



RAGAN REPORT

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Grand Knight Report

A major rainstorm did not cancel the Crushers game on Aug 22 and a great time was had by all that braved the elements. Our Assembly honor guard presented the Colors and Brother Chris Hopiard hit one out of the park with his rendition of the National Anthem. The Crushers won 6-1 and fireworks ended the night. As a bonus it was hat night and dollar dog night.

Our by-laws were last officially updated in May 2009. Our Council must follow the Supreme Council and Board of Directors' approved by-laws for subordinate councils. Although we may adopt our own by-laws, only limited modifications are permitted. Supreme provides the required council by-laws template, which must be submitted online. At this time, we are considering only two updates: correcting dues and initiation fees to match current practice and increasing the amount the Board of Trustees may approve for expenditures outside ongoing operating expenses and State and Supreme invoices. Any other desired changes must be addressed through standing rules approved by the Council, provided they do not conflict with the by-laws or the mission and values of the Knights of Columbus. Any input that you would like to have as we work through will be appreciated.

Beginning with our September Meeting we will be including The Memorare Prayer by St. Bernard asking for the Virgin Mary's help in achieving canonization of Re. Fr. Michael McGivney. Prayer sheets will be on the back table.

Football Craze Fundraiser tickets have been mailed. Please return your stubs with payment to: Knights of Columbus, PO Box 224, Avon, Ohio 44011. This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year. By buying and selling tickets, you help us support our community, parishes, and schools. Without these funds, our ability to provide that support will be greatly limited. Deadline for turning tickets in is Oct 31..

As we continue developing our website, we will need photos now and in the future. If photography is one of your hobbies, I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

Vivat Jesus

GK Mike Jaworski

New Members- Welcome our newest Brother Knights

Brother Rich Capek is a resident of Avon, OH 8 years ago from St. Clair Shores, MI. He met his wife online on catholic match, They were married at St. Mary's in Vermillion. They became parishioners at St. Mary's in Avon 6 years ago. He has been a lector at St. Mary's and St. Lucy's for the past 30 years. He has also been involved with the St. Vincent de Paul society in the past

Brother Matthew Bommer- Is a member of Holy Trinity and he has a very interesting connection to the Father Ragan Council and Father Ragan Hall. Ask him what that might be.

Brother Carl Kessler- Is a member of Holy Trinity in Avon and is transferring to our Council from the Lorain Council 637

BOX SCORE- FATHER RAGAN FAMILY KNIGHT AT THE CRUSHERS STADIUM

- Almost a rainout but the skies cleared and the game was played
- The color guard proudly presented the flag
- Brother Chris Hopiard knocked it out of the park with his rendition of the National Anthem
- Brother John Churavy's grandson Emmitt threw a strike with the first ceremonial pitch of the game.
- It was hat night and dollar dog night
- The Crushers won the game 6-1
- Fireworks celebrated the win
- We are going to do it again next year



What is Double Deck Raffle?

The double deck raffle will replace the 50/50 raffle. Members will be allowed to select up to 5 cards from a deck of 52 cards. Each card selected will cost \$2.00. Members will hold those cards during the meeting. At the end of the meeting a card will be randomly selected from a second deck of 52 cards. If the selected card matches a card in a member's hand, the member will win ½ of the total pot and the other ½ will be utilized for charitable contributions. If there is no winner, all the money will stay in the pot and will be included in the total for the next meetings drawing. In other words, the prize grows if there is no winner at a meeting.

What are Happy Dollars?

At each meeting all Council Memers wil given the chance to share one's blessings and joyous moments with the council for a small fee. These monies will be accumulated and given to a Knight to pay forward to someone in need, ie veteran, mother in need, as a random act of kindness. A gift from Father Ragan Council Knights of Columbus. Thanks to/ Br. Bill Greaney who donated his 50/50 winnings to the Happy Dollar Jug.

