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Grand Knight's Corner

By the time you read this the Super Bowl may be over. The first and second degree may be over (Both 1st & 2nd Degrees are Sunday Feb 3). Now we can look forward to the 3rd degree on February 17th.

We can also look forward to the State Charities campaign. I will be pick up the tickets on Feb 16th. This is another of the long running and profitable K of C fund raisers. If we all sell a few books each, that is if each brother would sell 2 books, that would give us over 800 books sold.

Update on the Marine Band. As the Apollo 13 Astronauts said "Houston we have a problem." We are trying to work through getting the band here arranging sponsorship. The current thinking is now in November and possibly working with the Avon Lake Music Boosters.

Update on new officers. Fred Metz has stated interest in running for inside guard. Bob Uszak is interested in moving up. (Pause) (Big Pause) We are looking for a Grand Knight. (major pause) And probably for a Deputy Grand Knight. I'm not sure about the other offices yet. But starting early, will help. Any interested parties please see me, and soon.

Lent is starting Feb 6th. Easter is March 26th. Soon we can be outside planting some flowers. Taxes will be due. The 4th degree exemplification, Quarterly communions, Scholarships, Awards dinner and the end of our Fraternal year. Now I'm not pushing the calendar. But I am looking at today's date and it's January 28th. We just took down the Christmas lights a couple of weeks ago. Things are getting back to normal, whatever that means. But the time is really flying.

We have a quota of 19 new members for this year. We now have 3. So as the math goes, we still need 16. I have been talking to prospective members. We are doing a mailing to members of the four churches asking for support. I think we can make it. Our DD Jim Lynsky thinks we can make it. So how about a challenge. Bring us a member and you win a prize. I will need to get the officers to help me on this, but I think we can come up with something nice. Like a dinner at my house. Or help with your next year's dues. Or maybe you are doing this because you know that the K of C is the best Catholic organization and you are proud of being a Knight!

I heard that we are going to have a Sunday fund raiser with special food made by Brother John Hricovec. All of the profits may go into the Dollars for Heaven Campaign. The last winners of our two bit drawings have donated their winnings to the fund. We have a way to go to be number one in Ohio. But you know how to eat an elephant..... one bite at a time.

Oh and on a somber note. Father DeChant is leaving us. Look in this Report about his new assignment. We are already looking for a replacement. The Bishop needs to approve of Father DeChant's replacement. We have come up with a short list of Priests and Deacons to fill Father Leo's position. It's one that, we as Knights, should consider a very important position. Yea, a Grand Knight is important, just as our financial Secretary or inside guard is important. But what I may say during a meeting, cannot compare to the Word of God or the wisdom from our Chaplain. Pray that we find a worthy replacement. Father Leo will be missed.

What became of our books?

The following excerpts are from a letter sent by Kirt Bromley reporting on his efforts to set up libraries in Ghana Africa. , it's dated 12-14-07: (The books collected by Fr. Ragan Council were a portion of this shipment)

In our mission the love of God is expressed through the loving generosity of the people in the USA who donate books to rural communities woefully deprived of those resources. We brought the container of books to Kukurantum (Ghana) last night and finally finished removing 1400 boxes from the container at 10:30 PM. We came to the port yesterday at 8:00 AM. The container was brought down on the ground from the stack of containers where it had been sitting for the past four weeks. The seal on the container was broken in the presence of the port officials and the process of the inspections of goods by the custom officials was begun. We brought out all of the ...personal items that we shipped. We arranged the in three lines for the customs officials to compare with our list of items for which we paid duty. Then we brought out some of the boxes of books... we only brought out about 200 boxes. Then we stood there sweating in the sun in the midst of this high walled, paved and well guarded compound. Soon the lady came to inspect the goods. She didn't waste time. She looked into the container still housing over 1000 boxes of books and ordered all of the boxes to be brought out for inspection. Our jaws dropped. We had 4 laborers assigned to us to help us. It took over 2-1/2 hours with 40 to 50 volunteers to load the 40' container, imagine how long it would take 4 men to unload and then reload it. I begged, showed her some newspaper articles highlighting the mission but none moved her. She then told the laborers in Hilda's (his wife) language 'Twi'. I began speaking to her in 'Twi' and that got her attention. She asked what my name was and what town I came from. When I replied Kukurantumi she told me that she went to Ofori Panin Secondary School in Tafo 3 mile away. Hilda joined in and said she was a member of the pioneering class which graduated from that school. Things changed immediately. She said in English that she could not disgrace a member of the 1st graduating class from her school, she looked at a few boxes of personal items and ordered the container repacked. How did it happen that someone who was unmoved by a non-profit organization had a change of heart because of an alma mater?

What to make of all this? As Hilda and I experienced such challenges , I ask myself why? In the view of the hardships, the suffering, the lack of gratitude of the government , I am tempted to tell these officials to forget it. I want to shout in anger that they are road blocking efforts to help their own people. Case in point, the same lady who gave us a break at the inspection site later demanded a bribe from our clearing agent. Yes she was happy to help an alumnus (sic) but I must take away something from an obviously well to do mission. It is discouraging. When I feel this way I begin to lose hope. But then I remember that it is not my mission at all . It is God's mission. If He called Hilda and I to do it , then He expects us to continue with it until he indicates otherwise.

