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Grand Knight Report...

Hello, Brother Knights. May is upon us. We have 2 months left of our Fraternal Year. Let's finish strong! On April 12, 2016 the Student Scholarship Committee finalized this year's recipients. Along with the Isabella Guild, we will present 5 college students and 4 high school students with scholarships at our Social Meeting on May 19, 2016 at 7:00pm. I would like to thank PGK Fred Metz, the Isabella Guild, and the respective scholarship committees for all their hard work putting this together. On April 21, 2016, we had our first reading for the 2016-17 Fraternal Year slate of officers. We will have the second and third readings at

our next 2 business meetings in May & June.

Please be reminded that on Friday, 5/6/16, from 10am to 8pm, we will be at Walmart in Avon collecting for our annual Measure Up Campaign. On Saturday 5/7/16, we will only be collecting from 3-5pm at Walmart. We will be collecting after the masses at the Churches the weekend of 5/14-5/15/16 with the exception of St. Teresa Avila. We will be there the weekend of 5/21-5/22. All proceeds collected go to those people with developmental disabilities. Thank you to PGK Dan Pulit for orchestrating this activity for the last 9 years.

We are off to a great start to Super Cash Bonanza ticket sales. The first turn in was 4/12/16. The final turn in is May 11, 2016. Thank you to PGK John Pabin for all he has done to make the Super Cash Bonanza ticket sales a success. Also, thank you to our Catholic Schools for their help with selling the Super Cash Bonanza tickets. We are very grateful for all you do. If anyone wants tickets, please contact PGK John Pabin or myself. Our goal is to sell 1300 tickets. Let's do this Brothers. Who knows, maybe one of us will win one of the great cash prizes.

In addition, the Isabella Guild is selling raffle tickets for \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20.00. The Grand Prize is 12 tickets and 4 parking passes to the city of Avon Loge in Crushers Stadium for a 7:05pm game on Friday Night 7/1/16 with fireworks following the game. For tickets please call Fran Sikora at (440)-937-5507. Please support our Isabella Guild. They do so much for us!

Summer is fast approaching, and I want to make note of some upcoming events. We will have the Installation of Officers for the 2016-17 Fraternal Year on Thursday June 16,

2016. The St. Joseph Carnival begins Thursday 6/16/16 and goes through Sunday 6/19/16. Fr. Ron needs our help with parking detail. Please consider picking up a 2 hour shift that weekend to assist with parking. The Kelly Miller Circus will be in town Saturday August 6, 2016 for two shows (2pm and 5pm) at the Shoreway Shopping Center in Sheffield Lake. We will have our Annual Council Picnic on Thursday August 18, 2016 beginning at 5:30pm. Please mark your calendar with these events. In addition, our Chaplin, Fr. Gerard, has provided us with some ideas for spiritual growth. One of which is "On The Road with St. John Neuman". I will provide more details as we firm up this activity.

Finally, Sunday May 8, 2016 is Mother's Day. I just want to wish all our grandmothers, mothers, and motherly figures a Happy Mother's Day. Please keep all of them, living and deceased, in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless You!

Vivat Jesus
GK Kevin McHenry



Honor Flight for Ohio Knight

On April 23 Br. Richard Brusky of St. Benedict Parish in Cambridge, Ohio was recognized for his service in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. Honor Flight Columbus selected Br. Brusky along with other Korean War, World War II and Vietnam veterans to a chartered round-trip flight from Columbus, Ohio to Washington DC. At Washington these Veterans were escorted by bus to visit the World War II Memorial, Korean and Vietnam War Memorials, Marine Corps Memorial, Navy Memorial, Air Force Memorial, the Women's Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Congratulations to Br. Brusky and the Father Ragan Council thanks you for your service to the United States of America.

Rosary Rally

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Assembly Members:

On behalf of Jan Marie Shannon of Tilma Religious Goods Store in Berea, I am requesting a "Huge" turnout of Sir Knights in regalia to enhance the ROSARY RALLY which will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday June 5, 2016 beginning at 2:00PM. Her husband Joe Shannon, is a commander from Fr. Joseph McGraw Assembly #2397. They are hoping to fill the cathedral with K of C families. This is not just a Fourth Degree event, but is intended for all members of the Knights of Columbus, including spouses, children, parents, grandparents, etc. So spread the word at your Councils, too.

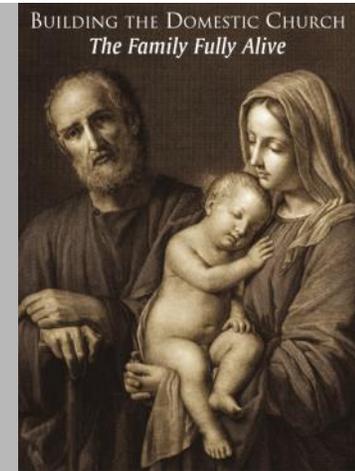
We are hoping to utilize the Assemblies to help notify everyone about this event. I believe a letter was issued by our State Deputy Bob Collins already to all the Faithful Navigators, and possibly to the Councils of the Cleveland Diocese.

