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Special Guest Speaker for May 17th Council Social Meeting

Our local Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent John Zajac will have a brief presentation at our May social meeting outlining new products for members from the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program. While life insurance is still an important part of our order, other newly offered financial planning tools are available. Regardless of your age, employment status, or financial position, John has a program that can maximize the money available for retirement.

Quarterly Communion—Scholarship Breakfast

Our next Quarterly Communion is scheduled for Sunday May 6th; 8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's in Avon. Everyone is welcome to join us and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Following Mass everyone is invited to return to Fr. Ragan Hall for the presentation of this year's scholarship awards and a full breakfast prepared by PGK John Hricovec. Free food and fellowship, you can't beat that combination.



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.

Congratulations to the Cav's & Monster's Ticket Raffle Winners

Mike (Lucky) Moore Cav's tickets

Joe Christopher Monster tickets.

The Isabella Guild would like to thank all the Isabella members and Knights that supported us and purchased tickets from us.

MEASURE UP CAMPAIGN

Ohio State Council
Knights of Columbus

2012 Measure Up Campaign



Volunteers are still 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 & St. Mary's Avon on 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.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, we know the four degrees: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Knights should display these attributes at all times. However, patriotism is a quality that seems to be best demonstrated during two holidays: Memorial Day and Independence Day.

When I was younger, my family took a trip to Washington D.C. While on this trip, my father, an army veteran of World War II, took us to visit Arlington National Cemetery. It was appropriate that we went right after Memorial Day. As we walked among the graves, my father explained to me that the men and women who were buried in this national cemetery had showed their patriotism by serving in one of the military branches of the United States. If you know a man or woman who is or was in the military, make sure you thank them for what they did or are doing to make sure our country remains the great nation it is today.

I was interested in how people I know, whether at work or as neighbors or friends, showed their patriotism. These were some of the answers I gathered:

1. Flying the American flag on holidays
2. Supporting our veterans
3. Respecting the President of the United States whether you agree or disagree with his views
4. Loving our country
5. Voting in elections
6. Educating yourself on issues
7. Learning our history and passing on its traditions
8. Treating each other better

If you have other ways of showing your patriotism, then make sure you pass them on. Remember, the life you are living today was safeguarded by the patriots who helped protect and make this country what it is today.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Frederick Metz - Grand Knight - Vivat Jesus

Large Crowd Enjoys Easter Egg Hunt

The weather was perfect, the crowd was great and everyone went home happy and loaded with candy.

For more years than we can count Fr. Ragan Council and Chairman Vic Sedivec has provided the eggs and candy for the Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt. Several dozen youngsters, and at least a few "senior" kids foraged our council lawn for treasures.

With help of Grand Knight Fred Metz and several strange looking bunny helpers, PGK Vic spread the candy & eggs for the kids & grandkids of members as well as many other guests.

This continues to be a well attended event and we have been fortunate to hold it outdoors for the past couple of years.

Thanks to all who participated in the organization and operation as well as to Mary Bliss for sharing her photos.



Aaron & Samantha Forthover with Abby Bliss

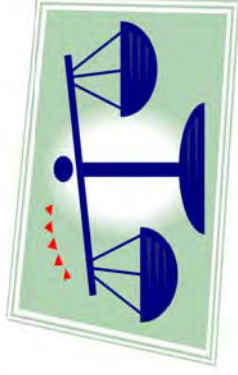
Photos Courtesy of Mary Bliss





FIRST FRIDAY FORUM LORAIN COUNTY

May 4, 2012 • 11:30-1:00



Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU – St Mary Seminary
Mr. Patrick Gareau – Secretary Health Human Services
Mr. Tony Stieritz – Social Action Director, Cincinnati

“An Option for the Poor....Can Public Policy Make a Difference?”

Every two years our attention is turned to the State Budget at the same time that we are also reminded that the numbers of poor are rising. What is this never ending cycle really about?

Three presenters this month will shed some light. Sr. Mary McCormick will provide a backdrop using our Catholic Social Teaching to connect faith with budgets. Mr. Pat Gareau, as CEO of Cleveland Catholic Charities, will shed light on how State, and Federal, budgets directly affect our diocesan efforts to provide charity and service to the poorest amongst us. To tie it together, Mr. Tony Stieritz will provide insight on how, as people of faith, we can stand together with our brothers and sisters and make a difference.

