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Grand Knight Report...

The month of April was a relatively quiet month for our Council. The turnout for the Blood Drive that was held early in the month gave us something to build on for next year. A closer look at the dates on which other Drives in the area are being held may bring about a greater turnout for this worthwhile community event. The Easter Egg Hunt was well attended with children and adults taking part. See some of the attached photos of the children and adults having fun. Thank you to PGK Vic Sedivec for arranging this event for the children.

Our Measure Up campaign is in full swing with collections already completed

at the Avon Walmart. A sincere thank you goes out to PGK Dan Pulit for his leadership in this project and also thanks go out to those Brothers who stood through some rain but definitely cold wind on the days of the collection.

Collections for Measure Up certainly aren't done yet since collections at the Parishes have not taken place. Parish collections are scheduled for May 3rd and 4th at some parishes while others will be held later in the Month of May due to conflicts with other activities at the parishes. A list of the parishes with dates for collections is contained in the Upcoming Events Section of this report.

If you haven't yet signed up to collect for this worthwhile charity, please contact PGK Dan at our next business meeting, Thursday, May 1, at 7:30 PM or call him at 440-930-2319.

Please plan on attending our next Quarterly Communion which will take place at the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's Parish in Avon on May 18th. Let's demonstrate solidarity in our Council by turning out in greater numbers than in the past. It would be especially nice to see Brothers who are parishioners turn out at this Mass.

There will be K of C membership drive this month spearheaded by DGK John Pabin and Brother John Zajac. On the Weekend of May 3 and 4 parish bulletins will be stuffed with a flyer informing non-members of the work our Council does and the activities that we partake in throughout the year. Then, on Saturday, May 10 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM our Council will hold an open house to allow prospective members to talk to Brothers about the K of C and especially our Council. If any Brother knows of a Catholic gentleman who is interested in the K of C or someone who would be a good candidate, please ask them to attend or bring them to the Council for some indoctrination and refreshments afterwards.

Lastly, I want to point out that the month of May in the Catholic Church is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. May Crownings and other special events in May in honor of Mary, such as public recitation of the rosary, will be taking place. We can take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God by dusting off our rosaries. Parents, in particular, should encourage Marian devotion in their children, since the non-Catholic Christians they encounter today often downplay (if not denigrate) the role that the Blessed Virgin played in our salvation through her fiat--her joyous "Yes" to the will of God.

(Use the following link to obtain more information about May: The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary <http://catholicism.about.com/b/2013/05/02/may-the-month-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary.htm>)

Vivat Jesus,

GK - John Wesner

Easter Egg Hunt

The Council's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Holy Saturday, April 19th. Dozens of children enjoyed this hunt for chocolate and eggs. This year's event also featured the '1st Annual Mom's Easter Egg Hunt'.



Membership Drive and Open House

We have the Membership Drive and Open House scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 10AM to Noon at the Hall. We will have coffee, juice, and donuts available for all potential candidates that attend. We will also have a brief presentation about the K of C and brochures and Form 100s available. There will be an 8.5" by 11" insert in each of the Parish bulletins the weekend of May 3 & 4 announcing this event. We have also included St. Teresa in our parish distribution. All members should promote this event with their Catholic friends and acquaintances.

The final turn in for Super Cash Bonanza Tickets is May 14. All tickets **MUST** be turned in to John Pabin by that date. We are tracking really well with this fundraiser. On the first turn-in, we submitted 889 tickets which gives the Council a nice rebate. If we exceed a total of 1,300 tickets, average 4-plus tickets per member, we will again get a nice rebate. Please continue the sales effort and thank you for all the support so far!!!

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This ticket stub must have a full name and complete address or a full name and a tier (10) digit phone number.

SUPER CASH BONANZA

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1st Prize \$49,680
Payable \$414/month for 10 years!

2nd Prize \$18,780
Payable \$313/month for 5 years!

3rd Prize \$12,720
Payable \$212/month for 5 years!

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 21st Prizes.....\$750
	22nd to 25th Prizes.....\$500

DRAWING DATE
Friday, May 23, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Hilton at Easton
Columbus, Ohio
Winner need not be present.
Ticket rules on back.
DONATION: \$5.00

OVER
\$108,000
In Cash Prizes

Flag Disposal June 12th

This year (2014) marks the 200th anniversary of the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key after witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry (no relation to Kevin) in the War of 1812. It officially became our National Anthem by Congressional Resolution on March 3, 1931.

Flag Day, June 14th, commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on that day by the 2nd Continental Congress in 1777. A proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 officially established June 14th as Flag Day and National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress in August 1949.

To commemorate these historic events, and in accordance with the United States Flag Code, flags that are no longer serviceable will be burned in a ceremony conducted by the Lt. Francis McManus Assembly and Local Boy Scouts at the Picnic Pavilion of Father Ragan Hall Thursday June 12th at 7:30 PM.

The public is invited to join us in this flag retirement ceremony and to enjoy the refreshments that will be available following the conclusion of the event.

Worn and non-serviceable flags can be dropped off at the hall any time prior to the event.



