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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
- <http://kellymillercircus.com/> August 2011

Annual Council Awards Banquet Saturday March 19th

This is an opportunity for our Council to thank those who have contributed their time and talents throughout the year to make Fr. Ragan one of the best councils in the state. All of our volunteers, members and non members, and their families are encouraged to attend and accept the gratitude of the members. We need for all members and their families to join us as we thank the people who made this fraternal year a great success.

This event is absolutely free and open to all, but please make reservations as indicated below no later than March 12th.

Cocktails begin at 6:00 PM with Dinner service featuring corned beef and cabbage and/or chicken scheduled to begin at 6:45 PM. The presentations honoring the award winners will start at 7:30 PM.

Contact Deputy Grand Knight Fred Metz by e-mail (preferred) fredmetz23@yahoo.com or by phone 440-963-0747 to let him know how many folks you will be bringing so he can plan his food and beverage purchases and arrange for sufficient seating.

Super Cash Bonanza

It's that time of year. The State Council's annual Super Cash Bonanza Raffle is ready to roll.

100% of the proceeds of raffle go to charities throughout the state with our council getting to keep for local charitable distribution nearly half the cost of each ticket.

Tickets sell for \$5.00 each and members are asked to consider selling at least 5 tickets each. Selling tickets should be a snap. With twenty separate prizes and 1st prize being \$414.00 per month for ten years, who wouldn't want to take a chance. Deputy Grand Knight Fred Metz has plenty of tickets. If unable to pick some up at a council meeting, you can call him at 440-963-0747 or send him an e-mail at fred-metz23@yahoo.com to get all you need. Our goal this year is to sell 1000 tickets from our council. With 328 members in Fr. Ragan Council this should goal should be easily achieved.

As Grand Knight John Hricovec told members at the meeting of February 17th: "The more tickets you sell the less Fred will talk during the meetings". That's sounds like a pretty good incentive to me.

2011 SUPER CASH BONANZA OVER \$100,000 In Cash Prizes

OHIO STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OHIO CHARITY FOUNDATION

1ST PRIZE ▷ \$49,680
Payable \$414/mo. for 10 years!

2ND PRIZE ▷ \$18,780
Payable \$313/mo. for 5 years!

3RD PRIZE ▷ \$12,720
Payable \$212/mo. for 5 years!

4th Prize \$4,000 **8th to 11th Prizes** \$1,500
5th Prize \$3,000 **12th to 15th Prizes** \$1,250
6th Prize \$2,000 **16th to 20th Prizes** \$1,000
7th Prize \$2,000

DRAWING DATE
Friday, May 27, 2011, 9:00 pm
Columbus Hilton (at Easton)
Donor need not be present.
Ticket rules on back.
Donation: \$5.00

FULL NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____
STATE _____ PHONE (____) _____
SPONSOR _____ COUNCIL _____

THIS TICKET STUB MUST HAVE A FULL NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS OR A FULL NAME AND A TEN (10) DIGIT PHONE NUMBER.
OHIO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES 2011 SUPER CASH BONANZA

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Special Lenten Retreat at Fr. Ragan

We are very fortunate this year in that our Chaplain Fr. Gerard Gonda OSB will present a very special Lenten Retreat at Father Ragan Hall on Saturday March 26th. The proceedings will begin at noon with lunch provided to all attendees and will conclude with Mass at Holy Trinity at 5:00 PM. The retreat is open to all men: members, non-members, friends and neighbors and is with NO COST to participants. Questions should be directed to Scott Gedeon at 440-823-7648.

If you have never experienced the talents of Fr. Gerard as moderator at our past council retreats and days of reflection you owe it to yourself to participate. Please plan on joining us on March 26th.

Grand Knights Message

Anyone ready for spring yet? Hopefully with a few weeks of snow left in March, it will go out like a lamb and we'll be looking at the spring flowers. We would like to thank the Avon Police for allowing us to help them with the Chili Cookoff to benefit Officer Pete Soto. Officer Eric Bergen, who is also a Brother Knight, and the F.O.P. president, organized the event. Over 600 people turned out to support Officer Soto, and around \$13,000.00 were raised. Fr Ragan Foundation hosted the event in our facility, which I have personally never seen so many people in.

Our first ever Wine Tasting event was a huge success, thanks to help from many members and local businesses. The organizing work of PGK Ted Schmitz was second to none. The evening ran smoothly, and the Wine flowed. The total attendance was around 160, and our council profited around \$1,200.00. Thanks to Bill Jr from Toms Country Place for sending the 2 servers to help out. Misencik Funeral Home for donating the center pieces for the tables. Cobos Insurance for the Wine Glass sponsorship. Baker Motors Towing for the Desert and Candy table. Buckeye Promotion for the discount on the wine glasses. Kodiak Construction for the music. Rays Auto for keeping us plowed out. And last but not least the Klingshirn, Paper Moon, and Matus Wineries for making it all possible.

Hope to see you at the Awards dinner on March 19. We will be honoring many individuals who have done so much for our council over the past year. The cost is free, and the company will be good, so come out and show your thanks to those who deserve it.

Vivat Jesus
GK John Hricovec

Supreme Knight's Call to Action

For those members who were unable to attend our February 17th meeting, a special message from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson was played. His message was "We must be known as Knights of charity in our communities and our parishes. We must engage in a charity that evangelizes, taking to heart the words of Jesus when he says that we do for the least of our brothers as we do for Him. He emphasized that each member should strive to live a life of charity and good works that when viewed by others causes them to think "This man is a Knight of Columbus, I'd like to join the Knights to participate in the charitable work they do. He encouraged every council to contribute to providing ultrasound equipment in support of the Right to Life Program that is a key program in our order. He also expressed his desire to have every seminarian in a jurisdiction served by the Knights of Columbus worldwide, supported and linked to the Knights through the RSVP program. (<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/vocations/rsvp/>) If you would like to see this important message in its entirety contact Grand Knight John Hricovec who can provide the DVD.

Help for the Homeless

On September 1st 2010, after St Joseph Church at 317 West 15th in Lorain was closed as a part of the diocesan parish consolidation plan, the City of Lorain Zoning Board of Appeals denied a request to allow the affiliated homeless shelter to operate as an independent entity. When Catholic Charities decided not to fight the ruling it looked like the end of the line for the shelter.

The shelter operator, Deacon Lou Maldonado, had other ideas. He set about convincing city officials and the folks at Catholic Charities that there would be many people suffering needlessly if the shelter were allowed to close. Finally on November 1st a deal was struck that would allow the homeless shelter to reopen with a recurring 30 day exemption through at least April 2011.

Now you have an opportunity to help Deacon Lou care for the needy and homeless of our area. As this terrible winter weather continues to make life miserable for those of us fortunate enough to have a nice warm homes, let's get together to help those who don't have this luxury.

On Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 5:00 PM at Fr Ragan Hall we are holding a Pot Luck Dinner to benefit our homeless friends at St. Joe's shelter. Bring a dish to share for approximately 20 people. Any specialty menu items of yours would be most welcome. All cooks (male or female) are welcome to show off their talents, casseroles, meat dishes (meat loaf. Stew, roast) veggies, salads or dessert.

We will provide dishes, silverware, and refreshments. Come for a wonderful evening of fellowship.

BRING YOUR WALLET! Plan on putting into the giving pot what you would have spent on dinner at a decent restaurant for you and your significant other. All funds will go straight to Deacon Lou. We have donated as much as \$450.00 to the shelter in the past. It is a wonderful evening know we are helping others with many needs.

A Special First Degree

Thanks to the members of Fr Ragan Council who showed up last minute to welcome our newest member Paul Clements into our order. Paul is a member of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Avon, where he and his wife live with their 5 children. Paul is a member of the U.S. Marine Reserve Unit from Brookpark OH. He is stationed in San Diego, and wanted to join while home on leave. I am proud to say that with only 1 phone call and 1 email, 12 members of Fr Ragan council showed up the next day to support our new Brother Knight. They are as pictured Bob Booth, PGK Robert Schneider Jr, Mark Weidig, PGK Joe Greiner, Bill Greaney, Paul Clements, GK John Hricovec, Joe Lowe, PGK Dan Pulit, Mike Collins, Paul Nelson, Tom Hricovec, Tim Maxey, and PGK Ted Schmitz (not pictured). Special thanks to Joe Lowe USMC for assisting in the degree, and greeting Paul with a Semper Fi. The degree was dedicated to the late Brother Pat Sweeney, who was a WWII Army Veteran.



“Charity Mud Relay” Council vs. Council Event

Join the **Fr. Ragan Knights of Columbus Council (Avon / Avon Lake)** in a relay event pitting Council against Council.

Each Knights of Columbus Council will field their best 6 participants who will each run a 0.4 mile relay leg that finishes with a dramatic, 50-foot crawl through a mud pit.

For more information or to reserve a spot for your Council, please contact:

Mike Collins (Event Chairman)
mcollins612@oh.rr.com
440-320-4968

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2011

6 Person Relay
50 Feet of Mud
2.4 Miles of Team Effort
1 Memorable Fundraiser



“He pulled me out of a horrible pit, out of the mud and clay. He set my feet on a rock and made my steps secure.” ...

Psalm 40:2

- Each participating K of C Council is asked to contribute \$50 which will be donated to *Cleveland Catholic Charities* as a combined gift from this event.

- Additional fundraising from Mud Crawl Dares where GKs, PGKs, and local public figures crawl for crowd donations.
- Take advantage of this event by submitting pictures & stories to your local newspaper and parish publications to help your new member recruitment.

Everyone Left Smiling—Wine Tasting Party a Great Success

For those unable to attend the “Mid Winter, Close Enough to Valentine’s Day, Wine Tasting Party this past February 12th, you missed a dandy. Three local vintners, Klingshirn, Matus, & Paper Moon, provided a wide variety of wine types for sampling. This allowed everyone to find their favorite wine, while giving them a chance to try something new and maybe develop a “new” favorite.

We had a good crowd, plenty of great food and a variety of music all evening long including PGK Vince Gargaro on the tuba.

(See the Fr Ragan Website for photos of the event <http://frragan.com/albums/11winetasting/index.html>)

The following letter is from the committee chairman PGK Ted Schmitz:

Thank you Grand Knight John Hricovec for your leadership and all the time you provided for this project.

Thank you to all the brother knights for your support for this first time activity. I think it was worthwhile and a good learning experience for future events.

Thanks to the morning cleanup and set up group and the evening sellers.

Thanks to all the sponsors: Cobos Insurance, Baker Motors Towing & Mark Lundy for providing the beautifully etched “commemorative” wine glasses that were presented to all attendees as a remembrance of the night of fun and fellowship. I really like mine and hope that you do too. Thanks to Misencik’s Funeral Home for the centerpieces and PGK Vince Gargaro for the four pack of Cleveland Cavaliers tickets that were raffled off. Thanks also to Billy Hricovec of Tom’s Country place who provided a pair of “professional” kitchen helpers who did a terrific job with the food prep and service. A big thank you to our entertainment personnel: DJ Tom Hricovec and accordionist Hank Guzel with an assist from PGK Gargaro. And finally a special thank you to the Hricovec and Schmitz families for their SUPPORT not only at the event but behind the scenes with planning and preparation.

WOW—What a team!

Tri-Chairmen: GK John Hricovec; Brother Paul Nelson, PGK Ted Schmitz

