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Greetings from Fr Petcavage

The following e-mail was received from Father Petcavage and I wanted to share it with you...

To all of you dear friends and loved ones, may the Lord Jesus give you His choicest blessings as we gather together to celebrate His wonderful birth. I arrived in Avon, OH, last Friday, December 17th, and am here until the 5th of February, getting my visa for India and that all of that kind of stuff... Will leave on that date for Rome, where, after a couple of days, I will travel to India. I will be there until the 30 June. Love to all of you. Pray for me.

Fr. Len

January Events...

Jan 6th—Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM

Jan 13th—Foundation Meeting 7:30 PM

Jan 15th—Free Throw Competition Open to All Boys & Girls of the area Ages 10 to 14 as of January 1st *See flyer on next page*

Jan 20th—Social Meeting 1st Degree Candidate Call 7:30 PM; Degree Begins at 8:00 PM

Father Ragan Charitable Foundation is Looking For Officer Candidates

You may not be aware that Supreme Council Bylaws prohibit local councils, like Father Ragan, from owning or holding property. The building and grounds that we, as members of Fr. Ragan Council, use and enjoy are owned and operated by the Father Ragan Charitable Foundation.

The Foundation is incorporated in the State of Ohio as a Not for Profit Charity and has been granted tax exempt 501(c)3 status by the Internal Revenue Service. This allows private and corporate donors to deduct from their income tax any funds given to the Foundation. The other major benefit of the 501(c)3 status is that the Ohio Gaming Commission allows the Foundation to operate Friday Night Bingo.

Bingo is the primary source of revenue for the maintenance and operation of the hall and grounds with supplemental income derived from hall rentals and private donations. Since its inception the Foundation has distributed over \$800,000 for charitable purposes.

As a member of Fr. Ragan Council you are a de facto member of the Charitable Foundation and are eligible to serve as an officer and to participate in the election of the men who serve as officers. Meetings are held on the 2nd and (if needed) 4th Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM.

The Foundation is currently looking for volunteers to serve as officers for the current term. Your help is needed and we ask that you consider volunteering to help as an officer candidate. For more information contact current President Vic Sedivec 440-748-9400

Fr. Ragan Provides a Solution to a Major Health Problem—Wine Tasting

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) described as a sense of sadness, loss and lethargy which can accompany the shortening days of fall and winter is, in my opinion a serious health issue. Fortunately Fr. Ragan Council under the guidance of PGK Ted Schmitz and Paul Nelson have come up with a cure.

On Saturday, February 12th, they are hosting a **half way through winter, close enough to Valentine's Day, get out of the house and party**, medically proven cure for SAD. From 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM Fr Ragan will present a gala wine tasting event featuring several varieties of wine from three local vintners. Each attendee will receive a commemorative glass, 10 tickets to sample wines of their choosing, and various cheeses and snacks for a nominal \$20.00 entrance fee. Background music will be provided to settle the nerves, add to the ambiance and increase the enjoyment of all. If you're into the health benefits of antioxidants found in red wines this is a can't miss program. While I wouldn't submit the entrance fee to Medicare or your health care insurance provider, I just have to believe the health benefits outweigh the incidental cost.

The event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and a full house is anticipated so be sure to make your advance reservations by calling either Ted at 937-6402 or Paul at 930-0608.

See the flyer with all the details on the following page.



Free Throw Championship

Council Level Competition:

Fr Ragan Council of Avon / Avon Lake



January 22, 2011
8:30 AM

St. Joseph School Gymnasium
Avon Lake, Ohio

Pre-registration is not required, however, please contact Contest Chairman Mike Collins regarding your attendance so we can appropriately plan for the number of participants. Mike Collins: mike@roadtriplog.com

Eligibility: The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is open to all boys and girls, ages 10 to 14. Age eligibility is determined by the **age of the contestant as of January 1.**

Scoring: Normal rules of basketball regarding free throws apply for all levels of competition. Free Throw violations include stepping on or over the line prior to the ball reaching the rim, or shots rebounding off the "out of bounds" basket support and equipment.