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Isabella News

The Isabella Guild will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of its founding on May 12th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. There will be Mass at 6:00 in the main hall followed by the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the outside statue, weather permitting. We will then gather in the meeting room for dinner. All Isabella members are invited and welcome to bring a guest. If you haven't already, please call Donna Urig at 934-4213 to make your reservation that you are coming.



There will be a free will offering and the money collected will be donated to the Blessing House.

The June meeting will be June 10th with our usual "Strawberry Festival" following the installation of officers. Please plan on joining us.

Harding Christ 4th Degree Honoree

Two Fr. Ragan members advance



The Hennepin Province, Ohio District One, Cleveland Diocese held its 4th Degree Exemplification on April 5th, 2014 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Beachwood Ohio.

Lt McManus Assembly was honored to have its Past Faithful Navigator, Harding Christ, chosen as Class Honoree.

Harding joined the Knights of Columbus in 1964 at James Martin Council 637 (Lorain) before moving to Fr. Ragan in 1984. He advanced to the 4th degree in 1990.

Harding is also a Past Grand Knight of Fr. Ragan Council and Past President of the Fr. Ragan Charitable Foundation. He was editor of the Ragan Report for nearly 20 years. He has served the Ohio State Council as editor of the Buckeye Bulletin for 25 years, serving under 13 State Deputies. Since 1991 he has also served as State Public Relations Officer.

Harding began a career in journalism in 1960, working as a reporter and editor for the Lorain Journal before moving to the Plain Dealer where he served as News Editor, Assistant Managing Editor/News, and Assistant Managing Editor/Sports.

In 1984 he began a 15 year stint as Director of Public Relations/Marketing at Allen Memorial Hospital in Oberlin

Harding grew up in Rocky River, graduating from Rocky River High in 1955 having earned 8 varsity letters in football, basketball & baseball. He continued his education at Michigan State University where he earned a B.A. Degree in Communication Arts. At MSU he was editor of the school newspaper and a member of the baseball team. He served 6

years in the U.S. Army Reserves achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant in the Army Engineers. He and his wife of 52 years, Pat, raised 3 sons, Jim, Mike & Jeff and have 2 grandchildren Erica & Justin.

Included in the class of 63 candidates at the exemplification were three men from Lt. McManus Assembly. Brothers Rich Bruening and Eric Bergen of Fr. Ragan and Mike Koziura from Lorain Council 637. Congratulations to all of the newly invested Sir Knights.



Pat & Harding Christ



Eric Bergen & Rich Bruening

Surge... With Service

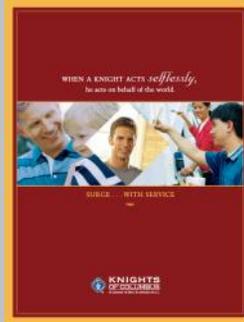
Together as Knights we are a **“Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization.”** This theme permeates the Knights of Columbus Service Program which promotes activities in the areas of Church, community, council, family, culture of life and youth.

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...

DEVOTIONS

- Provide assistance to your pastor by promoting attendance at all parish devotions;
- Arrange for the celebration of Mass to mark special events;
- Sponsor living rosaries on or near Marian feast days;
- Establish a perpetual family rosary program under which council families pledge to pray the rosary at home each day during a week of their choice in honor of our Blessed Mother;
- Offer to purchase a supply of rosaries for hospital chaplains for distribution to patients;
- Organize a family adoration of the Blessed Sacrament program with the cooperation of the local pastor;
- Inaugurate an annual or semiannual council retreat to allow members a chance to step back from their daily routines to examine through prayer, meditation and the sacraments what God intends for them;



Upcoming Service Opportunities

- Church Measure-Up Collections
 - St. Joseph—May 3rd / 4th
 - St. Mary—May 17th / 18th
 - Holy Trinity—May 3rd / 4th
 - Holy Spirit—May 24th / 25th
- Reminder to the membership that our main fundraiser, i.e., bingo, can always use volunteers. Please contact either Paul Szendrey, Don Darko, Bob Booth, or George Perz. Volunteers are needed for both Monday and Friday sessions. Once a month would be a great help. More often, you are on your way to sainthood! Come and have some fun.

Parish / Local Events

The Fathers of St. Joseph will be having their Annual Mass and Picnic on their grounds on Case Road on Saturday, May 17th. Guests will begin gathering at 4:00 with Mass at 5:00 and a Pot Luck Picnic following. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share with the Fathers providing hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and beverages. Hope you can attend.

Homeless Shelter Meals

The Council again cooked food on Tuesday, April 29th for the St. Joseph's Homeless Shelter in Lorain. When the folks in the shelter found out that the Knights of Columbus were cooking for them, they requested that we again make the burritos that we made for them back in October since they liked them so much. Thanks to everyone who helped out with this effort again!



CALENDAR



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| Thur, May 1 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sat., May 10 | Council Open House (10:00-Noon, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, May 15 | Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sun., May 18 | Quarterly Communion (8:00AM, St. Mary—Avon) |