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Grand Knight Report...

Your Grand Knight will be taking a couple of weeks off near the end of January getting away from this frigid climate to watch and mingle with Gray Whales off the Baja Coast in Mexico. I know it's a tough job but somebody's got to do it. I hope to bring back some nice photos of the desert area on the Baja Peninsula and photos of some whales up close. I may even go as far as making a presentation at one of our future Social Meetings.

This February our Council will

again host the 4th Annual Wine Tasting Event at our Hall on Saturday Feb. 15. Why not celebrate Valentine's Day and the half waypoint of winter with good food, music and great wines to taste and enjoy. See the flyer in this report for the specifics on this event. I can attest to the fact that you'll have a great time!

Also note that this quarter's Quarterly Communion Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Avon Lake at the 8:30 AM Mass. It would be nice to see this Mass well-

attended by members of our Council as opposed to seeing the usual few who attend along with the wives of the Sir Knights who process the Pastor into the Church. Coffee and donuts will be served after the Mass.

Lastly, in my research on the month of February in the Catholic Church, I found out that February is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Family. This is probably due to the feast of Our Lord's presentation at the temple, celebrated on February 2nd. The Holy Family is the perfect example of family life for all Christians. The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children.

As such, there are a number of prayers that can be said during the month in devotion to the Holy Family. For a list of these prayers copy the address below and paste it in the address bar of your browser.

http://catholicism.about.com/od/prayers/tp/Prayers_February.htm

Lastly, The Holy Father's intentions for the month of February 2014 General: **That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.**

Vivat Jesus,

GK - John Wesner

Isabella News

The Isabella Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00P.M. at the K of C Hall. The speaker will be Sister Mary Bennigan of the Blessing House.

Guests are always welcome. The anniversary of the founding of the Isabella Guild has traditionally been celebrated in February but due to the uncertainty of the weather in February the members have decided to celebrate the anniversary in May when we have the May Crowning and the Mass for the intention of our deceased members. Anyone who wishes for more information about the Isabella Guild may call Bobbie at 440-934-4053.



**Isabella
Guild**

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

Sir Knight Presentation for Bishop Quinn

Upon the death of a member, it is the custom of the 4th Degree to present a chalice, engraved with the Sir Knight's name, to his immediate family. Traditionally these chalices are then passed on to a priest of the family's choosing, often a missionary or newly ordained priest. In this way, the deceased Sir Knight is remembered in the celebration of Mass daily.



By PGK Mike Moore

Following the passing of our Faithful Friar, Bishop A. James Quinn, the officers and members of Lieutenant Francis J. McManus Assembly presented his family with an engraved Chalice, Paten, & Ciborium.

Bishop Quinn was not only a proud, active member of the Knights of Columbus,



but was also known for his personal involvement in the religious & social events of Fr. Ragan Council and Lt. McManus Assembly.

He frequently went out of his way to share his warmth, hospitality and humor on a personal level. One event he enjoyed was the annual golf outing, followed by a cook out that he hosted for the Knights and their ladies at his cottage in Portage Lakes. We dearly miss our brother knight, faithful friar, and friend.



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Parish / Local Events

Feb 16th Holy Spirit (Avon Lake) - 4:30PM "The Hunger Games" movie with pizza and salad and 7:00PM discussion with Fr. Jerry Bednar about the *Hunger Games* books/movies



Lorain County Birthright Presentation

On January 23rd at the Council Social Meeting, Stephanie Koebel from Birthright of Lorain County talked to Council members and their spouses about the efforts of Birthright locally and globally. PGK Rob Garrett as Council Lecturer arranged for the presentation. Birthright is a free, non-sectarian, non-profit emergency pregnancy service. Birthright of Lorain County was founded in March 1973 and has provided its services to all single and married women and their families who have difficulty coping with their pregnancies.



PGK Rob Garrett stands with Mrs. Stephanie Koebel after her presentation to the Council

Quarterly Communion

Our Council will have our Quarterly Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Parish in Avon Lake on Sunday, February 9 at 8:30 AM. All brothers are urged to attend. Coffee and donuts will be served after the Mass. Let's show our unity as a Council with a large turnout!

Council E-mail Distribution

If you want to be included in the Council's email distribution list for notifications, alerts, and the monthly Ragan Report, send an email today to fragan@gmail.com to sign-up.

Free Throw Championship

The Fr. Ragan Free Throw Championship took place on Friday, January 24th. Brother Tom Meehan arranged to have the St. Mary gymnasium available for this event. Special thanks to brother Val Janicek for organizing and running the event which turned out to be a record year for participation. Assisting Val this year were brothers Bob Uszak, John Zajac, Kevin McHenry, Tim Maxey and PGK Rob Garrett.

A total of 68 kids participated in the contest. There were many stellar performances and age-group records set including 12-year old Ryan Marshall who was a perfect 15 out of 15 from the line.



4th Annual Valentines Weekend Wine Tasting Event

Saturday February 15, 2014

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Doors Open at 5:30pm

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Ragan Council #3269

1783 Moore Road

Avon Ohio 44011

Enjoy an Evening of Wine, Dinner, and Live Music.

Only \$25.00 per person in advance

Reserve a Table for 8 for only \$175.00

Reservations are required

Proceeds Benefit Student Scholarship Fund

Tickets limited to 220, so call and order yours now!

