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Old Glory Never Looked Better

Next time you drive by the hall take a look at the new American Flag displayed out front. Old Glory was donated by our Financial Secretary Tim Hohman's wife Lee. Thanks Lee we appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Clambake Help is Needed

For the past 120 years, give or take a few, Brother Dan Abfall with the help (guidance) of Karen have worked to make our council clambake a success. Together with co chairmen Rob Garrett & John Hricovec they will again be on hand to make sure it gets done right. They cannot, however, do it alone.

A lot of help is needed to Set up, serve our patrons, and clean up. If you know of any young adults willing and able to join the work crew bring them along. Many hands makes for light work. We will meet at 9:00 AM the day of the event (Sunday 10-2-11) to set up the hall and do the other prep work. Dinner servers and helpers are asked to arrive about a half hour before the 3:00 PM beginning of service. We appreciate your assistance at this important council fundraiser.

More details can be found in the flyer on page two. TAKE OUT IS AVAILABLE

Isabella Guild News

The **Isabella Membership Dinner** normally held at the October Isabella Meeting has been rescheduled for the November 8th Meeting and will begin at 6:00 PM. All ladies are encouraged to bring a friend and potential new member for a fun night, friendship and a fine dinner served by the Gentlemen in Tuxedos. (Sir Knights mark you calendars).

Just a reminder for those new to our council, membership in the Fr. Ragan Isabella Guild is open to wives, sisters, mothers and daughters of Knights of Columbus or any other local women committed to the Catholic Community. For more information check out the Women's Auxiliary Page of the Fr. Ragan Website (http://frragan.com/women%27s_aux.html)

The October 11th Meeting will be a regular business meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

The Isabella Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday December 10th for all Fr Ragan & Isabella members and guests. More details will be available in future issues.

Mark Your Calendars

Council Clambake Sunday October 2nd—3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Fr. Ragan Hall

Quarterly Communion Sunday October 9th 9:00 AM Mass Holy Trinity Church Lear & Detroit Rds. Avon, OH

Memorial Mass for Deceased Brother Knights Thursday November 3rd 7:30 PM Holy Spirit **Chapel** Avon Lake

Turkey Raffle Thursday November 17th Fr Ragan Hall—Doors Open 6:00 PM Raffles Start 7:00 PM

Quarterly Communion Sunday November 20th 9:00 AM Mass Holy Spirit Church Lear & Walker Rds. Avon Lake

Day of Recollection Saturday December 3rd. Will begin with lunch at Noon and will end about 3:30 PM

Isabella Christmas Party all *Fr Ragan Members* & *Guests* are Invited Saturday December 10th at Fr Ragan Hall



**FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL 3269
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

ANNUAL

Clambake/Steak Fry

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011

1783 Moore Road Off Route 611 in Avon Next to B.J.'s

Serving From 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Cost — Adults \$21 — Seniors \$19.00

For Either a Bake or Steak Dinner

\$7.00 For Extra Dozen Clams



CLAM BAKE

- . 1 Dozen Clams
- . 1/2 Chicken
- . Corn on the Cob
- . Salad
- . Clam Chowder
- . Bouillon
- . French Bread
- . Fresh Vegetables
- . Sweet Potato
- . Dessert



STEAK FRY

- . Steak
- . Corn on the Cob
- . Salad
- . Clam Chowder
- . Bouillon
- . French Bread
- . Fresh Vegetables
- . Baked Potato
- . Dessert



- . Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Hot Dog
- . Chips
- . Candy