SEMINARIANS/ACOLYTES

Seminarians: The Council is excited to have the opportunity to assist two seminarians this Fraternal year. Assist will be financially, spiritually and motivational. **Brent Feorene's** home parish is St. Lad's in Westlake. He is in his second year at Borromeo and is currently helping at Sacred Heart Church in Lorain. He also is involved in the Prison Ministry at the Lorain County Jail. **Thomas Byrne's** home parish is St. Christopher's in Rocky River. Thomas was instituted as an acolyte in February of 2026. Watch for further updates about these two fine men.

Future Programs- Mark Your Calendars & Invite a Friend

On September 17th at 7 PM, Holy Spirit Parish Catechetical Leader Dr. Wm. Christopher Hoag will present at the Knights of Columbus Ragan Hall (1783 Moore Road, Avon) on Autumn Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although most Catholics are familiar with May as the month of Mary and October as the month of the Holy Rosary, few Catholics are aware that the whole of late summer through autumn is a season filled with Marian feast days which this talk will present and unpack. Please RSVP by 9/14 to rudybreglia@gmail.com. Public is welcome. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

October 15- Holly Brinda will share information about the mentoring and support services offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters Lorain County and how the community can help.

November 19- The compassionate and wise Rachel Benda, Director, Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy will present “Hope That Never Fails” that describes her experience of serving women and men searching for mercy and healing after an abortion. As the founder of Bethesda House of Mercy, she draws from over thirty-five years of sharing the joy of new life in Christ and the peace of belonging to God.

January 21, 2027- TEACHING MASS presented by Fr. Anthony 7:30 PM at st Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Avon Ohio

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest- Begins in September



The Knights of Columbus Father Ragan Council #3269 is again sponsoring the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** for our associated parishes. The 2026 Theme for the Contest asks each eight-grade student from the school or PSR to answer the question in a 500–750-word essay: **Are our rights divinely given?** This question was addressed in the quote from the 1961 Inaugural speech of our former president and Knights of Columbus member, John F.

Kennedy, “The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.” In the essay, please explain the meaning of this quote and its importance for the success of a nation. Your help to encourage participation in the Contest by your parish.

Updated Requirements for Receiving the Columbian Award

Requirement #1: Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the Following Faith in Action Programs; ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, Coats for Kids

Requirement #2: Complete 4 Faith in Action programs, one in each of the following categories: Faith, Family Community, and Life. The program cannot be the same as program/activities submitted for Requirement 1.

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Requirement #3: Complete 3 programs/activities to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen bonds of friendship between men of your council and one to support your community or parish) These programs cannot be the same ones used for meeting Requirement #1 or #2

COATS FOR KIDS- Volunteers with Strong Backs will be needed

On Saturday November 7 you will have an opportunity to skip your visit to the YMCA and get your workout at Ragan Hall. On that date, we will be unloading a semi-truck filled with cases of Coats and helping with distribution of them to area Councils. Mark your calendar.

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.

All Knights are invited to attend an inter-parish men's group which meets on each First Friday for socializing, luncheon, a talk by a priest, and concluding with the Celebration of the Eucharist. Below are the dates for the upcoming luncheons and known speakers. Please consider joining us!

DATES WE WILL MEET:

September 4, 2026	Rev. Monseigneur Richard Antall, Pastor Sagrada Familia-Cleveland
October 2, 2026	Rev. Fr. Bob Franko Pastor St. Peter & St. Julie Biillart
November 6, 2026	Rev. Fr. Ryan Arto – St. Raphael's, Bay Village
December 4, 2026	Rev. Fr. Dominic Gideon – St. Albert the Great, No. Royalton
January 1, 2027	NO LUNCHEON
February 5, 2027	tbd
March 5, 2027	tbd
April 2, 2027	tbd
May 7, 2027	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.

I am accepting religious articles for redistribution within the Cleveland Diocese and religious books to add to our lending library. So please, if you would care to bring duplicate articles to the luncheon, we will definitely see they get to a source that will distribute your items to needy inner city parishes. Used postage stamps and spent printer cartridges are always accepted. These items may also be brought to the luncheon or dropped off at the KOC hall.

George W. Perz Secretary-Treasurer, TGIFF-West