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Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brother Knights,

We had a very busy May. It began with Measure Up collections at Walmart and subsequent collections at the Parishes we serve. Thank you to PGK Dan Pulit for all his outstanding work to make this charitable activity so successful.

We mailed a \$500 donation to Joshua Cochrac, second year theologian, at St. Mary's Seminary in Wickliffe, OH. Joshua is traveling to Creighton University in Nebraska for 9 weeks attending the Summer Session for Diocesan Seminarians at the Institute of Priestly Formation. We keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

The Isabella Ladies Guild held their annual May Crowning at the Hall on Tuesday May 9, 2017. Thank you to our Chaplin, Fr. Gerard, for celebrating the Mass.

On Thursday, May 18, 2017, along with the Isabellas, we held our annual Scholarship Presentation. We had 18 recipients of scholarships this year, and a combined \$15,600 was awarded to a fine group of young men and women.

On Saturday, May 20, 2017, we held the 2017 Awards Banquet at the hall with our Chaplin Fr. Gerard. It was a beautiful evening. Congratulations to Brother and Financial Secretary, Tim Hohman on receiving the

Knight of the Year Award. Congratulations to Brother Al Nugent on receiving the Roman Klingshirn Distinguished Knight Award. Congratulations to Brother Jim Bohnert and his wife, Sandi, on receiving the Family of the Year Award. You make such difference in our organization and we are so very grateful to all of you!

I would like to congratulate John Vrablic from Holy Trinity Parish on receiving the Youth of the Year Award and to the Congregation of St. Joseph on receiving the Religious of the Year Award. Congratulations to all of the Ladies of the Isabella Guild on the awards they received. Never to be forgotten, congratulations to the 6 Brother Knights on receiving Honorary Membership within our Fr. Ragan Council, and to the 6 Brother Knights on receiving Honorary Life Membership. Honorary Membership is for members with 25 consecutive years of service and actual age of 65 years young. Honorary Life Membership is for members with 25 consecutive years of service and actual age of 70 years young. It acknowledges their loyalty, devotion, and obedience to the principles of our honored Order.

Congratulations to Andrew Boeckman and Megan Walsh from St. Joseph School. They are the 2017 Fr. Dickard Award winners. Father Dickard was a former Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, and he was our Councils' Chaplain for many years. This award is a way to honor his memory.

The Father Dickard Award is presented to the students that show excellence in leadership, academic achievement, and character over the course of their school career. PGK Roberto Cobos presented these students with their award at the annual St. Joseph's Pass the Torch School Mass on Wednesday May 31, 2017.

Please note that on Thursday June 15, 2017 at 7:30pm we will have the Installation of Officers for the 2017-18 Fraternal Year at which time our DGK Jim Brady will take over as our new Grand Knight. Jim is such an asset to our organization, and I wish him and all the officer's a very successful 2017-18 Fraternal Year. I am very grateful to have been the Grand Knight of our Fr. Ragan Council for the past two years. It has been quite an experience, and I will remember it for the rest of my life. Thank you to everyone that helped me to fulfill my duties. I could not have done it without you!

Sunday June 18, 2017 is Father's Day. I just want to wish all our great grandfathers, grandfathers, 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, and The Peace of Christ be with you.

Vivat Jesus
GK Kevin McHenry

Isabella News

Final meeting for the year will be Tuesday June 13 at 7pm. We will have a guest speaker, Linda Rourke who is an outreach speaker for Prodigal Priests.

Save the Date! Our 2nd annual Oktoberfest will be held Saturday October 14, 2017. The "Frank Moravcik Band" will be playing live polka music. They dress in traditional German clothing and should be a great addition to our party this year.

A new Email account has been set up to receive and distribute Isabella information. Please send a note to: isbellaguild@yahoo.com if you would to be included.



2017-18 Council Slate of Officers

Grand Knight- Jim Brady
Deputy Grand Knight- Greg Palichleb
Chancellor- Jim Bohnert
Recorder- Nathan Viers
Advocate- Henry Rodriguez
Financial Secretary - Tim Hohman
Treasurer- Mark Weidig
Warden- Fred Hillow
Inside Guard- Jim Teubl
Outside Guard- Roland Kracoe
Special Guard - Ted Kocab
Trustee 3 Years, PGK- Kevin J. McHenry
Trustee 2 years- PGK John Pabin
Trustee 1 year - John Wesner

Chaplin- Fr. Gerard M. Gonda O.S.B.
District Deputy- Dale Grimes
Insurance agent- Bill Marks.

Fr. Dickard Award Presented

PGK Roberto Cobos stands with the 2017 winners of the Fr. Dickard Award. Andrew Boeckman and Megan Walsh were presented with the award at St. Joseph School on May 31, 2017.



Super Cash Bonanza

Cash Bonanza sales have been GREAT!!! The Council's top sellers are Jim Brady - 23, Kevin McHenry -30, Fred Metz - 50, John Pabin - 50, and our top seller George Perz - at 233 tickets!!! Thanks to all who helped in selling tickets at a record level this year. We sold approximately 4.7 tickets per member. Thanks to our schools that also did a great job in selling.



Serving Seniors in Avon

{from the Avon City News}

Vince Gargaro has been serving the free Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Avon for 32 years. Many seniors have taken part in attending these dinners over the years and they may not know how the event occurs each year. Truthfully, without Vince's leadership the dinners would never have become reality. Vince and his volunteers believe our seniors are the foundation of the community, and show their appreciation by hosting this popular holiday event.

The Knights of Columbus Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner is completely free for all attendees. When it started 32 years ago there were 35 seniors in attendance, and now attendance is over 300. The dinner is held between Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are many volunteers from the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, teen youth groups and students from area schools that help. It's a family affair for the Gargaros.

More than 4,000 pounds of turkey...have been served to over 9,000 seniors to date!

Vince's children pitch in, with his son making the drive back from Purdue University just to lend a hand. More than 4,000 pounds of turkey, 268 pans of stuffing, 250 pans of mashed potatoes, 380 loaves of bread, 360 large cans of corn and 360 large cans of cranberry sauce have been served to over 9,000 seniors to date!

The Gargaro family has lived in Avon for over 14 years. They moved from North Ridgeville to Avon for the great



Mayor Jensen presenting Vince Gargaro with the Community Service Award

schools and the strong community that was available here. Vince has been a part of the annual St. Mary's Fish Fry and Oktoberfest since moving to Avon. He also helps cook for the Avon football teams. When asked about his culinary background, he laughed, and said "I'm Italian! We all love to cook." It's his "Italian Passion" that he puts right back into every event he's been a part of.

One of the most successful spaghetti dinners he helped with was a fundraiser which raised over \$15,000 by serving more than 800 dinners. The proceeds benefited a student who had more than 20 surgeries in her battle against cancer. It is this compassion that makes Avon a better place for all of us to call home. From all of us at the city of Avon, thank you Vince for all that you do!

Council Scholarship Winners



On Thursday, May 18th scholarships from both Fr Ragan Council and the Isabella Guild were presented to (18) young men and women. Isabella Guild president Debbie Berger and GK Kevin McHenry are shown above with this year's winners.



Caption Contest...

As we send off our GK Kevin McHenry who has served the Council in this capacity over the past two years, what would be better than a caption contest to celebrate one of his GREAT facial expressions???

Submit your best quote/caption for this photo to the right by emailing to: frragan@gmail.com Winners will be announced in the July Ragan Report.



CALENDAR



- Thur, June 1 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
- Thur, June 15 Officer Installation (7:30PM, Knights Hall)



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