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Happy 60th Anniversary

On January 15th 1950, a group of Catholic men from Avon and Avon Lake, Ohio founded Father Ragan Council No. 3269. The Council was named in memory of Fr. Michael Ragan, who was an assistant at St. Mary's Parish, Avon, for two years after serving as a US Army chaplain during World War II. Fr. Ragan died in an automobile accident on August 17, 1949. A special Thank You is in order for the visionary charter members and all of the Past Grand Knights, officers, and members whose hard work and dedication formed and grew our council in the spirit of our founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Council Level Competition: Fr Ragan Council of Avon / Avon Lake



Open to Boys & Girls 10 to 14 Years Old (Age as of January 1st)
Sunday, January 31st, 2010
2:00 PM

St. Joseph Gymnasium
Avon Lake, Ohio

Calling All Basketball Stars

Brother Mike Collins has made all the preliminary plans for this year's free throw competition and all that remains to do is to get as many volunteer helpers as possible and get every boy and girl ages 10 to 14 inclusive to participate. The place will be St Joseph Parish Gym in Avon Lake (32929 Lake Road) There will be winners in each category and they will then move on to District and hopefully State competitions.

If you are available for an hour or so on Sunday January 31st, 2010, give Mike a call or an e-mail. (930-7293 / mike@roadtriplog.com)

Competition starts at 2:00 PM and we ask that the helpers arrive about 30 minutes prior to that. This is a great way to shake off the winter blahs and the Super Bowl is the following week so there is no conflict with that.

If you know of a youngster in the above age group, encourage them to attend. Some of the age groups have historically been under-represented and we need to change that.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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Grand Knight's Message

I hope that your Christmas and New Year celebrations were the best ever with lots of family and friends joining in. Personally I feel like I need a year or two to rest up. Easier said than done.

We have spent the first six months of the fraternal year tweaking and doinking the business side of council activities. Through the hard work and dedication of an army of volunteers and helpers we have achieved a great deal of success. It is now time to move on to phase two. "Membership"

The life blood of any organization is the new member.

We need new ideas, new activities, new ways of doing things. We need people with varied backgrounds and experiences to enhance and develop programs that are useful and relevant to members, our parishes, and our community.

Supreme Council has developed several programs to boost membership. The first is the easiest and best method. "Just Ask Them". Research has shown that most people don't just jump up and get involved without some personal contact. Each of us knows a Catholic man who is a friend, neighbor, or fellow parishioner who would be a valuable asset to our council. In turn the council would provide many benefits to him. You need to "Just Ask Him" to join us.

Another program that Supreme recommends is the Parish Round Table. In this program all Knights belonging to a given parish are members of the round table. An individual in each parish is designated as the contact or "Go To" person. He will meet with the pastor and let him know that the Knights of Columbus are ready to help with any parish project that the pastor (or parish council) deems important. All requests for help from the pastor or parish council will be directed to this contact person. There are no regular meetings, no taking minutes or notes, or any other formal activity, except a one page end of the year report on hours volunteered by category. It is simply a means for improved communication with local parishes. As these relationships develop and members of the parish interact with members of the Knights, it becomes easier for members to ask others to join and easier for other to accept, having witnessed the benefits and advantages of joining a Catholic Men's Organization. I have had two men step forward to lead this Parish Roundtable program at St Mary's and Holy Trinity but need an individual at Holy Spirit and St Joseph in Avon Lake. Please consider helping with this important program. There is a report I must file with Supreme regarding this program and would like to have this completed by January 31st 2010

Have a Happy & Blessed New Year. Vivat Jesus!

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

December has seen the continuation of the good things happening at Fr. Ragan Council.

The Father Ragan Charitable Foundation, under the guidance of PGK Vic Sedivec, continued the grand tradition of providing a Seniors' Dinner for the area's Golden Generation. Chairman PGK Vince Gargaro, his wife Linda, and their children led the parade of volunteers necessary to make this a huge success. Vince rounded up friends & neighbors to join the brother knights and wives in setting up the hall, serving the meals, and cleaning up afterwards. Special thanks to Rob Garrett and the young men and women from Holy Spirit's confirmation class who did a lot of the heavy lifting for the event. Bill Hricovec and the folks at Tom's Country Place prepared the turkey and fixin's and the guests were more than happy with the results.

DGK John Hricovec and his wife Kari took on the task of hosting this year's Children's Christmas Party. With 75 youngsters accompanied by parents and grandparents anxiously awaiting Santa, John & Kari, Mike & Natalie Cobos, Ted Kocab and other helpers served up chicken nuggets, tater tots, hot dogs, cookies and beverages. As Joe Misensik led the group in Christmas carols, Santa made his appearance and was greeted by a throng of (mostly) happy youngsters. Brother Tom Hricovec provided Christmas music throughout the afternoon and everyone went home happy but ready for a nap.

Our Isabella Guild held their annual Christmas Party on December 19th. Co-chairs Betty Weimar and Debbie Burger put on a fun filled event. Brother John Kowalski provided the entertainment and, as always, the meal from Tom's Country Place was excellent. The ladies also presented Grand Knight Mike Moore with a donation of \$2000.00. After the ladies rejected Mike's plan to use the money for a South American cruise/tour for the Grand Knight, other plans were formulated. An ad-hoc committee consisting of PGK Jim Bruder, PGK Dan Pulit and Tom Michelich was created and tasked with determining the use of these funds in a way that best serves Fr. Ragan Council, our Isabella Guild, and other users of our facility. Their recommendations will then be presented to the council for final disposition.

It takes a lot of work, by a lot of people, to make these activities successful. While I have mentioned some of those involved, lack of space and my failing memory do not allow proper mention of the important contributions of everyone who contributed to these successes. Know only that you are appreciated by the officers and members of Father Ragan Council.

To see photos from these and other events go to <http://frragan.com/albums/index.html>