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Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brother Knights. June is here; the 12th month of our Fraternal Year. As we begin to set our sights on the new fraternal year, it is important that we briefly reflect on our activity year to date. As directed by our Ohio Knights of Columbus State Council, we were asked to complete 5 activities in the 7 program areas: Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, Youth, and Membership. This was a 20% increase over the 2014-15 Fraternal Year. I'm proud to let you know that our Council achieved this goal. Nice work Brothers! There were 2 other important goals that were presented to us. One was to achieve a member-

ship quota of 23 and an Insurance quota of 8. We have not met these goals. Thus, we now have two areas to emphasize in the 2016-17 Fraternal Year. Our current membership is over 350. If each us asked one Catholic man, friend, brother, uncle, father, grandfather, or fellow parishioner to join our great organization, and 10% of them elected to be apart, we would surpass our required quota. We have over 140 Insurance members in our Council. Something that really hit home for me was the fact that if I were to lose my job, I wouldn't have any Life Insurance to protect my family should I suddenly pass on. This was one of the visions of our

founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, "To aid one another in times of sickness or death, by means of a simple insurance plan, so that their wives and children would not face abject poverty". Personally, I have Life Insurance policies for my wife, children, and myself. It offers us a great sense of security. In addition, my wife and I opened a retirement annuity with the Knights of Columbus in November 2011. This is another simple but important step in protecting ourselves and planning for our retirement someday. This is available for our children too. Life Insurance and Annuities are just two of many additional benefits offered through our Fraternal Organization. If you would like more information, please contact our Knights of Columbus Field Agent, Bill Marks by phone at (216)-236-3920 or by e-mail at william.marks@kofc.org.

On behalf of the Fr. Ragan Council #3269 Avon/Avon Lake, I would like to thank our Chaplin Fr. Gerard, our Parish Priests, Deacons, Lay Religious, School Principals and Teachers for all their support of our local Knights of Columbus Council. We are very blessed to have them guiding our Catholic Communities.

Finally, Sunday June 19, 2016 is Father's Day. I just want to wish all our great grand fathers, grand fathers, fathers, and fatherly figures a very Happy Father's Day. Please keep all of them, living and deceased, in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless You!

Vivat Jesus
GK Kevin McHenry



Local Priest Featured in *Columbia*

Newly-ordained Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB will be featured on the back cover of the July issue of *Columbia* Magazine.. Born in Amherst, Father Thomas, 37, is the son of Gary and Joanne Sanders of Sheffield Lake. A member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Sheffield Lake, Father Thomas graduated from Brookside High School and earned a bachelor's degree in life science (biology and chemistry) from Otterbein College in Columbus in 2003. While working in the Acute Care Center of Mt. Carmel/St. Ann's Hospital in Columbus as a multi-skilled technician in preparation for medical school, he discovered a different call to the religious life.



Summer Council Retreat

Plan to attend our summer Council Retreat led by Fr. Gerard Gonda: "On the Road with St. John Neumann". The day's events will begin at 10:00AM on **Saturday, June 25th** at the Knights Hall. Activities will include a movie about St. John Neumann, a talk led by Fr. Gerard, trip to the St. John Neumann Prayer Center in Norwalk, and 5PM Mass at Holy Trinity. More details will be provided at this month's Council meetings and through the Council's email distribution list.

PGK Roberto Cobos presents the 2016 Fr. Dickard Award to recipient Connor Fairfield, St. Joseph School.



Council Hall Spring Cleaning

Thanks to the Holy Trinity Cub Scout Pack 462 for cleaning the garden at the Council Hall. 20+ Scouts & parents made quick work of weeding & placing the mulch in the garden. Thanks to Brothers Mike Walther & Eric Bergen for providing the help! Thanks to Br. Jim Brady for providing the mulch so early in the morning.



