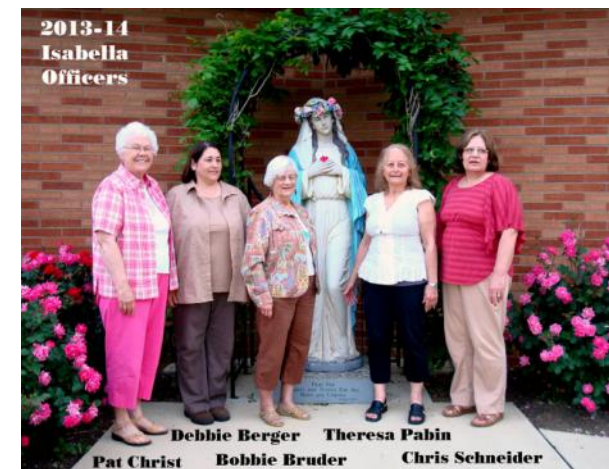
GK - John Wesner

Isabella Membership Dinner

The Isabella Membership Dinner is **Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00PM** at the K of C Hall Meeting Room. Any Catholic woman is invited to attend the dinner and join the Isabella Guild. Isabella members are asked to bring a dish to share and a wrapped White Elephant for our game of Double or Nothing. Guests are asked only to come and bring a friend if they wish. Please call Bobbie at 934-4053 or Mary at 937-5242 if you are planning to attend.

The Isabella Guild of Fr. Ragan Council is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity with the purpose of providing for the general welfare, both social and intellectual, of its members, to engage in charitable works and to assist the Knights whenever possible.

The Isabella Guild comes together as a sisterhood to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to its members and contributing to the common good of humanity. Members, by their faith, are called to serve, inspired and challenged to do God's work in promoting Catholic action. As they strive for the development of all that is best and truest in womanhood, members emerge in their communities as a positive influence to uphold the high ideals of life and morals.



Annual Clambake

Saturday, October 5, 2013

5:30 - 11:00PM



Clambake \$25.00

Includes:



1 Doz. Clams, Buffet Dinner of Steak, Chicken Breast, Corn on Cob, Potatoes, Salad, Roll and Butter, Chowder, Bouillon and Cake for Dessert \$7.00/ea. Extra Doz. Clams



Dinner Without Clams \$20.00

Includes

All of the above less clams



Children's Menu \$5.00

Includes:



Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Hot Dog, Chips and Dessert

Coffee Hot Tea Soda Pop are included in the price of the meal

Music Provided by: The Monkey Call Band

Reservation Appreciated/ Walk-ins Accepted

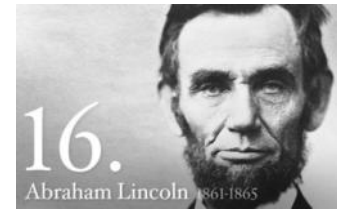
Call Rob Garrett 440-933-7898 or Chris 440-396-5022

Quarterly Communion

Fr Ragan will hold its next Quarterly Communion at Holy Trinity Parish in Avon on **Sunday, October 13th at the 9:00 AM Mass**. You have to attend Mass anyway, so why not join your fellow Knights and their families?

October Social Meeting

On **Thursday, October 17th** at our Social Meeting, our guest speaker Roger Jorgensen will talk about our 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. Find out about details of Lincoln that are not in the history books. The public is welcome to this meeting which begins at 7:30 PM.



Sweethearts Dance

Attention all you dancing-types... Fr Ragan will be hosting a Sweethearts Dinner & Dance featuring the sounds of Terry Kitchen and the Swing City Big Band.

The event, led by Brother Ted Rink and PGK Jim Bruder, is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. \$30 per person includes a complimentary bottle of wine per couple.



6:00—7:00PM Dinner

7:00—10:00PM Music & Dancing

Paid reservations required by October 12

For tickets, call Jim at 440-934-4053

or Ted at 440-934-5079

Council Retreat - November

Mark your calendars now for the Council's annual Day of Reflection retreat in November. This year's event is currently slated for Saturday, November 9th from noon-5:00. The location will be at Benedictine High School and the theme will be: "Marching with the Saints". The retreat will include a trip to St. Stanislaus Church to visit the relic of Blessed John Paul II (mitre).



Parish / Local Events

- Oct 12th St. Joseph (Avon Lake) Join in and say the Rosary on Saturday, October 12 at 11:00am in the St. Joseph Parish parking lot off of Electric Blvd. to honor the 96th Anniversary of the Blessed Virgin of Fatima, and the Miracle of the Sun which occurred on October 13, 1917.
- 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

Benedictine Chorus to Rome

Since July of 2008, Father Gerard Gonda OSB has served Fr. Ragan as Chaplain. He has not only been a regular participant at our meetings but has attended many of our social and charitable functions, strongly promoted the Knights of Columbus at our Quarterly Communion Masses at Holy Trinity Church and provided several Days of Recollection both at our council hall and at the Benedictine Abbey.



By PGK Mike Moore

Father Gerard is always well prepared and thorough in his presentations as evidenced by the many handouts and attention to details.

His many hours spent on our behalf are perhaps best demonstrated at the annual Days of Recollection, where his preparation and presentation of background and reference material is always first rate.

The flyer (shown to the right) soliciting funds for the Benedictine Men's Choir, and their trip to Rome provides an opportunity for us to say "Thank You" for the services of Father Gerard.

