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NOTE: MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to Holy Thursday falling on April 5th, the first Thursday of April, our regularly scheduled business meeting will move to the 2nd Thursday, April 12th.

As usual the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Please mark your calendars.

Ohio State Council
Knights of Columbus

2012 Measure Up Campaign



Chairman Dan Pulit has announced this year's Measure Up Campaign collection dates.

Volunteers are needed to spend an hour or two collecting at Avon's Wal-Mart on Friday, Saturday & Sunday; April 26, 27, & 28, 2012. We will be collecting from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Daily. Many hands make for easy work so please consider helping out.

Collections at the local parishes will also require volunteer members to spend an extra 5 or 10 minutes after Mass to collect funds in support of Children with special needs.

St Joseph Avon Lake & Holy Trinity will host collections on May 5th & 6th; Holy Spirit Avon Lake May 19th & 20th. Contact Dan at 440-930-2319 or e-mail dcpulit@gmail.com to schedule a time slot to help.

We are also considering which local organizations will receive our portion of the Measure Up Funds. Contact Grand Knight Fred Metz if you have any suggestions. Organizations selected must serve the Special Needs Children of our area.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt

Fr. Ragan Council will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 7th at 1:00 PM.



All youngsters ten years of age and under are welcome whether or not they have an association with our council. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy the fun.

Weather permitting we will assemble outdoors but if Mother Nature objects we will relocate inside.

Watch the Crushers from a Loge

Once again the ladies of our Isabella Guild are selling raffle tickets to see the Lake Erie Crushers. Proceeds go toward scholarships and community services.

The Grand Prize is the use of the City of Avon's Loge at Crusher's Stadium for the Friday Night July 6th game against the Southern Illinois Miners.

Included in the package are 12 game tickets and 2 parking passes. Fridays are also fireworks night, so you'll have the best seat in the house to watch the display.

Raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00 and can be obtained from any of the Isabella Members or by calling Fran at 937-5507 or Mary Jane at 396-3721.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Isabella Meeting on June 12th.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that almost one-quarter of the year has passed. We had many activities throughout March. One of the activities that impressed me was the first and second degree ceremony that we had on March 22. Two new members were welcomed into our council: Scott Goodfellow and David Fedders. Scott is a third year seminarian and David was brought to our council by our insurance representative John Zajak. Unfortunately, the degree team has lost three of its members. PGK Harding Christ has told me that he was going to retire from the degree team after the March 22 ceremony. PGK Scott Gedeon and SK Joe Laforet were unable to participate due to outside commitments. My thanks go to DGK Rob Garrett for fulfilling Scott's role in the ceremony. I took Joe's part. Our Worthy Treasurer also participated by playing the music during the ceremonies. PGK Ray DeChant and PGK Joe Greiner have done a splendid job every time I have viewed this ceremony. To keep this degree team alive in the Father Ragan Council please let me know if you are interested in following in the footsteps of the Brother Knights who have gone before you.

I would also like to congratulate the award winners at this year's awards' banquet held on March 18 at the council hall. Youth of the Year Emily Garrett is a senior at Avon Lake High School. Volunteer of the Year John Wesner was a good selection for his work in the council. Lady of the Year Donna Cobos has done a lot for this council and her church. The Family of the Year was the William Greaney family. Their contributions to the community, church, and council are worth recognizing. The Knight of the Year John Hricovec deserved this award for his work for the council, the community, and his church.

I would also like to thank the Isabella Guild for volunteering to pay for the meals at the banquet. The guild also provided the delicious desserts for this event. I wish more Brother Knights had attended to watch the presentation of the awards and enjoy the scrumptious food. Finally, J Thomas Catering, headed by PGK John Hricovec, did a great job preparing and serving the main meal.

Finally, Bob Trunk, our Pro-Life Activities Program chairman had organized a Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. This activity is held on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, and Knights and their families pray for the return of respect and protection of the unborn child. There were eleven men and women at this activity, and a rosary was prayed by the assembled men and women for unborn children by the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

I would hope that everyone has a Blessed Easter, and if you have any children I hope you can make it to the Easter egg hunt on April 7 at 1pm.

Fred Metz - Grand Knight - Vivat Jesus



Sir Knights of Lt. McManus Assembly celebrate the 80th birthday of their Faithful Friar, Bishop Quinn.



John Wesner
Volunteer of the Year

PGK
Dan Pulit



DGK Rob
Garrett

Donna Cobos
Lady of the Year



Emily Garret
Youth of the Year

GK
Fred Metz

2012 Council Awards Ceremony

It was obvious that this year's council choices for best of the year were looked on favorably from on high. Record warm temperatures and sunshine welcomed both the honorees and guests.

Following dinner the ceremonies honored the best of the many volunteers that contribute to our council's success.

Those honored were

- Lady of the Year Donna Cobos
- Volunteer of the Year John Wesner
- Youth of the Year Emily Garret
- Family of the Year Bill & Lucy Greaney & Family
- Knight of the Year PGK John Hricovec

Congratulations and thanks to all of our volunteers



PGK John Hricovec
Knight of the Year

GK Fred Metz



Lucy & Bill Greaney and
Family of the Year

Annual Isabella Ladies Guild Tea Party

Tip-Toe Through the Tulips

Music, Music, Music!

Monday, April 23, 2012 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 by April 16

Menu: Chicken salad, croissant, fresh fruit, pastries & tea
Raffles and Door Prizes

Super Cash Bonanza Campaign Begins

Under the leadership of Chairman John Pabin the 2012 Ohio State Council's Charity Raffle ticket distribution has begun.

All money raised from this endeavor goes directly to charities in the State of Ohio. Some areas funded include: Diocesan Vocations Grants, Veteran's Christmas Grants, & Solicited Foundation Grants. The Price of tickets is \$5.00 each with \$2.60 going to the State Council for statewide charitable programs, while \$2.40 stays at our Council for the charitable needs of our local communities.

Of course, on a more personal level, the thought of winning \$414,000 a month for ten years has merit too.

In addition to the top prize at least 24 other winners will be chosen. I say at least 24 other winners because there will be at least one winner from each of the State's Dioceses and sometimes that doesn't happen in the first 25 tickets, so they continue until each diocese is represented with a winning ticket.

As always the winners will be chosen at the Ohio State Convention, held this year at the Millennium Hotel in Cincinnati beginning on May 25th.

John has partnered with various local groups to expand the scope of our sales effort and increase the amount of money we will be able to distribute to charities.

Checks should be made payable to FR RAGAN COUNCIL and sent to John Pabin, c/o Fr Ragan KofC, PO Box 224, Avon, OH 44011-0224.

If we meet our assigned sales goal by the first turn in on April 6th, additional money will be returned to our local council. The final turn in MUST be made by May 11th to assure that the tickets make it into the barrel for the drawing.

If you have not yet received your tickets, or need additional tickets, contact John via e-mail at john.pabin@gmail.com or call 440-934-4446.

OVER **\$108,000** In Cash Prizes

2012 SUPER CASH BONANZA

OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OHIO CHARITY FOUNDATION

DRAWING DATE
Friday, May 25, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
The Millennium Hotel, Cincinnati
Donor need not be present.
Ticket rules on back.
Donation: \$5.00

1ST PRIZE ▶ \$49,680
Payable \$14/month for 10 years!

2ND PRIZE ▶ \$18,780
Payable \$19/month for 3 years!

3RD PRIZE ▶ \$12,720
Payable \$12/month for 3 years!

4th Prize ▶ \$4,000 10* to 15* Prizes ▶ \$1,250
5th Prize ▶ \$1,500 16* to 21* Prizes ▶ \$750
6* to 30* Prizes ▶ \$1,500 22* to 25* Prizes ▶ \$500

THIS TICKET SUBMITTER MUST HAVE A FULL NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS ON A FULL NAME AND A TELE (10) PRINT PHONE NUMBER

OHIO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES 2012 SUPER CASH BONANZA

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Please note that it is on the SECOND Friday of the month, since Good Friday is April 6. Reservations are due on THURSDAY, April 5, by 3:00 pm, either by email, or by calling the reservation line at 244-0643. Thank you for your support! Hope to see you on April 13.



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM LORAIN COUNTY

April 13, 2012 • 11:30-1:00



Mr. Daniel Griffin

Catholic Relief Services – Africa Operations

“Transforming Africa: Story of the Isaac Wells and the Lost Boys of Sudan”

As the one year anniversary approaches of the successful referendum in South Sudan creating a new nation, it remains a bright spot in Sub-Saharan Africa. Meanwhile, more than 12 million East Africans face malnutrition and starvation in the midst of the region's worst drought in decades.

Catholic Relief Services continues to be involved in both of these realities and in the transformation of the African continent, as our Church reaches out in global solidarity to those in need. That reach stretches right back to our Diocese and the development of more than 6 water wells in Africa, providing clean, potable water to a starving people; and in support of the Lost Boys of Sudan who suffered starvation and threats to their life before arriving in Cleveland. Is there hope for these people and how can you be involved?

Dan Griffin is Sudan Advisor for CRS and Regional Representative for the Horn of Africa. Dan is responsible for researching, monitoring and analyzing key issues, events, trends, and legislation relating to Sudan. He also develops and articulates CRS positions regarding key U.S. policies on Sudan and works with key individuals in the USCCB, the U.S. Government, UN agencies and nongovernmental coalitions to develop joint positions, and participate in collaborative Sudanese advocacy efforts where appropriate. Before joining CRS, Dan worked in East Africa as a missionary with the Maryknoll Mission Association of the Faithful. Dan has B.S. in Environmental Studies & Human Ecology from Regis College.

Lorain County Community College

Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio

Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 am • Speaker: 12:00 - 1:00 pm
\$17.00 per reservation

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 3:00 pm, Thursday April 5th!

Please mail your \$17 check to:

First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035
or call the reservation line at 440-244-0643 or e-mail fflorain@gmail.com

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS

Daytime Dancing!

FOR COUPLES AND SINGLES

WHERE: Knights of Columbus Hall

1783 Moore Rd
Avon, Ohio 44011

TIME: 1-3 pm

2012 SCHEDULE

WHEN: **May 7th:** (first Monday) Only \$4.00 per person

June 4th: (first Monday) Only \$4.00 per person

July 2nd: (first Monday) Only \$4.00 per person

August 6th: (first Monday) Only \$4.00 per person

September 16th: Sunday Dinner Dance

• Buffet Dinner & Dancing. \$15.00 each or \$25.00 per couple

October 1st (first Monday) Only \$4.00 per person

November 5th (first Monday) Only \$4.00 per person

December 3rd (first Monday) Only \$4.00 per person

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