Measure-Up Collection Success

Thanks to all who helped collect donations during this year's Measure-Up Campaign. PGK Dan Pulit has, once again, done an excellent job organizing this event. Pictured to the right are PGK John Hricovec's children and Br. Bill Greaney's son who collected at St. Mary, Avon.



West Side Catholic Center 5k

Several Council members will be attending this weekend's West Side Catholic Center 5k run and 1 mile walk.

Since 1977, the West Side Catholic Center has offered hot meals, hospitality, clothing and household goods, emergency services, advocacy, a women and children's shelter, and a housing solutions program to those in need at no charge, regardless of religious affiliation. The West Side Catholic Center was established in 1977 by several area churches that saw a critical need within the community due to extreme poverty.

For registration info, times, maps, etc. go to:

<http://www.hermescleveland.com/roadracing/events/westsidecatholiccenter.asp>



11TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK &
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

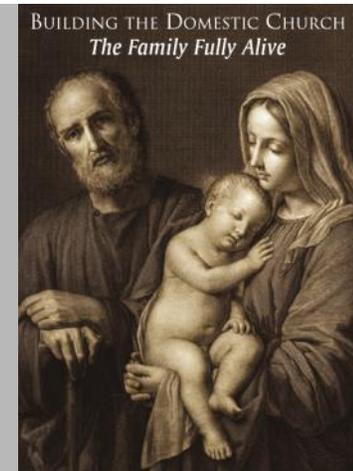
July Social Meeting

The Council's July Social Meeting (Thursday, 7/21) will feature right-to-life speaker Fred Sokol. The meeting is open to all Council members, family, and friends.

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...



June

Because families play an important role in the new evangelization, we want to share our faith with other families.

Everyone — no matter their role or station in life — is called to holiness. As the saints have shown so well throughout history, holiness in life leads inevitably to witness in our daily lives. This witness is the primary way to evangelize in our time.

It is through living our lives as Catholic families, devoted to our faith, to each other and to helping those in need, that we best evangelize in a world that so often seems reluctant to hear this good news.

Family Project

Write down ideas for small sacrifices/offerings on individual pieces of paper. Place these in a small bowl. Every

day, have each member of the family randomly select one piece of paper to offer the sacrifice listed for the intentions of a relative or friend. At the end of the month, each family member might send a note to the person for whom they made the offering, telling him or her about their prayers and sacrifices.

Meditations

1. How can our family better communicate Christ's presence to others in word and action, and thereby become a "saving community" that shares the love of Christ?

2. Remembering that the "new evangelization" is an evangelization which is not new in content but "new in ardor, methods and expression," what are some ways our family can "evangelize," and what truths might we express?

3. Why is family such an effective voice for things that matter?

Circus Date Scheduled

The K of C is sponsoring the Kelly Miller Circus on **Saturday, August 6**, 2PM and 5PM Shows at Shoreway Shopping Center, 4100 Lake Avenue, Shefffield Lake.

For anyone interested in helping plan the events, there will be a committee meeting at the Knights Hall on Saturday, June 4th—Noon.



Council Picnic Planning

For your advanced planning information: work is underway to hold the Council's Annual Family Picnic & Steak Fry on **Thursday, August 18th**. Save the date!!



Super Cash Bonanza

Thanks to all Brothers who participated in the 2016 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Ticket Campaign. This year the Council sold 1,177 tickets! This provided the Council a net proceed of \$3,068 to be used for charitable distributions. Great Job!



Foundation News

Meetings for this month: Thursday, June 9th at 7 PM is a Bingo meeting followed by a Foundation meeting at 7:30. According to PGK Rob Garrett, there will be some interesting developments that will be discussed for the future of the Foundation!

CALENDAR



- Thur, Jun 2 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
- Thur, Jun 16 Installation of Officers (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
- Sat, Jun 25 "On The Road w/ St. John Neumann" (10AM, Knights Hall)
- Thur, Jul 7 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
- Thur, Jul 21 Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)



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