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Isabella Guild News...

The City of Avon's loge at All Pro Stadium has been made available for the winner of a raffle sponsored by the Isabella Guild. The game is scheduled for July 3rd and features the Lake Erie Crushers vs. the Evansville Otters. One lucky winner and eleven guests will enjoy viewing the game from the comfort of the loge and will also receive two parking passes. Tickets are available from any of the ladies as well as from Grand Knight Mike Moore at council meetings. The price is \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 with all proceeds supporting the work of the Guild.

Mark your calendars. Our March 9th meeting will feature Br. Tom DeChant our local Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent. Tom will provide information on not only life insurance, but also long term health care insurance as well as the superior rated KofC annuities.

The April 13th meeting will feature a guest speaker Larry Zielinski from Lorain County Right to Life. As an added bonus attendees will enjoy the lovely melodies of harpist Cici McKay prior to the presentation of our guest speaker. **THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE.** Bring your friends, neighbors, and husbands.

For additional information call Betty Weimar 933-3271

Awards Night Scheduled for Saturday April 17th

Please consider joining us for a night out to honor the many, many volunteers who have made this Fraternal Year a great success. There are so many folks who have given freely of their time and we owe it to them to show up and say thank you. A free dinner will be provided to all who attend and the awards committee will present our Knight of the Year award as well as several other notable awards to various honorees. We would like to extend a special invitation to the volunteers who support our bingo program.

The tentative schedule has cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM with the awards presentations to follow.

In order to properly plan for this gala affair and assure that we have enough to eat, we ask that you contact Grand Knight Mike Moore (bald.mike@oh.rr.com 933-9957) and let him know if you are planning to attend and how many guests you plan to bring.

Congratulations Bill & Marie

A special great big shout out of congratulations to Bill & Marie Mayton. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on February 18th. Way to go!!! Hope you have many more happy years together.

Grand Knights Message...

I don't know about you but I've had enough of the cold & snow. Between the slipping, sliding, shoveling, and the resultant cussing, I'm ready for sunshine and warm weather. Despite my unbridled aggravation with the weather, I am most grateful for the diligence of my Brother Knights in showing up for meetings.

Our Worthy Lecturer, PGK Ted Schmitz, has done an outstanding job of securing interesting speakers at our social meetings and the good attendance is evidence that the members appreciate his efforts. There was a lot of interest in the new YMCA scheduled to open soon in Avon and members got a lot of good information from our January speakers and many have signed up as members. PGK Harding Christ, our assistant lecturer in training, was able to get award winning Plain Dealer reporter and author Terry Pluto to address members at the February social meeting. With over sixty members & guests in attendance it was a night to remember. Thank you all for joining us and thanks to Ted & Harding for your efforts in arranging things.

Ted worked so hard that he had to go to Myrtle Beach for a month to rest up.

In his absence PGK Harding Christ is planning a "History of Fr. Ragan Council" for our social meeting on March 18th. There is an awful lot of history and artifacts within the walls of our hall. If you're a relatively new member come on down to learn. If you're a veteran come on down to make sure Harding gets it right. Either way this should make for an interesting discussion.

In other news, it is time to begin lining up the men who will serve as your council officers for the new fraternal year that begins July 1st. This year the following gentlemen have agreed to serve on the nomination committee; PGK Ted Schmitz, PGK Bob Schneider, & PGK Harding Christ. Please consider filling one of the many open officer positions. It is a great way to become involved, meet new friends, and support your council. If approached by a member of the committee, please take the time to explore the duties of the available positions. Many take minimal effort, yet are important to the success of the council. It is not rocket science. The only prerequisite is a willingness to help out.

Stay warm and I'll see you soon. Vivat Jesus!



Super Cash Bonanza

By now you should have received your Super Cash Bonanza Raffle tickets. This raffle provides the bulk of the Charitable Money that the Ohio State Council disburses. It is also a good way for the council to raise money as we retain a portion of the money from each ticket. I know some of you don't like to sell stuff but consider this, isn't there someone, a family member, friend, or neighbor that you know that could use an extra \$414.00 a month for the next ten years? What about \$313.00 a month for the next five years? What about the other 18 prizes? Perhaps buying a ticket or two and giving it as a gift would work for you. There are many ways to contribute to this campaign's success. Just pick a way that works for you. If you need more tickets contact chairman Fred Metz at 440-963-0747 or via e-mail fredmetz23@yahoo.com We appreciate all that you do for this council.