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Thanks from the Kids

Following one of last spring's torrential rains, the folks of Avon Montessori School found that their normal rented classrooms had been flooded causing a lot of damage and rendering the facility unfit for public occupation.

After exchanging phone calls with our hall manager, an agreement was reached to allow them to set up school in the small hall of our council.

The opportunity to help someone in need is a basic tenet of the Knights of Columbus and we were rewarded by finding the following banners made by the students and left in our hall at the end of the school year.



Flag Disposal Ceremony

Plan to join us for our annual Flag Disposal Ceremony on July 21st at 7:00

PM in the Fr Ragan picnic pavilion.

This event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to not only attend but to bring any flags that they may have that are worn or tattered.

The 4th Degree Sir Knights of Lt. Francis McManus Assembly #811 will conduct the disposal of old and unserviceable United States Flags in accordance with the prescribed protocol for these symbols of our freedom.

Come and honor our flag and those who have served her.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the ceremony.

Measure Up Campaign Results

Under the inspired leadership of chairman Dan Pulit, a small army of volunteers solicited funds for this year's Measure Up Campaign for the Developmentally Disabled.

They spent three days at the Avon Wal-Mart and before and after weekend Masses at the four parishes of Avon & Avon Lake collecting funds.

This magnificent group of workers collected \$7523.00. The funds were then sent to the Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

80% of these funds will be returned to the three local agencies designated by Fr. Ragan Council, while the remaining 20% will be distributed to various Statewide Agencies that serve the needs of the developmentally disabled.

Thank you to all of our workers, the management of Wal-Mart, and the Pastors of our local parishes for their support of this campaign.



Grand Knight's Message



I would like to thank the members of the Father Ragan Council #3269 for electing me as Grand Knight for the 2011-12 fraternal year. I would also like to thank the Brother Knights who accepted the responsibility of serving as officers for this fraternal year.

- BK Rob Garrett – Deputy Grand Knight
- SK Bob Booth – Recorder
- BK Tim Hohman – Financial Secretary
- SK Joe Abram - Treasurer
- BK Paul Green – Chancellor
- BK Paul Nelson – Advocate
- SK Joe Laforet – Warden
- BK Mike Collins – Inside Guard
- BK Mark Weidig – Outside Guard
- BK Ted Kocab – Special Guard
- PGK Ted Schmitz – Lecturer

Our three Trustees are also the three Past Grand Knights: John Hricovec, Mike Moore, and Scott Gedeon.

Our Chaplain will still be Fr. Gerard Gonda.

I look at this year as the beginning of a journey for me. While every journey is not without its trials, I am sure that if I make any mistakes, there will be someone to point me in the right direction. There are too many PGK's, SK's, and BK's who attend these meetings to allow a misstep by me to affect the council in a negative way. An example would be the booklet that was put together by Rob Schneider Jr. that helped Harding Christ become Knight of the Year in the State of Ohio. Without the direction and help from PGK Jim Bruder, PGK Joe Greiner, and PGK Rob Schneider Jr., this would have never happened. A good outcome resulted where I was scratching my head trying to figure out what to do. PGK John Hricovec also helped guide me through the past year. I would like to thank him for his help.

Let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas to make Father Ragan Council #3269 a better council and we can all move forward together.

A final note, we will be having a first and second degree on July 28, 2011. If you know anyone who would like to become a member of the Knights of Columbus, give them a Form 100 and let's see this council grow.

Meet Your New Officers

At the regular business meeting on June 2nd members elected the new officers that will lead Fr Ragan Council during the 2011-2012 Fraternal Year. Congratulations to all the new officers.

Speaking from experience, the new officers will need the help of many members, just like you, to provide a full spectrum of programs and events during the next twelve months. Don't wait to be asked, step forward and offer your particular skills and talents to make this one of the best years ever with exciting and fun filled programs and events.

Below are the officers who will be serving you in Fraternal 2011-2012



Grand Knight
Fred Metz



Deputy Grand Knight
Rob Garrett



Chancellor
Paul Green



Advocate
Paul Nelson



Recorder
Bob Booth



Treasurer
Joe Abram



Warden
Joe Laforet



Chaplain
Fr Gerard Gonda



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Ted Kocab



Financial Secretary
Tim Hohman



Trustee
John Hricovec



Trustee
Mike Moore



Trustee
Scott Gedeon



Lecturer
Ted Schmitz

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Isabella Guild Inducts Officers For 2011-2012 Year

Following an exceptional year of fun filled activities, social gatherings, scholarship presentations and various charitable donations, the Ladies of Father Ragan's Isabella Guild showed great respect and thanks to the current officers by re-electing those able to serve.

Under the leadership of President Chris Schneider and the hard work of chairman Char Pulit and her army of workers, the Annual Tea Party was another sell out success. The Tea Party is the largest fund raiser for the group and the many hours of effort by all those involved is an indication of the dedication of the ladies.

If any woman reading this is interested in joining this friendly, hard working, fun group go to:

<http://frragan.com/pdf/Isabella%20Flyer.pdf>

for a membership information flyer.

Membership is open to all wives, single sisters, mothers, and daughters of members of Fr. Ragan Council 3269 who have reached their 18th birthday. Membership is also extended to widows of deceased members and any Catholic woman in good standing with her parish community.

The group meets at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month (except July & August) at Fr. Ragan Hall. For more information check out the flyer mentioned above or look at the Woman's Auxiliary Page of the Fr Ragan website <http://frragan.com>



President
Chris Schneider



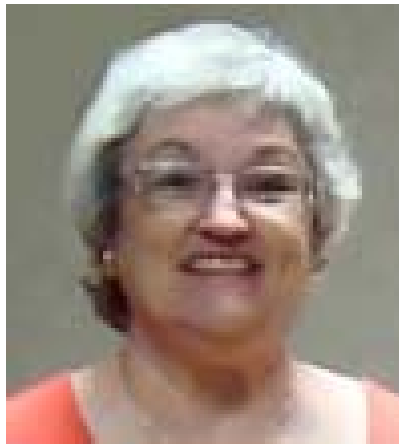
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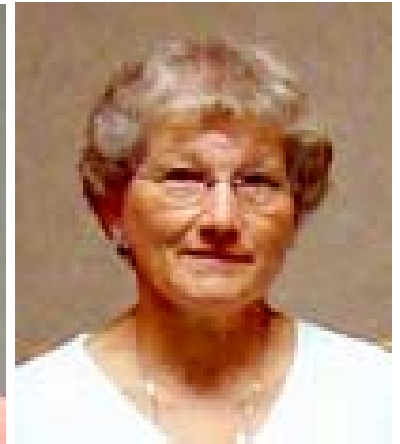
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Theresa Pabin



Treasurer
Pat Christ



Trustee
Betty Weimar



Trustee
Marilyn Misencik

← Isabella Guild Raffle Winner

Chairman Fran Sikora presents 12 loge tickets and 2 parking passes for the July 1st Lake Erie Crushers game vs. the Gateway Grizzlies to the Isabella Guild Raffle winner PGK Mike Moore

The City of Avon donated the loge to the Isabella Guild for use as a fund raiser.

There were some serious questions raised as to whether PGK Mike could actually find eleven people who would admit to being his friend and be willing to show up in public at a baseball game with him.



Show & Ticket Information
August 7th 2011—Fr. Ragan Picnic Area
 2 Shows 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM
 The show goes on Rain or Shine

Advance Ticket Sales		Circus Day Ticket Sales	
Adults	\$10.00	Adults	\$15.00
Children (Under 12)	\$6.00	Children (Under 12)	\$7.00

Tickets will be available at:

- Fr Ragan Hall Saturday Mornings
- Ray's Auto & Truck Service 38219 Colorado Ave Avon, OH
- St Joseph Parish Rectory 32929 Lake Rd Avon Lake, OH
- Cobos Insurance 41436 Griswold Rd Elyria OH
- Whistler's Ice Cream 36816 Detroit Rd Avon OH

Check next month's Ragan Report for details about a special free Clown Preview Performance by Carlee & Charlie. This will be a great opportunity to meet and interact with the performers and give a kids a special treat prior to the big show.

Began in 1938 by Obert Miller and his sons, Kelly and Dory, the Al G. Kelly Miller Brothers Circus, now known simply as Kelly Miller, has entertained millions of American and Canadian citizens while establishing itself in the fabric and history of the American Tented Circus. From 1984 through 2006, David Rawls, president and third generation circus performer directed Kelly-Miller Circus. In 2007, another exciting chapter in its history began when he passed the reins to John Ringling North II. Mr. North's great uncles were the famous Ringling Brothers, his grandmother, their only sister. Born into this most famous of circus families, John grew up on the "Greatest Show on Earth", learning circus operation from his father Henry Ringling North, and Uncle John Ringling North. "I intend to maintain the excellent standards established by David Rawls and his family, and add some new features to the show", John said following the hand-over.

The show travels on a fleet of 25 vehicles and requires an area of some 90,000 square feet to set up on. The circus big top, imported from Italy, has a seating capacity of 1500 and is made of waterproof vinyl. The tent is 120' by 130' and 40' high and is supported by more than a quarter of a mile of heavy gauge aluminum tubing as well as several miles of rope, steel cable and chain.

The Kelly Miller Circus has gathered a galaxy of stars from many nations, as well as an exotic display of animals, enhanced them with beautiful theatrical lighting and lively circus music for a performance to warm the hearts of young and old alike.