If you are able and so inclined, please consider a donation. Indicate on your check "Men's Choir-Fr. Ragan KofC"

The address is:
Benedictine High School, 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Cleveland, Ohio 44104

Memorial Mass

The Council Memorial Mass will be held on **Wednesday, October 30th** at 6:30PM in the Knights' Hall. The Mass will be followed by a meal sponsored by Brother Bill Greaney.



America Needs Fatima

A public Rosary will be prayed on October 12th, 2013 at 12-noon in honor of Our Lady of Fatima's last apparition 96 years ago. The Rosary will be held at Crocker & Detroit Roads in Westlake, Ohio adjacent to the Fidelity building. For information, call: Al Nugent, 440-835-8995.

Greetings from your "Home of Champions"!



Our Benedictine Men's Chorus has been invited to perform in The Festival of Peace & Brotherhood in Rome, Italy on March 13-17, 2014. The choral festival is sponsored by two Italian organizations: Association of Musicians of the Castelli Romani region which was founded in 1996 as a way to bring together musicians from the region, promote culture through music and support the artistic heritage of the Castelli Romani region. The second organization is The Mountain Community of Castelli Romani, which is made up of towns from these regions who share an objective for common development.

The Mountain Communities promote economically productive activities within their community that enhance their local resources and the conservation of local productions, culture and traditions. They are also the perfect hosts for sharing the local music and traditions of the region with the guest choirs.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent of so many of our young men and we need your help. I ask that you would please consider a donation of \$25.00 or more to support these young men on this exciting venture. We need to raise \$20,000 to make this trip happen. We also have a challenge set to us by an anonymous alumnus, who has pledged to match any donations we bring in for this event!

To donate, please go to www.cbhs.net, click "giving", "donate", and donate to the music department.

Thank you for your generosity and for maintaining the tradition of the Men of Benedictine.

Sincerely,
Joshua L. Chenoweth Benedictine High School Director of Music

Right to Life Corner

Bob Trunk, RTL Chairman



Tuesday, October 15th 6:30pm Rosary for Life. Fr Ragan Council will join in praying the rosary for an end to abortion and the closing of Planned Parenthood.

Meet in front of Planned Parenthood 26900 Center Ridge Rd. Rocky River (across from Applebee's).

For info. contact Bob Trunk (440-477-2721)



Surge... With Service

Together as Knights we are a “Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization.” This theme permeates the Knights of Columbus Service Program which promotes activities in the areas of Church, community, council, family, culture of life and youth.

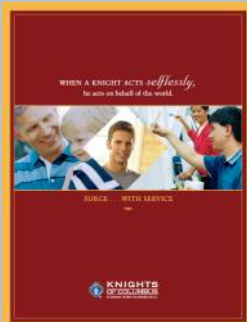
Each month the Ragan Report will highlight a collection of activity ideas in one of the six program areas. Supreme encourages each council to evaluate the needs of their community and determine which programs and activities are best.

Listed below are program and activity ideas under the Church category...

EVANGELIZATION

The lay apostolate is another vital area of Church support especially suited to the Knights of Columbus. There are many ways for Knights to become effectively involved in evangelization. Councils can:

- Participate in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Program, which began August 3, 2011 at the 129th Supreme convention in Denver and will continue through 2013. For more information on the program visit kofc.org.
- Use resources from the Order’s Catholic Information Service (CIS). It provides correspondence courses for non-Catholics interested in learning about Catholic beliefs and produces pamphlets outlining Catholic doctrine on many topics. Consider setting up a rack of CIS pamphlets — like the Luke E. Hart Series — What Catholics Believe — in local Catholic churches so that parishioners (or visiting non-Catholics) will have them available as a resource. A complete listing of available pamphlets and other materials — like Veritas Series, that covers a wide variety of topics on matters pertaining to Catholic faith and life — can be obtained by visiting kofc.org/cis or writing the Catholic Information Service, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326 (Note: both the Luke E. Hart Series and the Veritas Series are available by podcast on the website)
- Invite non-Catholics to tour a church in your area. Ask your council chaplain or the pastor of the parish to lead the tour and explain points of interest such as the baptismal font, the tabernacle, Stations of the Cross, the sacristy, a display of the vestments and sacred vessels. Ask guests to stay for Mass and dinner or a social event. Encourage an exchange of information between guests and your council chaplain or members.
- Organize a study group to read and discuss Pope Benedict XVI’s first Encyclical Deus Caritas Est (God is Love). Copies can be purchased from the Daughters of St. Paul, 50 St. Paul’s Avenue, Boston, MA 02130 or telephone: 1-866-522-8465.
- Maintain a Catholic video lending library for use by parish and council families. Check out local religious goods stores, the Web sites of various video/DVD, book and religious suppliers, and parish and religious schools for catalogs of available videos/DVDs. Once the council begins to accumulate a library of DVDs, offer to lend them to members and their families. Consider making the price for renting a video/DVD a non-perishable food item that can then be donated to a local soup kitchen.



THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

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

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: Friday, November 1st

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Jim Becker

TOPIC: “TBD”

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

COST: \$10.00

TIME: Registration 11:30AM - 12:00PM; luncheon followed by talk, concluding with Mass. This is also a Holy Day of Obligation.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: Call George at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, October 29th

George W. Perz
Secretary-Treasurer
TGIF-FWest

CALENDAR



Thur, Oct 3	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sat, Oct 5	Clambake (5:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Oct 13	Quarterly Communion (9:00AM, Holy Trinity)
Thur, Oct 17	Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sat, Oct 19	Sweethearts Dinner & Dance (6:00PM, Knights Hall)
Wed, Oct 30	Memorial Mass (6:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sat, Nov 9	Day of Reflection Retreat (Noon-5:00, Benedictine)