I would expect everyone participating in regalia to arrive around 1:15 PM to give us time to see how we will be involved. In addition to the Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary, there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

William Studenic, Jr.
MASTER, OHIO DISTRICT ONE
Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

In founding the Knights of Columbus Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th century America. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the challenges his widowed mother faced with seven children at home. Later, as a priest he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the families of his parish community due to poverty, violence, alcoholism, immigration, anti-Catholic prejudice and discrimination.

Father McGivney's vision for family life was not simply that each family might find financial and material aid. He understood that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. And, seeing as his two brothers followed him into the priesthood, we can understand how truly important the "sanctuary of the home" was to the McGivney family.



In each upcoming issue of the Ragan Report, another month in the *Family Fully Alive* program that Supreme Council has put together will be featured...

May

Because in the beginning of creation God gave the commandment to work, we want to harmonize work and family life.

Through work, parents help fulfill their roles as guardians by providing for their families. Sometimes, job requirements may take parents away from their family. Such obligations, however, offer an opportunity for parents to set an example of commitment and teamwork.

Children can also learn through their own responsibilities. By sharing in chores and other work around the house, they learn how to be a part of a team and the satisfaction that comes with labor well done.

Meditations

From St. John Paul II's Redemptoris Custos.

Work was the daily expression of love in the life of the Family of Nazareth. The Gospel specifies the kind of work Joseph did in order to support his family: he was a carpenter. This simple word sums up Joseph's entire life. For Jesus, these were hidden years, the

years to which Luke refers after recounting the episode that occurred in the Temple: "And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them" (Lk 2:51). This "submission" or obedience of Jesus in the house of Nazareth should be understood as a sharing in the work of Joseph. Having learned the work of his presumed father, he was known as "the carpenter's son." If the Family of Nazareth is an example and model for human families, in the order of salvation and holiness, so too, by analogy, is Jesus' work at the side of Joseph the carpenter.

How is work — whether outside employment, work in the home, care of children or even chores — a "daily expression of love" in our family? What makes it "true and authentic" or false and inauthentic? In what ways is work a source of tension for our family?

How can I resolve the tension and make my work a source of joy for the rest of the family? How can I work more lovingly?

Modeling Jesus working with Joseph, how I can help others in our family with their responsibilities, or let them know that what they do matters?

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

Through the Gifts from God, we provide food for the body, food for the mind, and food for the soul.

An inter-parish men's group will meet on First Friday for socializing, luncheon, talk by a priest, and concluding with the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: May 6, 2016

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Michael Stalla

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Pastor

TOPIC: "What the People of El Salvador are Giving Back to Us"

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

COST: \$10.00

TIME: Registration/socializing begins at 11:15 AM; the Luncheon at 12:05 PM; talk at 12:35 PM; and will conclude with Mass.

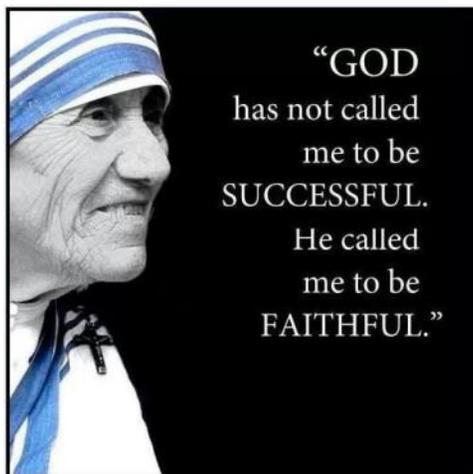
TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: Confirm via e-mail (gw.p.perz@roadrunner.com) or call me at (440) 937-6606 no later than Tuesday, May 3rd.

If you have been saving Religious articles for Father Stalla to take to the children of El Salvador, bring these to the luncheon.

Secondly, this will be the last luncheon until September. If you cannot make this luncheon, have a happy and safe summer.

George W. Perz

Secretary-Treasurer, TGIFW



Super Cash Bonanza

A reminder that all sold Super Cash Bonanza Tickets must be received by May 11 for final turn in on May 12. So far the Council has sold 821 tickets and we expect between 250 and 300 tickets from the schools. This will put us about 200 tickets short of our goal of 1315 tickets. If we make our goal the Council will get an additional \$1.10 per ticket rebate. So please help if you can. If anyone needs more tickets contact PGK John at 440-725-7369.

CALENDAR



- Thur, May 5 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
- Thur, May 19 Scholarships & Social Meeting (7:00PM, Knights Hall)
- Thur, Jun 2 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
- Thur, Jun 16 Installation of Officers (7:00PM, Knights Hall)



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