Coffee—Hot Tea—Soda Pop are included in the price of the meal

Beer will be available for Purchase

RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED / WALK-INS ACCEPTED

Call John Hricovec 242-7894 or Rob Garrett. 933-7898



**FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Annual Turkey Raffle 2011

ADMISSION \$3.00



Tickets 50¢

**Each Winner
Gets a Turkey
or Ham and
10 lbs of Potatoes**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2011

DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM

DRAWINGS BEGIN 7:00 PM

**Next to B.J.'s 1783 Moore Rd
Avon, OH 44011**

Refreshments – Door Prizes



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

I am glad to report that after three months as Grand Knight, Father Ragan Council is moving ahead at full steam. I have found that being Grand Knight is a very challenging job. However, I would like to thank the many individuals that have helped guide me in this endeavor. There are many Worthy PGK's that attend the two monthly meetings. Each one, in his own way has given me some form of direction. The officers of the council that have taken responsibility for Knights of Columbus program activities are doing a splendid job. For those of you that are not aware, there are seven different programs with ten activities each that could be reported to the State Council. I would like to thank Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Rob Garrett, Worthy Treasurer Joe Abram, Worthy Recorder Bob Booth, Worthy Chancellor Bill Greaney, Worthy Advocate Paul Nelson, Worthy Warden Joe LaForet and Worthy Pro-Life activity director Rob Trunk. They are assisting me by submitting one activity each every two months from July through April.

For those that have not been to the hall recently, we have an important activity happening on October 2 from 3pm to 6pm. The annual clam bake/steak fry is taking place at the hall. For the price that is being asked, it can't be beat. I would like to invite everybody to attend or tell someone who has a hunkering for clams or steak to show up for this good time for all.

On Thursday, November 3, at 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Chapel, we will be holding a memorial mass for past Brother Knights who have died and have family members that would like to remember them. If you have a relative or friend that was a Brother Knight in Father Ragan Council, please make an attempt to attend this ceremony. It will be conducted by our Worthy Chaplain Father Gerard Gonda.

I hope everybody has a nice October as we head into the fall season. Our Worthy Lecturer and PGK Ted Schmitz has an interesting activity scheduled for the social meeting on October 20 at 8pm. If you are free that night, come in and mingle with the old and new members of Father Ragan Council and see what is being offered this year.

Frederick Metz - Grand Knight - Vivat Jesus

Day of Recollection

Fr Ragan Council is hosting a Day of Recollection on Saturday December 3rd with our Chaplain Fr. Gerard Gonda OSB as facilitator. The event is open to All Catholic Men and will begin with lunch at Noon, ending about 3:30 PM. The Subject will be: John Paul II—Qualities that made him such an appealing figure to the world youth. Ask the men that have participated in previous Days of Recollection and you will find unanimous acclaim for the outstanding programs of Fr. Gerard.

NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT URGENT: Respond by September 30

Conscience Rights Violated by Sweeping HHS Contraceptive Mandate

In implementing the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the new health care reform law), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued a rule *requiring* almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as "preventive services" for women. The mandate even forces individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage if they are to receive or provide health coverage at all. This poses an *unprecedented threat* to individual and institutional religious freedom.

The rule includes a religious exemption so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one. It covers only a "religious employer" that has the "inculcation of religious values" as its purpose, primarily employs and serves persons who share its religious tenets, and is a church organization under two narrow provisions of the tax code. A great many religious organizations -- including Catholic colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and charitable institutions that serve the public -- will be ineligible. Individuals and religiously affiliated health insurers will not qualify for the exemption.

The new rule would force insurance plans to cover "all Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity." Never before has the federal government required private health plans to include such coverage. The FDA-approved "emergency contraception" (EC) drugs that are covered by this mandate can work by interfering with implantation of a newly conceived human being. Also, the drug the FDA most recently approved for EC, "Ella," a close analogue to the abortion drug RU-486, has been shown in animal tests to cause abortion. Thus, the mandate includes drugs that may cause an abortion both before and after implantation.

The public comment period on this interim final rule ends **September 30**.

ACTION: Please send an e-mail message to HHS by visiting www.usccb.org/conscience. Once you send your comments to HHS, you will be automatically invited to send a message to your elected representatives in Congress, urging them to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179/S. 1467) to ensure that such federal mandates do not violate Americans' moral and religious convictions.

MESSAGE TO HHS: "Pregnancy is not a disease, and drugs and surgeries to prevent it are not basic health care that the government should *require* all Americans to purchase. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of 'preventive services' the federal government is *mandating* in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion, and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS's new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions."

WHEN: Please send your comments to HHS by the **September 30** deadline. Thanks! 9/9/11

THIS NEEDS YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION