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Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brother Knights,

One month in so far, and so much to see and do. I lived through my first business meeting with not too many mistakes. That is why we have people around us to make the organization move forward. As you read this, we will have gone to St. Mary's Parish's Octoberfest—what a great way to meet and be involved. I went to set up on Sunday for a few hours. Fix garbage cans and recycle cans around the property, fix tables up with chairs and table cloths, put up our banner and others - I LOVE duck tape - and help sell tickets for the ticket booth. You get to see people from all kinds of parishes come

and enjoy a beautiful day and evening!

We had 56 people at the July social meeting come and hear Bob Frantz talk about his life experiences. The time line, that only can be from faith in God, has given him the blessings to speak out about what we all fear sometimes. I believe those who had the time to come (from 4-5 parishes) had been given food for thought that all of us need!!

The Kelly Miller Circus will be here in Sheffield Lake at the Shoregate Shopping Center on Aug 5 for two shows, at 2 and 5 pm. I need some help with the second show parking cars. Can you come and help us out? - call me at 440-865-9668.

About 30 min before the 5pm show, come. Thanks. So much behind the scene, collecting for tele-marketing tickets, checking with our outlets and collecting the tickets and money on Friday as they close up., Sat morning getting money ready to pay the circus at 10 am. through the bank. And lastly, following the shows with parking to the end. This may be one of the last times to see the BIG TOP tents and performances that are so close to and part of America's life history. I hope to see most of you come to the performances. Tickets are available at Kellymillercircus.com or from me before Sat.

Well, Kevin, I didn't forget about our Council Picnic and Steak Fry. Food, fun, family, and fellow brothers and wives. All need to come and meet NEW people of the Order and talk to each other about what has been going on in our lives. Please see me and introduce yourself to me. I love to talk and find out how life is going and if we can help you in some way!!! Call Kevin NOW 440-930-4740 before we sell out!!! Yes it is in place of our social meeting at 5:30pm on the 17th of August.

We will also be sponsoring a hole at the Tim Bruder Memorial Golf Outing on Sept 15. If you want to play golf it is \$80 /\$320 a team,

which includes dinner and drinks at the end of the day. Call Mike Farmer at 440-937-5339, or Jeff Ladegaard 440-934-2749, or Ron Conwell 440-327-3939, if you need more details. Also, if golf is not your favorite pas-time, You can come and have dinner with some raffles and other fun for only \$25. Great times to share.

We will also have a Quarterly Communion at St. Joseph's parish on Sept. 24th. Come to the business meeting and find out more about times and what NEW things we have in store.

And last news: I am looking for Volunteers for several positions that would help us out to improve our organization. Program Director, Church Director, Community Director, Family Director, Youth Director, Membership Director, and Culture of life Director. The jobs are more of a relay to the groups we need to be helping, and feed back to us, the Officers, on how we can help with each of those titles. One year is all we ask in the fraternal year. Several people can move mountains when we believe in the cause. Come and enjoy the time that we spend with each other. With God, all is possible.

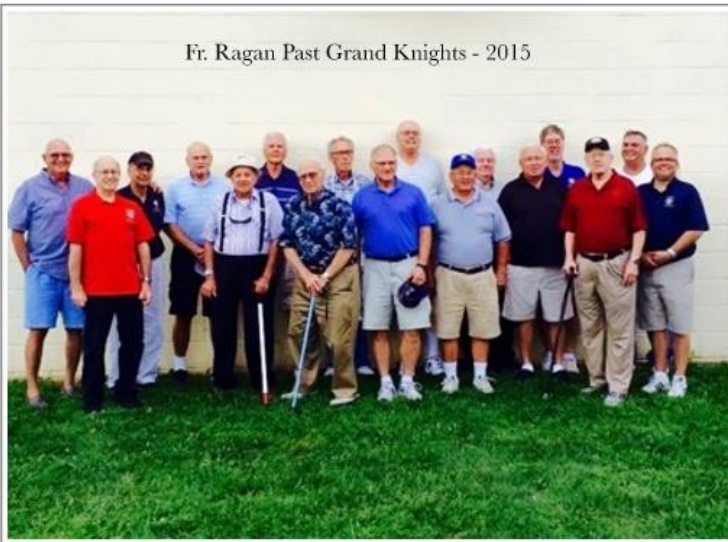
Vivat Jesus
GK Jim Brady



AUGUST
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Fr. Ragan Past Grand Knights - 2015



FAMILY PICNIC & STEAK FRY

Ragan Hall-1783 Moore Rd.
5:30pm - 8:00pm (Dinner @ 6)

Adult Steak Dinner \$7.00 - includes baked potato/toppings/corn on the cob
Children (age 12 & under) dinner \$2.00 - includes burger/hot dog
Bring a dessert or side dish to share!

Reservations due by Sunday August 13 - limited to 110 guests
Call or email PGK Kevin McHenry

440-930-4740 OR KEVINJMCHENRY@AOL.COM

Isabella News



Save the Date! Our 2nd annual Octoberfest 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. Tickets will be \$20 which include dinner and 1 draft beer.

Knights to Save Destroyed Town

{www.KofC.org—8/3/2017} In a move that will give many Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq hope for the future, the Knights of Columbus will raise and donate \$2 million to save Karamdes, a predominantly Christian town on the Nineveh Plain which was liberated from ISIS late last year.



The Knights' action will move hundreds of families from minority religious communities in Iraq – especially Christians – back to the homes from which they were evicted by ISIS in summer, 2014.

The Knights' action matches a similar donation by the government of Hungary, which recently donated \$2 million to save another predominantly Christian town, Teleskov. About 1,000 families have now moved back to that town, providing proof that such actions can actually work in returning Christian populations to pre-ISIS levels in the region.

Like the government of Hungary, the Knights will partner in this resettlement and rebuilding effort with the Archdiocese of Erbil, which is currently housing the largest population of Christian refugees in Iraq, including many of the residents of Karamdes.

“The terrorists desecrated churches and graves and looted and destroyed homes,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson during his annual report at the Knights of Columbus 135th Supreme Convention. “Now we will ensure that hundreds of Christian families driven from their homes can return to these two locations and help to ensure a pluralistic future for Iraq.”

The Knights are urging K of C councils, parishes or other Church groups, and individuals to help by donating \$2,000 – the approximate cost of resettling one family. Just a thousand such donations would be sufficient to reach the \$2 million goal. The rebuilding work will begin this week and money will begin flowing to the project immediately.

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. All men are invited.

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: September 1, 2017

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Gerard Gonda, O.S.B.

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Benedictine High School

TOPIC: "Our Lady of Fatima"

DATE: October 6, 2017

SPEAKER:

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

TOPIC: "tbd"

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: Call George by August 29th at (440) 937-6606

REMINDER: PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS. YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF AT THE LUNCHEON OR AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL.

George W. Perz
Secretary-Treasurer, TGIFF-West



The FEST is a one-day, annual Catholic family festival held every August at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, Ohio. This year's event is Sunday, August 6, 2017!



CALENDAR



Thur, Aug 3 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)

Thur, Aug 17 Family Picnic (5:30PM, Knights Hall)



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