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Grand Knight Report...

August gone already! Hard to believe! We kicked off the month with the Kelly Miller Circus which was a successful event that generated over \$3700 of net proceeds for the Father Ragan Charitable Foundation. A big thank you to all the Brother Knights that contributed their time and talents in making this event a success. On August 19, the Council First Degree Team had a rehearsal and on August 20 the team conducted the first ceremony of the fraternal year bringing in three new Brother Knights: Raymond Jason, William McHenry and a member from the Vermillion Council. On August 21, we had

the annual Steak Fry and Family Picnic at the Hall Pavilion attended by Council members, PGKs, guests and their families. The rain stayed away and 120 people enjoyed the steak dinner and fellowship. PGK Ted Schmitz did a commendable job in managing this event. Thanks to the Brother Knights that helped with the event and to the members of the Isabella Guild for providing delicious appetizers, salads and desserts.

In September, we start the NFL Flag Football League at the Hall grounds, where approximately 280-300 children of ages 6-12 will participate. In early September the K of C Citizenship Essay

contest will commence with distribution of material to the parish schools and PSR programs. This year eighth graders will be invited to participate and the theme is “The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society.” At the September 18 Social Meeting we tentatively have a speaker from the Gabriel Project, a pro-life group. If this does not work we have some alternate option speaker plans. On Sunday September 21, 9 AM Mass, at

Holy Spirit, there will be a quarterly communion and a new member social after Mass. We established a committee for the October 5 Clambake and have started the planning process. You will see more detail on this event as the month unfolds.

Enjoy the last days of Summer!

Vivat Jesus,
GK - John Pabin

Serving Veterans Together

Supreme Knight announces partnership with Gary Sinise Foundation, welcomes actor as guest

(Taken from KofC *Nightline*—8/6/14...) Speaking as a special guest at the States Dinner Tuesday evening, actor Gary Sinise, who played Lt. Dan Taylor in the movie *Forrest Gump*, thanked the Knights of Columbus for its support of his foundation for wounded military personnel. He said, “You have shown that you can be a shining light of hope” for severely injured veterans.

During his Annual Report earlier in the day, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced that the Order provided \$200,000 to the Gary Sinise Foundation to help build a computer-equipped “smart” home for U.S. Army Cpl. Kyle Hockenberry, who lost both legs and his left arm in an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in Afghanistan. Located in Marietta, Ohio, the home is custom built to accommodate a wheelchair and the special challenges faced by Hockenberry and his wife, Ashley.

In an emotional and very personal talk, Sinise recalled growing up during the final years of the unpopular Vietnam War and not thinking much about the sacrifice of those who fought. Talking with family members who served in the military, however, inspired him to begin working with veterans in 1984. Ten years later, amid a successful acting career, Sinise jumped at the opportunity to play double amputee Vietnam vet “Lt. Dan” in the popular film *Forrest Gump*. He said that by playing the role with depth and integrity, he saw his work as another way to pay back veterans for their sacrifices.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Sinise became even more determined to do something lasting for those who served their country, forming the Lt. Dan Band and entertaining troops with the USO. In 2011, he launched the Gary Sinise Foundation, which has developed numerous programs to help veterans who are injured physically or emotionally. Sinise also shared the personal story of how he and his wife began attending Mass and eventually entered the Catholic Church. She was confirmed in 2000 and he was confirmed on Christmas Eve 2010. “The Church has been a rock for me and my family,” Sinise said.





K of C Father Ragan Council #3269
 1783 Moore Rd. off 611 in Avon, next to BJ's
 Presents.....



ANNUAL CLAMBAKE

Sunday October 5, 2014 2:00-6:00 PM



Clambake \$25.00(\$23.00 Pre-Sale) - Includes:

1 Dozen clams, Buffet Dinner with Steak, Chicken Breast, Chowder, Bouillon, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes, Salad, Roll & Butter, and Cookies
 Additional Dozen Clams \$7.00

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE

Buffet Dinner without Clams \$20.00

Kids 12 & Under Buffet without Clams \$10.00
 (Kids Pre-Sale \$8.00)

Coffee - Hot Tea -Soda Pop- Included

Beer and Wine available for Purchase

Reservations Appreciated/Walk-Ins Accepted

Call - Rob Garrett 440.930.7898 or
 John Pabin 440.725.7369

Isabella News

The next Isabella Guild meeting will be September 9th.



