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Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brother Knights. I hope you had a wonderful Easter!! I look back on the month of March, and I am so amazed at the activity of our Council. On Wednesday March 2nd, our Chaplain, Fr. Gerard, led a prayer service before the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Trinity, and we prayed for our families. Thank you to everyone who participated in this new council activity. It was so moving to see such a remarkable turn out of Brother Knights for this Lenten Service.

Our Council, along with 5 other Lorain County Knights of Columbus Councils, joined together to be the T-Shirt Sponsor for the Special Olympics Hoops at LCCC North Sectional

Basketball Tournament the weekend of March 3-6. Thank you to our Brother Knight, Nathan Obral, for taking the lead on this activity, and thank you to the other Councils and the great display of unity for such a worthy cause.

On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Hilary's in Fairlawn, we had 3 tough competitors participate in the the Regional Free Throw Shooting Contest. Congratulations to Shannon McHenry, Noah Grendzynski, and Ryan Marshall for their great efforts. Ryan Marshall was able to move on to the State Competition. The Fr. Ragan Council is very proud of all the competitors that participated in this year's

Free Throw Shooting Competition. I hope to see many of them back next year.

On March 9th, the Fr. Ragan Council hosted a 3rd Degree Exemption. We had 6 Brother Knights from our Council receive the honor of the 3rd Degree in our great organization. Congratulations go out to Fred Hillow, Roland Kracoe, Tony Manning, Glenn Nieschwitz, Greg Palichleb, and Deacon Robert Walling. It is by your advancement that our Council continues to flourish.

On Thursday March 17th, 4 Brother Knights traveled to the east side and joined 8 others to pray the Rosary in front of an abortion clinic. If you have never participated in an activity like this, I encourage you to do so. It is an outward expression of what we believe in, that all life is precious, from conception to natural death. Thank you to our Deputy Grand Knight, Giulio Romano, for encouraging and following through on this heart felt activity.

On Tuesday March 22nd, a blood drive was held at the hall by Life Share Community Blood Services. For the last three years, we have participated in this activity, and each year attendance rises. 21 people came out this year too give blood. That is an increase of 33% over last year. Keep up the good work Brothers.

Holy Saturday was the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. I was traveling, but with PGK Vic Sedivec at the helm, I'm confident it was a great success!! Thank you PGK Vic!

On Monday March 28, a mass for The Unborn Child was celebrated at St. Joseph Church. Thank you to Fr. Ron Wearsch, The St. Joseph's Ladies Guild, and all the Brother Knights who participated.

Please see the calendar for upcoming activities in April. The 1st turn in for the Super Cash Bonanza tickets is Tuesday April 12. If you need tickets, please call me at (440)-930-4740.

We will be collecting for the Measure Up Campaign at Walmart the weekend of 5/6 - 5/7. We need your help. Please consider giving an hour or two to help us for this important endeavor that supports those with developmental disabilities. We will have a sign up sheet at our Business meeting on Thursday 4/7/16. Otherwise, you can call me to fill in a much needed time slot.

Finally, I want to thank the Isabella Guild for the beautiful gift to our Council. They gave us a brand new Multi Media Projector with portable blue tooth speaker, and accessories. I can't wait for our next Movie Night with Fr. Gerard. It's going to be fabulous!! Thank you again to the Isabella Guild...We love you!!

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!

Vivat Jesus
GK Kevin McHenry

Easter Egg Hunt

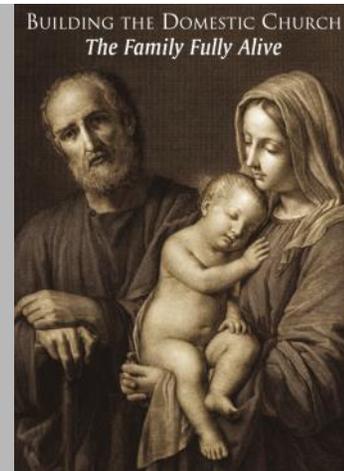
The Council's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Holy Saturday, March 26th. A total of 57 children took part in collecting a healthy assortment of chocolate and candy! This year's event even had the Easter Bunny making an appearance (thanks to Br. Jim Bohnert for making this connection). Congratulations and thanks to PGK Vic Sedivec for hosting another successful event!



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...



April

Meditation: From an address of Pope Francis given on July 28, 2013... God calls you to make definitive choices, and he has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment. God calls each of us to be holy, to live his life, but he has a particular path for each one of us. Some are called to holiness through family life in the sacrament of marriage. Today, there are those who say that marriage is out of fashion. Is it out of fashion? In a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of "enjoying" the moment. They say that it is not worth making a life-long commitment, making a definitive decision "forever," because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries ... to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of responsibility, that believes you are incapable of true love.

Do I share Pope Francis' confidence in me, that I am capable of true love and responsi-

bility? Can I recognize the virtues that I need to develop in order to nurture my relationships with my spouse and my family? What is an "ephemeral love," and how is it different from a lasting and life-long committed love? How does lasting love affect other members of a family? How does our family complete its "mission" to guard love, reveal love or communicate love?

Family Project: Speak with your children about your first date. Tell them about what first made you notice each other. Describe where you went on your first date. Talk about how this initial attraction grew into a deeper friendship and then into authentic love.

Finally, tell your children about your marriage and all of the transitions it involved. Share with them what it was like when you were first married, and when you became parents. Explain how you dealt with hard times and celebrated happier moments. Afterward, look through old photos, tracing your relationship from when you first met to today.

Foundation Meeting

There will be a Foundation meeting on Thursday April 14 at 7 PM. We plan to have a Resolution Committee meeting at 7:45. All members are invited to attend both meetings. There will be no Bingo meeting this month.

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.

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: May 6, 2016

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Michael Stalla

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Pastor

TOPIC: "tbd"

No luncheons are held for the months of June, July and August. Luncheons will begin again in September.

DATE: September 2, 2016

SPEAKER: "tbd"

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES):

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: For the May 6th luncheon, call me by April 30th.

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

Super Cash Bonanza

First Phase Super Cash Bonanza tickets must be turned in by April 12. So far we have sold over 200 tickets and we need to sell another 195 tickets to make the first phase rebate of \$.80/ticket sold. We appreciate the sales efforts of all the members. Final turn in is May 11. If any questions or if more tickets are needed please contact PGK John Pabin at 440-725-7369."

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Super Cash Bonanza

OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OHIO CHARITY FOUNDATION

1st Prize \$49,680
Payable \$414/month for 10 years!

2nd Prize \$18,780
Payable \$313/month for 5 years!

3rd Prize \$12,720
Payable \$212/month for 5 years!

4th Prize..... \$4,000
5th Prize..... \$3,000
6th to 9th Prizes.... \$1,500
10th to 13th Prizes... \$1,250

14th to 17th Prizes... \$1,000
18th to 21th Prizes..... \$750
22nd to 25th Prizes..... \$500

DRAWING DATE
Saturday, May 21, 2016
9:30 a.m.
Kalahari Resorts
Sandusky, Ohio
Donor need not be present.
Ticket rules on back.
DONATION: \$5.00
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OVER \$108,000 In Cash Prizes

CALENDAR



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

Thur, Apr 21 Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)



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