From the early morning hours, when the elephants pull the big top into the air to the very moment when the king pole races to the ground at the end of the day, you the public are invited to come and be a part of the magic of "Circus Day" as it has been experienced for over 200 years!

For More Information call Vic Sedivec 440-748-9400



PROGRAM

- Kelly Miller Circus Performance Directed by Ringmaster John Moss III.
- WELCOME TO THE CIRCUS
- A musical welcome from Steve and Ryan and the Kelly Miller Band.
- FASCINATING FELINES
- Marvel at the rapport between Casey McCoy and his assortment of tigers.
- WHERE ARE MY PANTS
- Tony has trouser trouble.
- IT'S INCREDIBLE
- Fridman Torales' upside down walk 30 feet above the circus ring.
- BOLLYWOOD
- The North Starlets introduce Mike Rice and his captivating camels.
- THE SCULPTOR
- Wolfgang Von Copelandmuth and his madcap model.
- THE BROKEN SPUR SALOON
- It's Westward Ho, for the soaring North Starlets in a mid air roundup.
- RYAN AND HIS WONDER HORSE
- Steve and Ryan are busy horsing around.
- SPECTACULAR SPINNING
- Darrell "The Hawk" Hawkins titanic twirling.
- CACTUS CREEK CANINES
- Miss Roxie Montana and her wild west dog and pony revue.
- YOU WON'T BELIEVE YOUR EYES
- The Poema Family's amazing Risley acrobatics.
- LET'S ALL GO TO THE LOBBY
- Doricela Rosales and Nathan Moss.
- INTERMISSION - RECYCLING
- Darrell Hawkins shows how to recycle Coke cans.
- AUSTRALIAN AERIAL ACROBATICS
- Extreme aerial artistry by Queensland's Olympian of the Air.
- JUGGLING SUPREME
- Raul Olivares' rapid fire display of clubs, balls and hats.
- WITTY, WILD AND WET
- Steve and Ryan are back with water!
- PONDEROUS PACHYDERMS
- The Kelly Miller performing elephants presented by Armando Loyal.
- TONY AND THE LION
- A toy comes to life with surprising results.
- HUMAN VOLCANOES
- Master fire manipulator, Brian La Palme, and his protégé, Jeremiah Cooke - You'll feel the heat.
- YEE HAW
- The cast of the Kelly Miller Circus in a rousing Wild West Finale.

In Service to the Community

The Greater Cleveland Catholic Business Connection (<http://fragan.com/service.html> or <http://www.catholiccbc.com/>) is the creation of Brother Knight John Kowalski.

He submitted the following e-mail that he received in an effort to promote and assist some folks in desperate need of help. Please read, investigate and, if so moved, consider helping them out.

Know that I write this e-mail with a sense of importance and urgency. Until now I have never written an email asking for anything, but I hold this cause deep in my heart and feel that the Holy Spirit is calling us all to help.

The Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus need your help.

They are a joy filled community dedicated to consoling the Sacred Heart of Jesus through daily prayer and Eucharistic adoration. They are a traditional, habited, orthodox group of women who have offered their lives praying for us. Their community is growing and vibrant. Mother Wendy's plan is to expand the convent and eventually construct a monastery on the grounds where eventually some women will live in a cloistered environment. But they have hit a roadblock of sorts.

Due to poor workmanship, their current convent is in need of repair. All of the stucco on the front of the convent needs to come off. Because of improper flashing, there is now mold growing in the walls that could cause potential health problems for the sisters. This is causing them a great deal of financial burden and slowing the planning for convent expansion.

I am asking all of you to please donate whatever you can to this amazing group of women. No gift is too small. Please prayerfully consider this request and do what you can. Then, please send this message on to any and all of your Catholic friends and associates. Let this message go out to all the world. I especially am asking all of my Brother Knights to consider this request. Please forward to all the Knights of Columbus you might know.

These women are personal friends and I know from experience that the prayers of this community are heartfelt and powerful. Log on to their website and please help them today.

www.sistersofreparation.org or www.jesustrustinyou.org

Please help today and God bless you,
Bill Dichtl

1st & 2nd Degree

**Fr Ragan will hold a 1st & 2nd Degree on
Thursday Evening July 28th 2011 at 8:00
PM.**

Candidates are asked to arrive at 7:30 PM

**Please contact any potential candidates and
if necessary offer to drive them to the de-
gree. You can pick up a Form 100 at the hall
or contact GK Fred Metz**

**Let's get the Fraternal Year off to a good
start with a large number of new members.**

Super Cash Bonanza Winners

**For a complete listing of this year's Super Cash Bo-
nanza winners which were drawn at the Ohio State
Council K of C Convention in Columbus OH go to:**

<http://www.kofcoho.org/>

How Well Do You Know Our Principles

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity - None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that - together - we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that - as a Knight of Columbus - you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Fraternity - The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died - often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

Patriotism - Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.