Let's keep Kirt & Hilda in our prayers as they go about God's work among some of the poorest of his people.

Guess Who!-Answer



Clark Kent

Fr. Leo

Fr. Leo DeChant Is Reassigned to Parish in California

After many years of serving the people of Lorain County Fr. Leo has notified us that he will undertake a new assignment in Lancaster CA. in June. As principal of Lorain Catholic & St Mary's School in Avon, his work at St Leonard's Retreat Center and as roving priest saying Mass at several churches in Lorain County, every Sunday, Fr Leo led a very busy lifestyle while here. The work was not a deterrent as he willingly guided the Knights of Fr. Ragan Council as chaplain for many years. No matter what the council needed, Memorial Masses, Light Up for Christ Ceremonies, or Facilitator at the Council Retreat Fr Leo was there. We will miss him not only as a chaplain but also as a friend. We wish him well in his new assignment and give him fair warning that members of Fr. Ragan tend to show up where you least expect them. **Contrary to a rapidly spreading rumor the photo above had nothing to do with his move.**



Chicken Dinner

Benefits Council

We are pleased to announce a Chicken Dinner for the whole family on Sunday March 9th. Get mom out of the kitchen, let the kids & grand-kids run free and shake off the winter doldrums by planning to attend. It's reasonably priced, it's for a good cause, and it will give you an opportunity to reconnect with your Brother Knights & friends. Invite your friends & neighbors, in-laws & out-laws, or strangers & guests. With a wide variety of plans to improve our Council Hall making it more attractive and user friendly and our goal to beat our old Pennies for Heaven Record, this will provide some of the funds toward those goals. Br. John Hricovec who directed the fantastic steak fry for Sophie is again in charge, so you know it will be good.

The menu includes:

- Oven Roasted Chicken Breast,
- Roasted Garlic Redskin Potatoes,
- Corn,
- Salad,
- Bread & Butter,
- Dessert,
- Coffee, and Soft Drinks.

- Dinner served from 2:00 until 6:00 PM
- **We encourage Pre-Sale Tickets so everyone will have plenty to eat**
- Tickets available after February 10th
- Call John at 440-934-7855

**Carryout
will be available**

**Pennies For Heaven
YTD Total \$ 479.27**

FEBRUARY 08

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 27	28	29	30	31	FEBRUARY 1	2
					Fr Ragan Bingo	Ground Hog Day  Fr. James Becherer's Birthday 
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Super Bowl XLII 1 st & 2 nd Degree Candidate: 1:30PM 			Ohio Pet Placement BINGO  Ash Wednesday 	6:30 PM Officers 8:00 PM Fr Ragan Business Meeting CHINESE NEW YEAR 4706 The Year of the RAT 	Fr Ragan Bingo   Confirmation St Joes Avon Lake 7:00PM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Quarterly Communion St. Joseph 10:00 AM Confirmation St Peter Lorain 3:00PM  	TWO TURNOUTS <<<ON SUNDAY	Meeting 7:00 PM  Isabella Guild <small>of Father Ragan Council No. 1000 Knights of Columbus</small> 7:00 PM Meeting	Ohio Pet Placement BINGO 	7:30 PM FR Ragan Charitable Foundation Mtg 	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
3 rd Degree Candidates 1:30 PM 		Lt. McManus Assembly Meeting <u>CANCELLED</u> Confirmation St Jude Elyria 7:00 PM  	Ohio Pet Placement BINGO 	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Social Meeting DD Jim Lynsky Special Presentation	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
24	25	26	27	28	29	MARCH 1
District Free Throw Comp Avon Lake High School  Confirmation St Thomas Sheffield Lake 11:00 AM  			Ohio Pet Placement BINGO  Confirmation St Mary Avon 7:30 PM  	7:30 PM Foundation Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	

MARCH 08

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			Ohio Pet Placement BINGO 			
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Daylight Saving Time Begins 		 Meeting 7:00 PM Isabella Guild <small>of Father Ragan Council No. 3289 Eagles of Columbus</small> 7:00 PM Meeting	Ohio Pet Placement BINGO 	7:30 PM FR Ragan Charitable Foundation Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Lt McManus Meeting Avon 8:00 PM 	Ohio Pet Placement BINGO 	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Social Meeting	GOOD FRIDAY 	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Happy Easter! 			Ohio Pet Placement BINGO 	7:30 PM Foundation Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
30	31					
Quarterly Communion Holy Trinity 9:00 AM 						

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As Easy As 1-2-3



That's right it's as easy as 1-2-3 to advance through the degrees to Knighthood. If you have any friends, enemies, neighbors, acquaintances, or goombas that are Catholic Gentlemen ask them to join our order and bring them to a combined 1st & 2nd Degree at Fr. Ragan on Sunday February 3rd at 1:30 PM.

