

# RAGAN REPORT



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## Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brother Knights. I am honored to say that I am continuing as the Grand Knight for the 2016-17 Fraternal Year. Here is the list of the 2016-17 Fr. Ragan Council #3269 Officers:

Chaplain - Fr. Gerard M. Gonda O.S.B

Deputy Grand Knight - Jim Brady

Financial Secretary - Timothy J. Hohman

Chancellor - Bill Greaney

Recorder - Greg Palichleb

Treasurer - Mark Weidig

Advocate - Giulio Romano

Warden - Fred Hillow

Inside Guard - Jim Teubl

Outside Guard - Roland Kracoe

Special Guard - Ted Kocab

Trustee 3 Years - PGK John Hricovec

Trustee 2 Years - PGK John Pabin

Trustee 1 Year - PGK John Wesner

District Deputy - PGK Dale Grimes

Insurance Field Agent - Bill Marks

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we embark on another successful Fraternal Year. It is important that we always remember that the first principal of our organization is Charity. Let us be open to our Lord's plan to help those less fortunate than us. Finally, please make a

point to thank our Brothers Mike Collins, Bob Trunk, Jim Bohnert and PGK Rob Garrett for the outstanding work they did for our organization. I am very grateful for their hard work this past Fraternal Year. We would not have been the great organization we are without their contributions. God Bless You Brothers.

Vivat Jesus  
GK Kevin McHenry

## Circus Date Scheduled

The K of C is sponsoring the Kelly Miller Circus on **Saturday, August 6**, 2PM and 5PM Shows at Shoreway Shopping Center, 4100 Lake Avenue, Sheffield Lake.

Please contact PGK John Pabin or GK Kevin McHenry if you're interested in volunteering a few hours for this activity.



# Summer Council Retreat

The Council's summer retreat "On the Road with St. John Neumann", led by Fr. Gerard Gonda, occurred on Saturday, June 25th. Below are some photos of the days events.



## Local Priest Featured in *Columbia*

Don't miss the back cover of this month's *Columbia* magazine featuring newly-ordained Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB from St. Andrew's Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio!



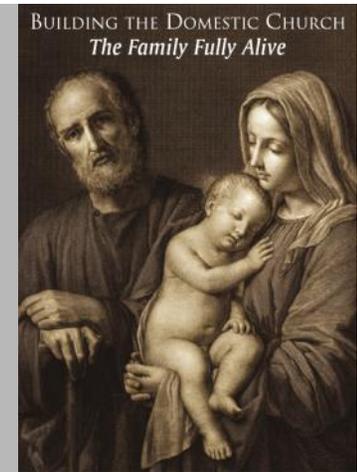
## July Social Meeting

The Council's July Social Meeting (Thursday, 7/21) will feature right-to-life speaker Fred Sokol. The meeting is open to all Council members, family, and friends.

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...



## July

Because God is the Father of orphans and widows, we want to reach out to all those who are lonely and abandoned.

God takes care of us; he is our guardian. The psalmist declares him to be the "Father of orphans and defender of widows" (Ps 68:6), a title significant in the ancient world, when orphans and widows were considered the weakest elements of society. Without parents or a husband to take care of them, they were defenseless.

God does not leave us defenseless. Instead, he cares for us by sending us Jesus Christ, his only Son. Like the Good Samaritan, Jesus was especially close to the sick, hungry, lonely and poor. Through his actions toward those in need, Jesus provides the answer to Cain's question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9). No matter how lonely, depressed, ostracized or angered are those in our communities and families, God has entrusted

each of them to us. We are truly our "brother's keeper."

### Family Project

Like the Good Samaritan, we are called to live out the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and the imprisoned, and burying the dead.

Ask each family member to help create a list of ways that your family might help the poor, the lonely and those in need. Once a month, dedicate time to such a person by making them dinner, assisting them with projects around their home, offering your prayers and support, or simply providing them company.

Even our own family members, relatives, friends and neighbors may be alone, needy or new to your parish or school. Extend an invitation to your home for dinner, and ask each of your family members to help prepare for the meal in some way.

# For the 17th year, Knights' charitable giving and volunteer hours grow

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$175,079,192 in donations and more than 73.4 million hours of service. The numbers were announced at the closing session of the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven.



“We are very proud of these Fraternal Survey numbers,” Supreme Knight Anderson said. “These are a clear indication that we are keeping faith with Father McGivney’s principle of charity and also of unity, not only among ourselves, but with those in need. This is what we call a charity that evangelizes. This is what makes Knights of Columbus different.”



# Council Picnic Planning

For your advanced planning information: work is underway to hold the Council's Annual Family Picnic & Steak Fry on **Thursday, August 18th**. Save the date!!



## CALENDAR



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| Thur, Jul 7  | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, Jul 21 | Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)   |



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