**Isabella
 Guild**

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

Save the Date:

Annual Tea Party
 Wednesday, October 15th 2014

Right to Life Corner

Bob Trunk, RTL Chairman



Tues. Oct. 14th 6:00pm

The Holy Rosary will be prayed in front of the Rocky River Planned Parenthood facility 20800 Center Ridge Rd. Rocky River (across from Westgate). This is a council program with good attendance the last three years. Planned Parenthood is closing clinics around the country, but they are far from dead! A social will follow immediately after at Applebee's located directly across the street.

VIVAT JESUS!

*Contact Bob Trunk for more info.
 (440) 477-2721*

Jesus protect and save the unborn

Parish / Local Events

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| Sept 13th | St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish (Lorain) is hosting a Polka Mass and Dinner. Dinner will follow the 4 PM Mass and the band will start at 7PM. There will be a cash bar, door prizes and Chinese raffle. Tickets are \$20/person. |
| Sept 27th | A Night at the Museum, a Benefit for The Museum of Divine Statues, hosted by Stefani Schaefer from Fox 8 and Honorary Chairperson Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, O.S.B. will be held at the Museum of Divine Statues in Lakewood located in the former St. Hedwig Church in Birdtown, Lakewood (12905 Madison Avenue) on Saturday, September 27 from 6:00-10:00 pm. Tickets are \$50/person and include desserts, appetizers, wine, beer, and soft drinks. Charge tickets by phone: 216-228-9950 or order online at museumofdivinestatues.org. |
| Sept 28th | Cleveland Indians' "Mass and a Ball Game". Pre-Game Mass is at 10:15AM in the Ball Park. Tickets start at \$14. Purchase on line at: http://tinyurl.com/kmtyg8z and enter the special offer code: baseball . |
| Sept-Nov | Shane Scott will lead a new study group: "Study of Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis". The group will meet on Tuesday evenings from September 16—November 25 in St. Joseph's (Avon Lake) social hall |

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.

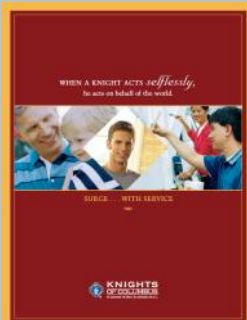
Each month the Ragan Report will highlight a collection of activity ideas in one of the six program areas. Supreme encourages each council to evaluate the needs of their community and determine which programs and activities are best.

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

VOLUNTEERISM

There is a growing need for volunteers to find and implement solutions to society’s problems. These volunteers make an important difference in our world. Rally other organizations in your community to work with your council to address community problems. Excellent volunteer efforts include:

- Observing the American Fraternal Alliance’s Join Hands Day, celebrated annually in the United States on the first Saturday in May (for more information visit joinhandsday.org). Urge the mayor or some other public official to issue a Join Hands Day proclamation. Publicize fraternal activities sponsored by your council;
- Recognizing outstanding volunteer efforts within your own council. Present a certificate of appreciation to those members who made the activity a success by donating their valuable time and talents. Certificates of Appreciation (#1579, E,F,S, 25¢ each) are available from the Supreme Council Supply Department;
- Celebrating National Volunteer Week each April in the United States. This is a valuable opportunity to offer volunteers in your council and community some well-deserved praise. Look for more information about National Volunteer Week activities by calling the Points of Light Foundation at 1-800-VOLUNTEER. Their Web site is pointsoflight.org ; and
- Participating in “Make a Difference Day” — a national day of community service by joining thousands of other volunteers across the United States who will plan and carry out projects in their communities on the fourth Saturday in October (Awards for the best volunteer projects on “Make a Difference Day” will be given by USA Weekend, the national magazine that sponsors “Make a Difference Day.” Information is available through the “Make a Difference Day” hotline: (800) 416-3824 and at makeadifference-day.com);



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: September 5, 2014

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Jim Ols, Pastor: St. Patrick Church – West Park

TOPIC: “Reflections on growing up in St. Patrick’s Parish and returning now as Pastor”

DATE: October 3, 2014

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Allan R. Laubenthal, retired St. Mary Seminary

TOPIC: “In pursuit of Caring Capitalism - Pope Francis & the Global Economy. Some Reflections.”

DATE: November 7, 2014

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB

TOPIC: (will advise)

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 the Tuesday before the scheduled talk.

CALENDAR



Thur, Sept 4	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sat, Sept 13	Tim Bruder Memorial Golf Outing
Thur, Sept 18	Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Sept 21	Quarterly Communion and New Member Social (9:00AM, Holy Spirit)
Sun, Oct 5	Clambake (2:00-6:00PM, Knights Hall)