Competition: Each contestant receives three warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive Free Throw attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line. Note: These foul line and ball size requirements may or may not match the age-related or grade-related rules of the participant's current CYO, city, or rec league.

Age	Boys	Girls
10	12 Ft Foul Line Women's Reg. Ball	12 Ft Foul Line Women's Reg. Ball
11	12 Ft Foul Line Women's Reg. Ball	12 Ft Foul Line Women's Reg. Ball
12	15 Ft Foul Line Women's Reg. Ball	15 Ft Foul Line Women's Reg. Ball
13	15 Ft Foul Line Women's Reg. Ball	15 Ft Foul Line Women's Reg. Ball
14	15 Ft Foul Line Men's Reg. Ball	15 Ft Foul Line Women's Reg. Ball



February 12th, 2011
6:00 PM—10:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Hall
1783 Moore Rd.
Avon, OH 44011

*** Just north of Colorado
Ave. (Next to BJs Wholesale
Club)

Valentine's Weekend Wine Tasting Evening

Price of Admission:

\$20.00 per person in advance

Reservations are required

For tickets contact Paul @ 440-930-0608 or Ted @ 440-937-6402

Admission includes:

Remembrance glass

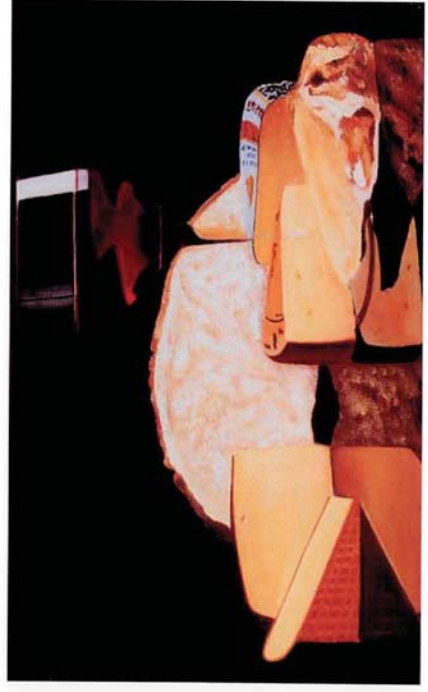
10 tickets for wine samples (Klingshirn, Matus or Paper Moon Wineries)

Assorted hors d'oeuvres (cheese, crackers & fruit bar)

Carved beef sandwiches

Entertainment provided by:

DJ Tom



Grand Knights Message

January 2011

Happy New Year!! Hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas. Our December certainly was a busy one. For the 30th year in a row, our annual KofC Wrestling Tournament was held at Avon Lake High School. Thank You to all who showed up and helped out, and to PGK Roberto Cobos for chairing this event. That same weekend 240 senior citizens were treated to a free turkey dinner at our hall. Many thanks to all who helped setup, serve, and cleanup. Especially to PGK Vince Gargaro who has chaired this event for as long as I can remember. The following weekend the Kids Christmas party was the biggest one ever, with over 90 children and grandchildren of Knights in attendance. My thanks to Br Mike Cobos and his daughter Natalie for helping, it could not have happened without them. Also thanks to the Sedevic family for making the kids stockings, (especially the last minute stockings). Thanks to my brother Tom who provided the music and to Joe Lowe for getting a hold of Santa for us. I am especially proud of the generosity of those who attended the Kids Christmas Party and brought food items and coats for needy families. 3 tables could not hold all of the donations, which were distributed immediately thanks to the Cobos families.

At the annual Isabellas Christmas Party a check was given to our council from the Isabellas in the amount of \$500.00. Many thanks to the ladies for their continued support. Last year's donation enabled us to build the Mary Shrine in front of our hall. I ask for a few volunteers to form a committee so we can put this year's gift to good use.

Thanks to Joe Abram and Rob Garrett for taking over the Friday night Bingo. If interested in helping out get a hold of one of them. There can never be too much help at Bingo. There will be Bingo on New Year's Eve and a large crowd is expected. Extra help would be appreciated.

Pay attention to the calendar this month as there are many things coming up.

Vivat Jesus
GK John Hricovec