

# Ragan Report



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## 2nd Call—Father Ragan Charitable Foundation is Looking For Officer Candidates

The following article is reproduced from last month's Ragan Report for those who may have missed it and with the addition of a list of the offices for which we are seeking candidates. The trustees of the council are normally the de facto trustees of the Charitable Foundation but these positions have, on occasion, been filled by alternates. The four positions for which we are seeking candidates are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, & Secretary.

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 (zechmanwholesale@gmail.com) or Grand Knight John Hricovec 440-242-7894 (jthric@msn.com).

## Tickets are going fast for Wine Tasting Saturday February 12th

On Saturday, February 12th Fr Ragan Council is hosting a half way through winter, close enough to Valentine's Day, get out of the house and party, event.

From 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM Brothers Ted Schmitz & Paul Nelson 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. If your taste runs to dryer wines, no problem. There will be a variety of wines that will assure a perfect match to whatever your tastes in wine are.

The event is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** and the response has been great so a full house is anticipated. We are limiting the ticket sales to allow room for our guest to move freely among the vintner's selections. Call now to make your advance reservations.

Both Ted at 937-6402 or Paul at 930-0608 are waiting to hear from you.

See the flyer with all the details elsewhere in this publication.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FR. RAGAN—MORE INFORMATION IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THE RAGAN REPORT

- **Isabella Tea Party** Monday April 11th 7:00 PM \$15.00/Person
- **Awards Night Program** April 2011-If you wish to nominate an worthy individual for an award contact one of the committee members: Ted Schmitz, Ken O'Connor, Joe Greiner
- <http://kellymillercircus.com/> August 2011

### **Quarterly Communion—February 13, 2011 at St Joseph Church 32929 Lake Road Avon Lake 8:30 AM Mass**

All brother knights and their families are invited to join us for our next quarterly communion at St Joseph Church Avon Lake. Coffee and doughnuts will be available after Mass. All Sir Knights are asked to turn out in full regalia, if able, to demonstrate our support for our church, council, and community.

### **Have you received the highest honors of our Order, the 4th Degree?**

Lt. Francis McManus Assembly, representing the 4th degree Sir Knights of Lorain County, is seeking candidates for advancement in our order. Membership is open to any 3rd Degree member of the Order who has made his 1st Degree at least one year prior to his 4th Degree Exemplification.

While 4th Degree Sir Knights are permitted to wear the full regalia, capes, swords, & chapeau, **it is not a requirement.** Participation in the Honor/Color Guard is totally optional and a decision to join them can be made at a later date. Fourth Degree membership allows members to expand their involvement with the Knights and enjoy the many social & fraternal activities of the assembly and to meet fellow Sir Knights from throughout Lorain County.

There is only one major opportunity to experience the exemplification of the Fourth Degree each year and the date of this year's event is rapidly approaching on April 9th. In order to allow time for the proper processing of applications, prospective new candidates are encouraged to act now. Contact Mike Moore at 933-9957 or by e-mail at [bald.mike@oh.rr.com](mailto:bald.mike@oh.rr.com) for more information or to get an application.

For current Sir Knights as well as potential candidates detailed information about this years exemplification can be found on our website <http://www.ltmcmanus.com/Members.htm> just click on the "Exemplification 2011" link.

### **Isabella Guild News**

The next meeting of our ladies auxiliary "the Isabella Guild" is set for 7:00 PM Tuesday February 8th.

Membership is open to wives, sisters, mothers and daughters of brother knights and **other local women committed to the Catholic community.** (Emphasis is mine). For more information on this fine organization check our webpage: [http://frragan.com/women's\\_aux.html](http://frragan.com/women's_aux.html)

Members are asked to be on the lookout for door prizes and items for the raffle that will be held in conjunction with our annual Tea Party on April 11th. (See Flyer elsewhere in this publication for complete details)

Isabella Rosters are available call Sandy Moore 933-9957 or e-mail [sandymoore@oh.rr.com](mailto:sandymoore@oh.rr.com) if you would like a copy

### **Know Someone Who Needs a Hard Copy of the Ragan Report?**

Do you know of anyone who cannot access, via e-mail or the council website, electronic versions of the Ragan Report?

If so contact George Perz 937-6606 (e-mail [gw.p.perz@centurytel.net](mailto:gw.p.perz@centurytel.net)) and give him the name and address of that individual and he will mail them a hard copy. It is economically unfeasible to print and mail hard copies to everyone, but we do not want to exclude members, widows, or Isabellas that would actually use the information.

