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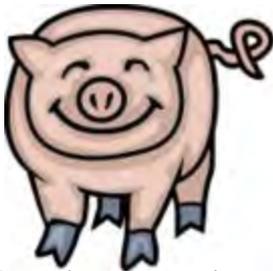
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Grand Knight  
Bob Schneider

# Pig & Car Show September 15th

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Even the pigs are happy  
about this event



1953 Henry "J"

Avon  
Eagles



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# Football is Back

## Support Your Local Teams



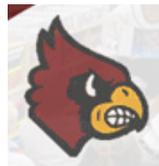
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Westlake  
Demons



Notre Dame -Cathedral Latin



Brookside  
Cardinals



Avon Lake  
Shoremen

**The following is the text of GK Bob Schneider's comments at the Installation of Officers. It is reproduced here, to allow those unable to attend, the opportunity to review our Council's status.**

*July 5, 2007*

*Reverend Father, Worthy District Deputy, Past Grand Knights, Brother Knights and guests.*

*Thank you for being here tonight.*

*I'll keep my remarks short. Probably not as short as some would like, but we have something to be proud of. I think something that needs to be said. out loud and with pride.*

*Tonight really honors all of our new and returning officers. Four Brothers have stepped up to the plate for the first time to serve this Council for this Fraternal year and into the future; Rich Bencal, Paul Green, Rob Garrett and Bob Uszak. We have returning Brothers in Scott Gedeon, Mark Potteger, Mike O'Connor, Bob Booth, Mike Moore, PGKs Jim Bruder, Vic Sedevic and Ken O'Connor, Ted Schmitz and our special guard Ted Kocab.*

*They are responsible for the welfare of the members and the administration of the good and welfare of this Council. It's a huge commitment but I can tell you that this council is in good hands. We are growing and accomplishing things that keep the Father Ragan Council in the forefront of the K of C's. Without a strong leadership, one that has vision of the future or needs of the community, we could falter and close the doors forever.*

*We have seen other councils in our area dwindle and die. We see other councils hang onto a few members where only a handful attend meetings. We are fortunate to have 40 - 50 members attend a meeting, regularly. We are fortunate to have numerous members volunteer for projects and fund raisers. Our volunteer hours are up. Our new membership numbers are up.*

*We have been recognized by the state again with the Religious of the Year - Sister Anne and the Community Activity of the Year - Smiles for Sophie. I can tell you here tonight that those awards are not easy to win. Nor are they based on the work of one man.*

*It is many Brothers and wives that really win the award for the council. We rely on the experience of the Past Grand Knights and of the Brothers that*

*have been members since the beginning. We thank our departed Brothers for the hours of mentoring to our Council.*

*My re-election sets a new record for the Council. We have had three other Grand Knights for two year terms; Jim Resar, Ray DeChant and Ken O'Connor. The idea of a 2 year term makes sense. Three years, well..... Let's not make it a fourth. It was unfortunate that John Hricovec could not continue in the advancement of offices, but family and business needs to come first.*

*It is an honor that I serve the Council for a third year. We have programs to continue. We have new goals for membership. We have social programs like the return of the Steak Fry, the annual Clambake, Memorial Mass and Seniors Dinner to continue.*

*As I stated in the Ragan Report, we are starting at zero with the State in terms of reporting and all of the items that are recordable. But my comment is still the same, So what! We have the muscle and horsepower or the people power as my wife said and momentum and ideas and the new officers. We are making a vision to be able to have a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner for the Father Ragan Council in the year of 2051.*

*The only way to get there is to keep growing. Oh and there is one more item. It's probably the most important item of all. We have you and you and you and you and you as part of our great Council #3269.*

*Vivat Jesus*



## **Need Your Batteries Recharged?**



**Has the summer vacation season left you worn out?**

**Has your life been made difficult by the 90 degree drought followed by the monsoon season?**

**Has it been a long time (or never) since you committed a day to God? Well mark your calendars, rearrange your schedules, and get Saturday November 3rd reserved for a men's retreat at Fr. Ragan Hall. Our Chaplain Fr. Leo De Chant will provide the leadership and we guarantee that you will return home with a full charge in your batteries. Bring your friends. All are welcome. In order to arrange for food we would ask that you notify GK Bob Schneider of your intention to attend.**

**You owe to yourself to attend. You owe it to the Lord.**

FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH**

### **Pork Pull & Car Show**

**TROPHIES**

**DJ MUSIC**

**3:00 PM Until 8:00 PM**

**BBQ PULLED PORK AND HAM SANDWICHES**

**NUMEROUS SIDES AND DESSERTS**

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# Do You Remember?

**You could buy a new car for less than \$2000.**

**Gas was \$.29/gallon. (Note to young guys—This is not a printing error, gas was really 29¢ a gallon) You could buy “reconstituted” oil for a nickel a quart. The really cool guys had Hot Rods that had been Chopped, Channeled, and/or Sectioned. You often found the original engine had been replaced. Does anyone remember the Ford Flat Head or the durable Chrysler Slant Six engines?**



Fire Breathing Fiat

**Well the Father Ragan Magical Time Machine is going to operational on September 15th. We are looking for a big crowd to transport back in time to when REAL cars owned the highways.**

**The Annual (we hope) Pork Pull & Car Show will be held in Father Ragan’s backyard. It promises to be a great time and you definitely do not want to miss the show. We are planning lots of food, music and plenty of REAL cars to look at, remember how it was, and wish we could really got back to that time in our lives.**



3 Window Coupe

**The show kicks off at 3:00 PM and will run until 8:00PM**

**Lookin’ is free but we are asking \$10 per dinner to keep the bookkeepers happy.**



Corvairs were air cooled with the engine in the back



1932 Ford Roadster

**Bring your kids or grandkids and dazzle them with your knowledge of tri-powered Pontiacs or the famous Borg Warner T-10 gearbox used in the old Corvettes. You’ll be kicking yourself later if you don’t come down, so mark it on your calendar and bring your friends**

Cars shown above and on the front cover are representative of the type expected but are not the actual cars to be shown

# State Officers to Visit Fr Ragan Council

Fr Ragan Council will welcome a contingent of State Council Officers to our meeting of September 6th. The list of the expected officers includes Roland Bator, Past State Deputy, and current State Warden Bob Collins. This special occasion will see a presentation by the State Officers followed by what is described as "A worthy selection of Meeting Food".

**This special meeting is open to the public. Bring your wife, kids, neighbors etc.**

A big surprise is promised.

## Lecturer schedules Special Program at September 20th Meeting

Linda Luecke the Executive Director of Cornerstone will make a presentation at our hall on September 20th. Her program will begin immediately following our regular meeting which should be about 8:30 PM.

Cornerstone has provided help to thousands of women in Lorain County for over twenty years. They provide alternatives to abortion, promote marriage and advocate sexual purity. They rely on contributions, the annual Walk for Life and their resale shop.

Family, Isabellas and guests are invited. Bring a friend to hear Linda's presentation

## Fr Paschal takes on new job

Our Assistant chaplain Fr. Paschal Petcavage is now a travel consultant and is leading a group on a trip to Lourdes France. The departure for this eleven (11) day adventure is scheduled for November 2008. 2008 marks the 150th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to Bernadette Soubiroux at Lourdes. The per person cost including air, hotel etc is \$2475.00. If interested contact Fr Paschal.