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, Friday, February 24!

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

Council Elections Scheduled

Elections to select men to lead our Council for the 2012-2013 Fraternal Year will take place at the Business Meeting of June 7th. The slate of officers provided by the nominating committee is as follows:

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| Grand Knight | Rob Garrett Jr. |
| Deputy Grand Knight | John Wesner |
| Chancellor | Bill Greaney |
| Recorder | John Pabin |
| Treasurer | Joe Abram |
| Advocate | Paul Nelson |
| Warden | Mark Weidig |
| Inside Guard | Bob Trunk |
| Outside Guard | Al Nugent |
| Special Guard | Ted Kocab |
| Trustee 3 Year | Fred Metz |

As always, during the election, nominations from the floor for ANY POSITION are encouraged. Potential candidates must be present to indicate their acceptance of the responsibilities of the position.



Mark Your Calendar

Show & Ticket Information

August 5th 2012—Fr. Ragan Picnic Area

2 Shows 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM

The show goes on Rain or Shine

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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Please Join Us for
The First Annual Mother's Day Mass
May 13th at 11:00am

Honoring those whose children and mothers have passed away. Each attendee will receive a flower to place on the grave of their loved one or take home. If you wish to include your loved one's name for the intentions at mass please call or email Melissa Malone.

Mother's Day Masses at Catholic Cemeteries

Calvary- Cleveland

Celebrant: Bishop Lennon
Arranger: Fr. Tom O'Donnell

Holy Cross- Brook Park

Celebrant: Father Doug Brown

Holy Cross- Akron

Celebrant: Father McGovern

All Saints-Northfield

Celebrant: Father Bill Karg

St. Joseph-Avon

Celebrant: Father Piskura

Calvary- Lorain

Celebrant: Father Hagedorn

Resurrection- Valley City

Celebrant: Father Bob Stec

All Souls- Chardon

Liturgy: Deacon Varga

For questions or Mass Intentions please contact:

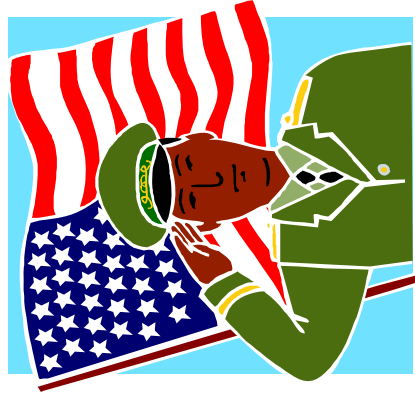
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Flag Day—Flag Disposal Ceremony



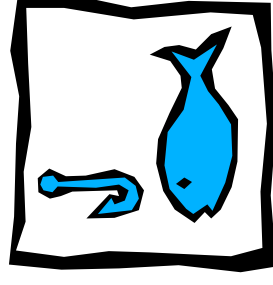
Thursday
June 14th 2012
Fr. Ragan
Picnic Pavilion
7:30 PM

Friends & family members are invited to join the members of Fr. Ragan Council, Lt. Francis McManus Assembly of the 4th Degree and the Local Boy Scouts for a very special Flag Day—Flag Disposal Ceremony for United States Flags that are no longer serviceable.

As prescribed by law flags that are no longer serviceable are to be disposed of by burning with all the dignity due them as they represent the patriotism and honor of the citizens of our Country.

Lt. McManus Assembly 4th Degree News

Fr Ragan Council Members who would like to find out more about advancing to the 4th (Patriotic) Degree of our order are invited to join McManus Assembly Members at the following social events and get to know us and what we do.



Fish Fry
Saturday
June 16th 2012
5:00 PM
Jim & Bobbie Bruder's House
950 Moore Road

Avon, OH

Call Jim to Reserve a spot 934-4053

Picnic—Train Rides



Sunday
June 24th 2012
Noon
Ohio Live Steamers Train Park
3654 Lester Rd
Medina OH

Bring a picnic lunch
Gas Grills & tables are available
Check out their website

<http://livesteamohio.homestead.com/LiveSteamOhio.html>