## **Rest in Peace**

We lost three of our brother knights in the past month, please pray for the repose of their souls while keeping their families in your prayers too:

Brother Andrew Ladika

Brother Charles A. Stiles

Brother Patrick J. Sweeney

# Grand Knights Message February 2011

Thank You seems to be the recurring tone of the monthly letters. So many people stepping up and answering the call to service. I am grateful to the group who has committed so much time to working through the hard financial times we're experiencing with our Friday night bingo. We owe those who came before us and shaped this council, and built this facility we have, to right the ship and pass it on for future Knights to continue the Lords work in the name of Charity. Bingo has ALWAYS been the cornerstone of our ability to give money to the many charities we have supported over the years, and God willing, it will continue to be.

Watch the calendar for upcoming events going in our council, and in your parishes. There are still a few tickets available for the Wine Pairing party to be held on Feb 12, Valentines weekend. Two weeks later, a Chili Cook-off to benefit Avon Police Officer Pete Soto. Don't forget your parish Lenten Fish Fries. Your help and support is important in making these events successful.

Vivat Jesus  
GK John Hricovec

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## CHILI COOKOFF

 To benefit Avon Police Officer Pete Soto 

Officer Soto was critically injured in a motorcycle accident on October 12th, 2010 while responding to a domestic violence complaint. Officer Soto has a long road to recovery with extensive rehabilitation and therapy.

Tickets available at the Avon Police Department.  
For Questions and Information, call

**440-934-1214**

**Date:** Sat., Feb. 26, 2011

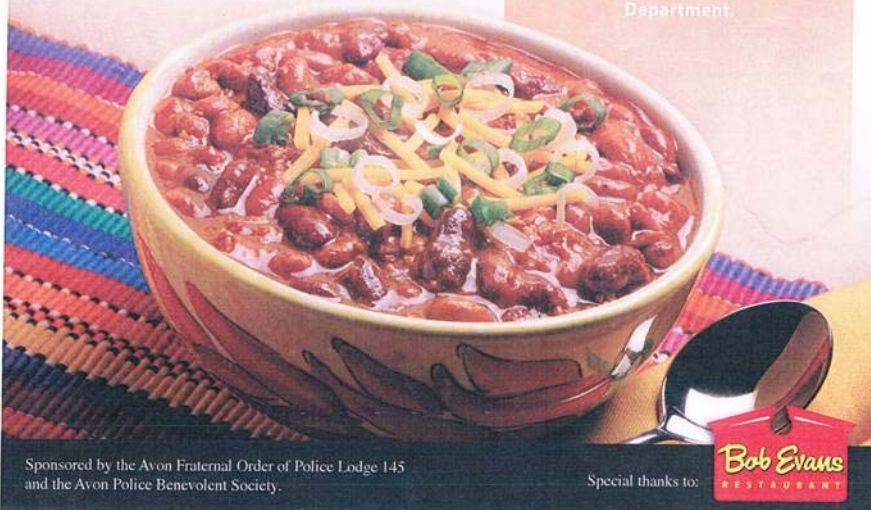
**Time:** 5pm - 10pm

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

**Tickets:** \$15.00 each

Tickets available at Avon Police Department  
• Entertainment and Door Prizes •

Chili will be prepared by:  
Avon Police, Avon Lake Police,  
Lorain Police, Lorain County  
Sherriff's Office, and Avon Fire  
Department.



Sponsored by the Avon Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 145  
and the Avon Police Benevolent Society.

Special thanks to:

**Bob Evans**  
RESTAURANT

## 2nd Degree February 17th

Attention all 1st Degree members: Fr. Ragan Council is holding a 2nd Degree Thursday February 17th. Candidates are asked to assemble at 7:30 PM and the Degree will begin at 8:00 PM.

It is important for those 1st degree members wishing to advance to the 3rd Degree later this spring to participate in this exemption on this 2nd degree.

Supreme's By-Laws require that potential officer candidates and convention delegates be 3rd degree.

Thanks to all the members who braved the snow storm on January 20th to support our newest member John Wesner as he made his 1st Degree. We look forward to seeing John and all of our other 1st degree members on February 17th.



