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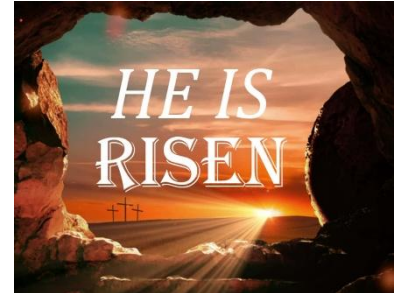
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From Grand Knight,

April 2026 invites us to walk with Jesus through His suffering, His rising, and His mercy. We remember His love shown at the Last Supper, His sacrifice on the cross, and the joy of the empty tomb. These weeks teach us about trust, service, and hope. We learn to follow His example in simple ways each day. This month reminds us that Jesus is with us, guides us, forgives us, and leads us toward new life.



The Resurrection Prayer

O Risen Lord,
the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Make us faithful followers of the spirit of Your Resurrection.
Grant that we may be inwardly renewed,
dying to ourselves in order that You may live in us.
May our lives serve as signs of the transforming power of Your love.
Use us as Your instruments for the renewal of society,
bringing Your life and love to all,
and leading them to Your Church.
This we ask of You, Lord Jesus,
living and reigning with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever.

Father in Heaven, You are my happiness. You are my life



Brother Knights as we begin the new year and the second half of our fraternal year we continue to need your support in our programs. Please make every effort to attend the business and social meetings and lend a helping hand where needed. I know that everyone is busy with their personal lives, but we need to be supportive of each other in our order. Be an active Knight not a Silent one. **Charity.....Unity.....Fraternity**

Reminder: Business Meeting April 9, 2026, 7:00pm.

Vivat Jesus! John Churavy

Grand Knight Father Ragan Council 3269

Membership Report

On March 25 two new members joined the Father Ragan Council as Third Degree Brother Knights. Welcome Brother Chase Ritenauer, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, and Brother Kenneth Dobbins, St. Joseph Parish.

Zelie's Home- Presentation



On March 19, Erin Hathaway, executive director of Zelie's Home spoke to the Council about Zelie's home which is a program that helps pregnant women in crisis or need.

Foundation donated \$500 and the Council \$100 to this cause.

Upcoming program - Prostate Health



On April 16th at 7:00PM, the Knights of Columbus, Father Ragan Hall at 1783 More Rd, Avon, the experienced and knowledgeable Joseph Emery, Clinical Liaison Lead at UH Cutler Center for Men will present "Prostate Health: What Every Man Should Know". Hear about prostate enlargement, cancer risk and urinary difficulties including the need for early detection through screening starting at 40 with PSA tests and digital rectal exams.

Also, practical recommendations for reducing risk will be discussed. Please RSVP by April 13th to rudybreglia@gmail.com. Bring Friends. Public is welcome. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Holy Spirit Guild Garage Sale- Call for Volunteers

Brother Knights

Once again the Knights have been asked to render assistance to the Holy Spirit Ladies for their Garage Sale. A special bonus that is very delicious will be offered to all Knights who sign up for a three hour shift or more. Maybe a Knight's shirt. Please let me know what shifts you can take. Any time is greatly appreciated. I spend part of last year sleeping in the garage due to a misunderstanding about getting Knights to sign up for duty. Help is needed on 4/27, 4/28/ 4/30 and 5/1. Shifts are from 9-12 PM; 12-3 PM, and 3PM-7PM.

Donations Accepted on Monday and Tuesday and Sale on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is a day of rest for the Knights

A Fond Farewell to Dan Pulit- Thanks for everything.



Brother Dan was honored with a cake at our last business meeting as he and Lady Char are moving to Columbus, Ohio to be closer to family. Dan was a very active member of our Council. Dan ran the Measure Up Campaign collections for 8 years at Walmart in Avon in the April time frame. This work included scheduling collectors in 2-hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday, making sure the collectors had the vest and collection bucket and counting all the money collected on Sunday evening.



Dan did a lot of work “behind the scenes” and was always available to help with maintenance issues at the Hall. He spent a lot of time helping with set-up and resets in the big and small halls for Bingo and Council events. He will be missed and will always be welcomed back whenever he is back in town.

Meeting Dates Jan-June 30 2026- Ragan Hall, 7PM

Business

April 9, 2026
May 7, 2026
June 4, 2026

Social

April 16, 2026
May 21, 2026
June 18, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LETTER-Deadline Approaches

The Father Ragan Charitable Foundation will be awarding scholarships to deserving high school and college students for the 2025-2026 academic years. An applicant does not need to be related to a Knight of Columbus. In order to apply for the scholarship, the applicant must be sponsored by a current Father Ragan third- degree council member whose dues are current or the widow of a deceased third- degree Brother Knight whose dues were current. The amount of work and accomplishment each sponsor has donated to the Council or Foundation will be taken into consideration when selecting an applicant for a scholarship award.

The number of scholarships an individual can receive is two. One scholarship can be awarded to applicants who are attending a Catholic based high school. Applicants will not be able to receive another scholarship until they graduate from high school and attend an institution of higher learning. Again, the individual will only be able to receive one scholarship. With the number of third- degree Brother Knights who have children, grandchildren, or other students they sponsor, it is only fair that the same person does not receive a scholarship every year. The spouse of a deceased third- degree Brother Knight and current third- degree members of the Father Ragan Council will be able to sponsor only one applicant every three years. A third- degree knight cannot sponsor a child or grandchild from his family if he is on the scholarship selection committee.

To obtain an application you can 1) email PGK Fred Metz at fredmetz23@yahoo.com and an application will be emailed to you, or 2) you can write a letter to PGK Fred Metz, 3979 Woodland Drive, Vermilion, Ohio 44089 with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed and an application will be sent to you.

All applications must be returned by regular mail to PGK Fred Metz – address in previous paragraph – by April 18, 2026. All applications received after April 18, 2026, will not be considered. If the application is not fully completed it will be discarded. Recipients of a scholarship will be notified after the scholarship committee has reviewed each application. The scholarships will be awarded on Thursday, May 16, 2026, at the start of the Ragan Council social meeting that begins at 7:00pm. Attendance at the scholarship presentation by the recipient or sponsor is required. All applicants will be asked to show some form of documentation to prove

attendance or proof of attendance to the school indicated on the application prior to the award ceremony on May 16.

The amount of money raised this past year for scholarships will be determined by the scholarship committee. It is possible that not every applicant will receive a scholarship. This year the number of scholarships being awarded will be decided by the scholarship committee. While there could be many applicants, the scholarship committee has unanimously decided that a review of all applications will be done to determine the recipients of this year's scholarships.

Any questions, contact PGK Fred Metz at 440 963 0747, or send him an email.

Thank God It's First Friday – West

Through the Gifts from God, we offer nourishment for the body, mind, and soul. All Knights are invited to participate in our inter-parish men's group, which convenes on the first Friday of each month. Each gathering features opportunities for socializing, a luncheon, a presentation by a priest, and concludes with the Celebration of the Eucharist. We warmly encourage you to join us at our upcoming events.

CORRECTIONS

DATES WE WILL MEET:

April 3, 2026

May 1, 2026

NO LUNCHEON – GOOD FRIDAY

Speaker: Representative St. Vincent de Paul Society

SPEAKER: Noted above

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: "tbd"

TOPIC: "tbd"

LOCATION: St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

COST: \$15.00

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 A RESERVATION: Call me at (440) 937-6606 or email me at gw.pg.perz@outlook.com.

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Reservations

To reserve your spot, please call (440) 937-6606 or email gw.pg.perz@outlook.com.