

FR RAGAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

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SNOW "BALL" WITH FROSTY

Saturday December 13th 2008

Appetizers 6:30 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM

Cost \$20 per person BYOB-Wash Provided

This fun filled evening is open to the public. Bring your family, friends & neighbors for a night of seasonal music, good food and crazy antics.

- Music will be provided by Brother Knight & Entertainer Extraordinaire John Kowalski;
- Tom's Country Place is catering the food so you know that will be good; (Menu: Pork Chops, Chicken, Potatoes, Squash, Ice Cream and Cookie)
- and you never know what else those ladies will try.

**Paid reservations by Dec. 8th
For Tickets Call:**

Bobbie Bruder 934-4053 or Pat Christ 933-8986

Bring an unwrapped gift or two for distribution to needy children in the area. You can place in under our tree when you get your picture taken with Santa

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday December 21st at 1:00 PM.

Br Mike Cobos is hard at work preparing for the annual Children's Christmas Party that will be held at Fr Ragan Hall. If you have kids or grandkids, ages 10 and under, call or write Brother Mike (930-2900 — mdnn@oh.rr.com) and let him know the number and ages of kids attending.

With the tough economic times, many people in our area are in critical need of food and clothing. We ask that you bring canned or non-perishable food items and/or new or gently used clothing items with you to Children's Christmas Party. Cash donations will also be accepted and greatly appreciated. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities for distribution.

4thDegree News—

McManus Christmas Party

Tuesday December 16th 2008—Cost \$20/Person

Tom's Country Place 3442 Stony Ridge Rd Avon, OH

Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM

Reservations Required by December 12th

Call or Write Sir Knight Mike Moore 933-9957—

bald.mike@oh.rr.com

Books for Africa Ceases Operation

We have been notified that the "Books for Africa" project has ceased operation. They will no longer accept books or anything else for this project. All of the books that have been accumulated at Fr Ragan will be disposed of. We want to thank all of you who have supported this effort in the past.

Rest in Peace

Please remember our recently deceased Brother Knights in your prayers. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families.

BR RAYMOND J NOVOTNY

BR ANDREW P. RUSNAK

BR FREDERICK J. STAUDER

Must Read Meeting Information

**The January Business meeting is changed to
January 8th 2009.**

Since the January 2009 Business meeting falls on New Years Day and anticipating less then a packed house on that date, Grand Knight Scott Gedeon has rescheduled that meeting to a week later on January 8th. MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Lecturer Ted Schmitz has lined up a couple of great guest speakers that will be of interest to everyone.

- January 15th GM Ryan Gates of the Avon Professional Baseball Team will be our guest speaker. Get the inside scoop on what's happening with the new stadium, how to get tickets, and what we can expect during this inaugural season
- February 19th a representative of the YMCA, who will operate the new Avon Recreation Center, will be on hand to describe the current status of the project and what programs will be offered. The Recreation Center which is to be located adjacent to the new Avon Professional Baseball Park just off Colorado Avenue, south of Miller Road in Avon, is currently being designed and, with luck, construction will be completed in 2009. Come on down and offer your suggestions as to what you would like to see included.

Free Senior's Dinner-Fr Ragan Hall December 7 2008 1:00 PM

PGK Vince Gargaro is working hard to finalize the details for this years Annual Senior's Dinner. The dinner, including salad & rolls, turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetable & dessert as well as beverages, is totally free but tickets are required as the size of our hall does limit how many folks we can accommodate. This event is open to the public as well as members of Fr Ragan. You can get tickets by calling PGK Vince at 934-1788.

Tom's Country Place is Catering this event and the Knights of Fr Ragan and their families will do the serving and clean up.

Any Brother Knights who want to help out should show up at the hall no later than 12:30 PM.

We are especially in need of help from 1st, 2nd, & 3rd degree members this year. A scheduling conflict involving the 4th Degree members will not allow that group of regular workers to be with us.

Save Your Plastic Coffee Containers

Measure Up Chairman, Dan Pulit is looking for some large plastic coffee containers with a handle and lid.

In preparation for the Measure Up campaign, Dan is looking for some large coffee containers that can be used at collection sites instead of the narrow hard to use cylinders that were used in past years. If you have one bring it to a meeting.

We'll ask you to fill them with cash at a later date.



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DECEMBER 08						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 30	DECEMBER 1	2	3	4	5	6
		Light up for Christ 7:30 PM Fr Ragan Hall 	Ohio Pet Placement Bingo 	6:30 PM Officers Meeting 8:00 PM Fr Ragan Business Mtg	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
SENIOR'S DINNER 	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 	No Isabella Meeting	Ohio Pet Placement Bingo 	7:30 PM FR Ragan Charitable Foundation Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo  Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 	Fr Ragan Christmas Party Appetizers 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM 
15	16	17	18	19	20	
		Lt McManus Assy Meeting 8:00 PM Tom's Country Place Xmas Dinner 	Ohio Pet Placement Bingo 	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Social Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Kid's Christmas Party 1:00 PM 				MERRY CHRISTMAS 	Fr Ragan Bingo  December 26 Boxing Day	
28	29	30	31	JANUARY 1		3
			Ohio Pet Placement Bingo 		Fr Ragan Bingo 	

“The Essence of Knighthood”

One of my pleasures as Grand Knight is writing the monthly column you are now reading. With each month's column, I envision someone reading about our council for the first time. In doing so, I hope to impress on them that we are united in purpose and action as men for others. I write this month's column with sincere admiration for my brother knights who recently exemplified what it truly means to be a Knight of Columbus.

It started with a phone call from PGK Roberto Cobos telling me that Brother Fred Stauder had passed away. We were told that Fred's family was fairly small and men would be needed as pallbearers. DGK Mike Moore then notified all in the council of his passing and advised of the funeral arrangements.

Over twenty men answered the call and gathered at the funeral home to pray a rosary for Fred. Six men stepped up and served as pallbearers. These beautiful acts of compassion, faith, and service embody what we are truly called to be- Christ for others. It is humbling to be the leader of this council when our ranks are filled with men of such character, devotion, and faith. To find a “true Knight” I need to look no further than to the men of my council.

Merry Christmas and as always,

Vivat Jesus,

Scott Gedeon

Light up for Christ
Tuesday December 2, 2008
7:30 PM
 It's open to Moms, Dads & Kids.
 Join us as Deacon Bob Walling
 leads us, joining Knights all over the
 world, in Starting the Season off
 right by remembering the Reason
 for the Season