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 BJ's Wholesale  
Club)

## Valentine's Weekend Wine Tasting Evening

Price of Admission:

\$20.00 per person in advance  
Reservations are required

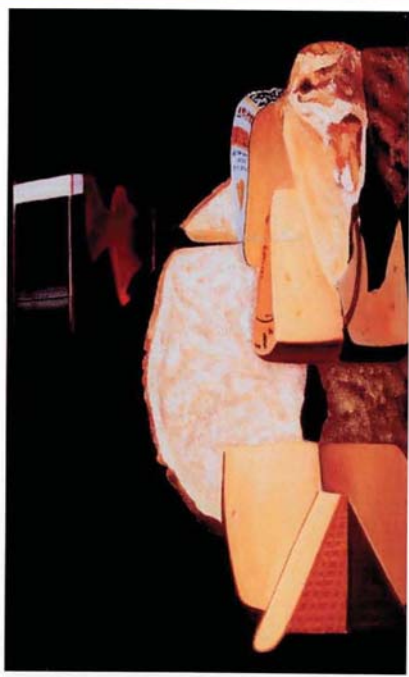
For tickets contact Paul @ 440-930-0608 or Ted @ 440-937-6402

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



## Annual Isabella Ladies Guild Tea Party

Carol Starre-Kmiecik

portrays Jackie Kennedy

## Style and Grace Remembered

Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
K of C Hall, 1783 Moore Rd, Avon

Tickets: \$15 Advance sales only. Limited seating.  
For information or tickets, call Pat at 440-933-8986  
**Raffles and Door Prizes**

## Where in the World is Father Petcavage?

It was a pleasant surprise to see Fr. Len Petcavage at a recent council meeting. As you may know, following many years of service in our community and with the Knights of Columbus, Fr Len had been sent to Viterbo Italy to study prior to his next assignment. Thanks to a paperwork problem with his Italian visa he got to spend the holidays at home in Ohio.

Fr. Len is now scheduled to leave around the end of January for his next assignment Champarak, India, in the state of Kerala. This is such a small town the Internet has never heard of it but he tells me that it is near the big town of Kochi. For those of you interested in geography, Kochi is 6999 statute miles via the great circle route from Avon. Of course you can't "Get there from here". His actual travel via Philadelphia & Rome to Kochi will require 8746 miles of seat time on an airliner. The climate is best described as hot & humid. Kochi sits at 9.5 degrees north latitude about the same as the Panama Canal in the western hemisphere.

It is anticipated that he will spend about five months there teaching English and music before getting his next assignment which is anticipated to be somewhere in the United States.

While researching India in general and the State of Kerala in particular, I found out some interesting and unexpected information. While much of this is apocryphal I found it interesting reading. A tip of the hat to Wikipedia for the following:

According to the 1st century annals of Pliny the Elder and the author of Periplus of the Erythraean sea, Muziris in Kerala could be reached in 40 days time from the Egyptian coast depending on the South West Monsoon winds. The Sangam works Puranaooru and Akananooru mention Roman vessels and the Roman gold that used to come to the Kerala ports of the great Chera kings in search of pepper and other spices. The lure of spices attracted traders from the Middle East and Europe to the many trading ports of Kerala long before the time of Christ.

St. Thomas the Apostle in one of these ships, arrived in Muziris in AD 52, from E'zion-ge'ber on the Red Sea. Jews were living in Kerala from the time of Solomon. Later large number of them arrived in 586 BC and 72 AD. The drawings and its captions on the wall of the only remaining Jewish Synagogue in Kerala, at Mattancherry, Kochi near Ernakulam endorse these facts. St. Thomas landed at Muziris in c. 52 AD. The Apostle started his gospel mission among the Jews at Maliyankara on the sea coast. During his stay in Kerala, the Apostle baptized the Jews and some of the wise men who adored the Infant Jesus. The Apostle preached also in other parts of India. In the year 72 he was martyred at Little Mount a little distance from St. Thomas Mount, and was buried at San Thome, near the modern city of Chennai. A monastery was later built there by the Portuguese missionaries in the 16th century. The body of Apostle Thomas was transferred to Edessa, Iraq. It is now in Ortona, Italy. Relics of Apostle Thomas were transferred to the San Thome Cathedral in Chennai and to St Thomas Church in Palayur, near Guruvayoor at Chavakkad Taluk, Thrissur District in Kerala.

I think it is pretty neat that Fr. Len will be following in the footsteps of one of the original apostles through his teaching in Kerala. Think about it, some of the local individuals in his class may actually be descendants of those taught by St. Thomas.

Best of wishes Fr. Len, you will remain in our prayers.

Avon Ohio 6999 Miles