If you have made your first but need to add the second degree to your resume,, come on down to participate and watch the first degree and then join in at the

2nd Degree. If you have yet to make your third degree which is required to become a full fledged Knight and be eligible for Council Offices, We got you covered. On Sunday February 17th a 3rd Degree will be held at Fr Ragan at 1:30 PM. It doesn't get any easier. Before you know it you'll be a fully vested Knight. It's as easy as 1—2—3.

Quarterly Communion Rescheduled



Our next Quarterly Communion for Brother Knights, their families and friends is scheduled for **Sunday Feb-**

bruary 10th at St Joseph's Avon Lake. Coffee & Doughnuts will follow. Please Join Us!



Lt. Francis J. Mc Manus Assembly Fourth Degree Turnouts and Notes

Friday February 8th St Joseph Avon Lake 7:00 PM
Confirmation Bishop Quinn

Sunday February 10th St Peter Lorain 3:00 PM
Confirmation Bishop Quinn

Tuesday February 19th St Jude Elyria 7:00 PM
Confirmation Bishop Quinn

NOTE: Regular Feb 19th Assembly Meeting is Cancelled
Sunday February 24th St Thomas Sheffield Lake 11:00 AM
Confirmation Bishop Quinn

Wednesday February 27th St Mary Avon 7:30 PM
Confirmation Bishop Quinn

**Whats With the
Funny Hats &
Swords?**

Are you a 3rd Degree Brother Knight?

Have you been one for at least a year?

Why not consider advancement to the 4th and high degree of our order? Don't let the cost of the full ceremonial regalia worry you. It is not necessary to buy or own any of the ceremonial items you have seen used by the 4th Degree Honor Guard and Color Guard. Most Sir Knights are just like you, regular guys who enjoy the additional social interaction provided by the 4th Degree Assembly. The next exemplification of the 4th degree is scheduled for the first weekend in April. See Tom Michelich, Mike Moore, Jim Bruder or any Sir Knight for more information. We really are nice folks and we want to share our fun with you.

Fr Ragan Anniversaries

Br.	Jacob	&	Mary	Lundy	2/2
Br.	Andrew	&	Peg	Ladika	2/3
Br.	Paul	&	Karoline	Larson	2/13
Br.	Anthony	&	Christine	Batkiewicz	2/15
Br.	Owen	&	Yvette	Haney	2/15
Br.	Noel	&	Frances	Ilg	2/16
PGK	William	&	Marie	Mayton	2/18

Our Family is Growing

Special Welcome to Fr Ragan Council -

Fr Ragan welcomes PGK Dan Pulit and his wife Charlene to the area. PGK Pulit recently transferred to 3269 from Council 947 in Painesville. Efforts are already underway to utilize his talents and experience and we look forward to see him at future meetings and activities.

Another new addition to Fr Ragan is Brother Will Smith (No, not THAT Will Smith) of Bay Village who participated in the first degree ceremony on January 24th. Brother Will is an Ex-Marine so Joe Lowe won't feel lonely at meeting anymore.

Be sure to introduce yourself to these new men and welcome them to our council



Isabella Guild

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

Come and be our Valentine! Grab that warm sweater (maybe red??) and join us on Tuesday, February 12 at 7 pm. A representative from Birthright will be our speaker. We hope to see you there!

Isabella Birthdays

Barb Krulik 2/3

Elaine Cook 2/4

Marian Ertler 2/5

Jan Black 2/11

Fr Ragan Birthdays

Rev.	Arthur B.	Egan	2/1
Fr.	Francis E.	Tibbitts	2/1
Br.	Carl A.	Rink	2/2
PGK	Eugene L.	Bartolotta	2/3
Br.	James D.	Fogarty	2/3
Br.	George H.	Sommers	2/5
Br.	Thomas J.	Petcavage	2/6
Br.	Dennis M.	Zakutny	2/7
Br.	Jason M.	Dreger	2/9
Br.	Terry F.	Krebs	2/10
Br.	Bernard F.	Laux	2/10
Br.	Richard L.	Brusky	2/11
PGK	Joseph F.	Greiner	2/12
Br.	Robert J.	Banker	2/13
Br.	Frank D.	Corso	2/14
Br.	Raymond E.	Lotko	2/17
Br.	Dante P.	Maimone	2/17
Br.	Robert	Abfall	2/18
Br.	Robert V.	Joyce	2/18
Br.	Thomas G.	Michelich	2/18
Br.	Mark D.	Moran	2/18
PGK	Cyrus H.	Bliss	2/19
Br.	Norman G.	Novak	2/19
Br.	Donald M.	Turton	2/19
Br.	Raymond J.	Novotny	2/20
PGK	Victor	Sedivec	2/20
Br.	James G.	Baker	2/21
Br.	James	Deibel	2/23
Br.	Gerald R.	Hasick	2/24
Br.	Andrew	Ladika	2/24
Br.	Joseph Z.	Novak	2/24
Br.	Stephen A.	Brent	2/25
Br.	Michael G.	Hritz	2/28




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