# **A Letter of Appreciation**

The following letter was received from a 2006 Scholarship Recipient:

***To Knights of Columbus Council # 3269***

***Last year, realizing the call to aid in the education of upstanding Catholics, you awarded me with a scholarship for use in my pursuit***

***of an engineering degree at the University of Notre Dame.***

***Upon arriving on campus last fall, I eagerly joined the Band of the Fighting Irish on the trumpet. This membership enabled me to travel with the band down to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl last winter, which was a remarkable and unforgettable experience. I have also been active in a couple of student theatrical productions and parliamentary debate while maintaining a G.P.A. worthy of the Dean's List in the College of Engineering.***

***Then late in the spring of 2007, in order to express my faith through acts of service and fraternity, I decided to join Knights of Columbus Council #1477, Notre Dame's local chapter..., As a new first-degree Knight I anticipate the coming school year and the opportunities it may bring in God's service. Your continued support and prayers would be deeply appreciated from a brother knight.***

***With Gratitude,***

***Ben Drda***



October 07						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 30	October 1	2	3	4	5	6
			St Mary's Bingo 	6:30 PM Office Meeting New Time & Date 8:00 PM Fr Ragan Business Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Columbus Day (Observed) 	Matthew 23:11 PM Isabella Guild 	St Mary's Bingo 	7:30 PM Fr Ragan Charitable Trust Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Lt. McManus Assy 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting Avon 8:00 PM 	St Mary's Bingo 	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Social Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Isabella Fund Raiser Tea Party 7:00 PM 	St Mary's Bingo 	7:30 PM Fr Ragan Charitable Trust Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
28	29	30	31	November 1	2	3
			St Mary's Bingo HALLOWEEN 	November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY 	Fr Ragan Bingo 	

# Lt. Francis J. Mc Manus Assembly Fourth

## Degree Turnouts and Notes

- **No Turnouts Scheduled at this time**
- 4th Degree Clam Bake September 22nd at the Bliss Homestead. Call Cy or Mary to reserve a spot in line. Annual Hayride from Hell to Follow.

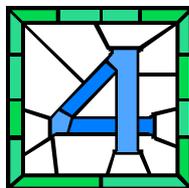


# ~~Dollars~~

# ~~Pennies for Heaven~~

Thanks but keep the pennies for the bubblegum machine, toss those extra “Dollars” in the jug.

Tired of always getting beaten by Cleveland Council in the amount of money raised for Pennies for Heaven, Fr. Ragan Council has set a goal of raising \$7000.00 by the end of May 2008. We encourage you to help this worthy cause that provides funding for vocations by pitching in.



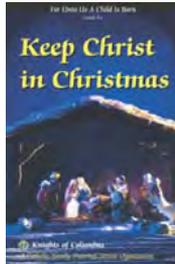
# September

# Anniversaries

Br.	David	&	Marilyn	Richards	9/4
Br.	Mark	&	Patricia	Saint Cyr	9/6
Br.	Frederick	&	Marilyn	Stauder	9/6
Br.	Michael	&	Catherine	Gilles	9/7
Br.	Thomas	&	Patrica	Sullivan	9/11
Br.	Gerald	&	Mary Ann	Drottar	9/13
PGK	Rocco	&	Eileen	Gannelli	9/13
Br.	Mark	&	Sarah	Link	9/17
Br.	Gerald	&	Joyce	Plas	9/18
Br.	R. Lindsey	&	Lorrie	Bruce	9/25
FDD PGK	Frank	&	Jean	Eber	Sr. 9/27
Br.	William	&	Rose	Pudimat	9/27
Br.	John	&	Louise	Schrift	Sr. 9/29

## Heads up...

Mark your calendars, December 4th will be the date of our annual Light Up For Christ Program. More details to follow. You can't say that we didn't tell you about this in time.



Plan to join us.



Brothers we are asking everyone to **IMMEDIATELY STOP** throwing branches, wood or any type of yard waste into the fire pit. We appreciate your good intentions however we have been working on renting the pavilion and grassy areas and the CYO football teams has begun practicing there .

**We Appreciate Your Help**







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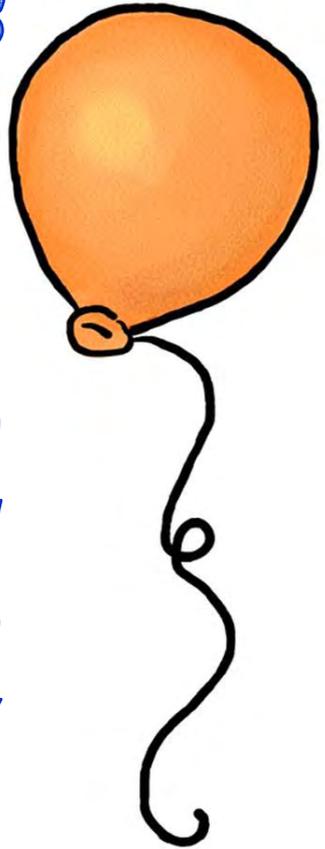
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# September

Br.	Kelly	D.	Sommers	9/3
Br.	John	G.	Fain	9/6
Br.	Ralph	U.	Wearsch	9/6
Br.	Theodore	J.	Kocab	9/7
PGK	Theodore	J.	Schmitz	9/7
Br.	Geoffrey	R.	Smith	9/7
Br.	Willie	F.	Doss	9/8
Br.	Gerald	R.	Drottar	9/8
Br.	Raymond	E.	Linden	9/9
Br.	John	A.	Morog	9/12
Br.	Dale	W.	Spence	9/12
Br.	Robert	J.	Banker	9/13
Br.	Thomas	J.	Wysocki	9/13
Br.	Gerald	W.	Plas	9/14
Br.	Eugene	C.	Meyer	9/15
Br.	Robert	A.	Mason	9/16
PGK	John	F.	Riba	9/16
Br.	Roger	A.	Camp	9/17
Br.	Terrence	J.	Tomaszewski	9/19
Br.	John	E.	Schrift	9/21
Br.	James	C.	Black	9/22
Br.	Richard	H.	Schleicher	9/22
Br.	Paul	A.	Larson	9/23
Br.	Milton	M.	Marsh	9/23
Br.	Rudolph	K.	Halek	9/24
Br.	John	J.	Sebastian	9/24
Br.	Chester	A.	Seroka	9/25
Rev. Fr.	Javier		Luna	9/26
PGK	Kenneth	J.	O'Connor	9/27
Br.	Michael	A.	Koeth	9/28
Br.	Michael	R.	Gorski	9/29
Br.	Daniel	J.	Lawrence	9/30
Br.	Kenneth	P.	Vaccaro	9/30

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## *September is Life Insurance Awareness Month*

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

Mike Radca - Member of Fr Ragan Council 440-926-3806

# Isabella Guild News

Welcome back! Summer is almost over, and our Isabellas are back and busy! Our first meeting after "Summer Vacation" will be Tuesday, September 11 at 7 pm. We have gotten really good at recycling our White Elephants, but there is recycling that has more benefit for our environment than an empty closet! We have a guest coming for our September meeting who will present a Recycling Awareness Program. Please join us!

Our September meeting is a good time to bring a guest who can learn what our organization is about. A reminder-- Membership is open to wives, sisters, mothers of Knights AND ALL CATHOLIC LADIES. Look around your parish and invite someone who would enjoy our fellowship and the opportunity to help others.

TEA PARTY TICKETS will be available at the meeting. Circle October 23rd on your calendar, get your group together and buy your tickets before they are gone. We have tables for 8 or you can purchase tickets individually for you and a friend. Bring your money (\$10 per person) as all tickets are advance sale.

The Isabella Guild of the Knights of Columbus

presents

## Tea Thyme

featuring

*"The Missing Thyme"*

Performed by  
Herbal Theatrics

Tuesday, October 23  
7:00 p.m.

K of C Hall, Avon  
1783 Moore Road, Avon  
(next to BJ's)

### MENU FEATURES

Chicken salad, croissant,  
fresh fruit, pastries, tea

Enjoy HERBAL THEATRICS  
performance of this  
delightful original skit.

You will learn a lot  
about thyme and solve  
a crime in due time.

Raffles & door prizes!

Tickets: \$10.00 Advance Sales Only Limited Seating

For more information or tickets, call  
Pat at 440-933-8986 or Sandy at 440-933-9957.



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## Friday Night Bingo

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