Kevin 440-930-4740 John 440-497-0485

An exciting Silent Auction will also take place thanks to the generosity of our community's local businesses. MC/VISA Accepted.



Broncos' Players and KofC Team Up at Coats for Kids Event

(KofC Supreme Report) During this period of record cold in the Northeast, the Knights of Columbus and members of the Denver Broncos — in town for the Super Bowl — provided “Coats for Kids” to underprivileged children at a local Jersey City school.

The coats were given to the children of Sacred Heart School, the vast majority of whom come from low-income households and qualify for the school lunch program. Also supporting this event were Catholic Athletes for Christ and the Jack and Linda Del Rio Foundation.

Sacred Heart School serves a low-income, inner-city community. It also has an important link to Broncos Defensive End Robert Ayers who was on hand Jan. 28 and formerly a student at the school.



Running Back Knowshon Moreno gives the thumbs up with a fan after helping her try on a coat.

Launched in 2009, the K of C “Coats for Kids” program has already provided more than 170,000 new coats to children in need. More than 1,200 K of C councils participated in this program in the past year. For more information, visit www.KofC.org/coats.



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson greets Broncos Defensive Coordinator Jack Del Rio.

In addition to Ayers, a number of other Broncos players and coaches — many with roots in the local area — were in attendance, including: Defensive Coordinator Jack Del Rio, along with his wife, Linda; Running Back Knowshon Moreno, who hails from Middletown Township, N.J.; Safety Mike Adams from Patterson, N.J.; Defensive Tackle Terrance Knighton from Windsor, Conn.; Defensive Line Coach Jay Rodgers; and Assistant Secondary Coach Sam Garnes from the Bronx.

The Broncos players and coaches were joined by a number of Knights of Columbus, including Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

“As an organization founded on the principle of charity, the Knights of Columbus is committed to helping our neighbors in need,” said Supreme Knight Anderson. “We are grateful to Jack and Linda Del Rio, and to the other Broncos players and coaches who had taken time out of their busy schedule to assist us in helping local children during this cold winter.”

Pre-St. Paddy's Day Party

Saturday March 15, 2014 5:30-10:00 PM



Offerings:

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Beers For Purchase:

Conway's Irish Ale, Killian's Red, Guinness and more.....

Chinese Raffles & 50/50 Raffle

Cost: \$15.00 Per Person

Live Music Provided By: The Blues DeVille Band

Guest Appearance by the Cleveland West Side Irish American Club Pipe Band

Advance Reservations Recommended Call:

Vic @ 440-748-9400

Jim @ 440-934-4053

John @ 440-933-9955

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.

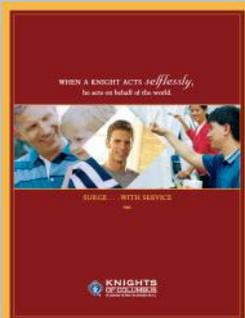
Listed below are program and activity ideas under the Church category...

FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

- Promote devotion to Father McGivney by distributing the pamphlet *The Spirituality of Father Michael J. McGivney* (#4196) and the flyer *Apostle for the 21st Century* (#4064). Both items are available in English, Spanish and French.
- Distribute prayer cards for the canonization of Father McGivney, and encourage council members and their families to pray it often. Item #2617 is a simple prayer card and Item #4040 features the prayer along with a second class relic of Father McGivney. Both items are available in English, Spanish and French.
- Show the production *The Life & Legacy of Father McGivney* to your council family or ask that it be shown on your local public access cable station. The production is available by contacting the guild at 203-752-4087 or at guild@kofc.org. It is also available by contacting the Department of Fraternal Services at 203-752-4270. Specify English, Spanish or French. *It is not available through the Supreme Council Supply Department.*
- For additional information and suggestions on Father McGivney, visit the guild's Web site at www.fathermcgivney.org.

VOCATIONS

- Organizing the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in April or May; special observance of Vocations Awareness Week in January; regular prayers for vocations at every council meeting, family meal and other suitable times; attendance at regular Masses for vocations; cooperation with the family life committee in getting the vocations message into homes;
- Obtaining and distributing vocations materials. Vocations booklets, posters, prayer cards and other supplies are available from the Supply Department;
- Inviting a seminarian or novice to council meetings and events or making him the guest of honor at a council dinner. Include seminarians and novices in religious appreciation dinners. Remember seminarians and novices in council prayers



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 luncheon:

DATE: Friday, February 7th

SPEAKER: Fr. Ron Wearsch, Pastor St. Joseph, Avon Lake

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

COST: \$10.00

TIME: Socializing 11:30AM - 12:00PM; luncheon followed by talk, concluding with Mass.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: Call George at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, February 4th

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- Event set-up for the **Fr. Ragan Wine Tasting** will occur on Saturday morning, Feb 15th at 9:00AM in the Hall.

CALENDAR



Thur, Feb 6	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Feb 9	Quarterly Communion (8:30AM, St. Joseph)
Sat, Feb 15	Wine Tasting (6:00-10:00PM, Knights Hall)
Thur, Feb 20	Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sat, Mar 8	Lenten Day of Reflection (Noon-4:00PM, Knights Hall)
Sat, Mar 15	Pre-St. Paddy's Day Party (5:30-10:00PM, Knights Hall)