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Grand Knight's Message

I have three thoughts for my final message as Grand Knight. First, I cannot say thank you too many times to the Isabella Guild. Every time the council needed money, help, food, or any other necessity to run a function, the Isabella Guild was always there. The most recent example was the scholarships that were presented to five individuals: Nolan Meehan, Natalie Michelich, Emily Garrett, Hannah Lowe, and Madeline Michelich. Without the Isabella's help, the council would have only given two scholarships. Their \$1000.00 donation allowed us to present the other three.

Second, I read an article a long time ago about the Hudson River. Long ago, the native people who lived alongside it had their own name for this stream of water. They called it Muh-he-kun-ne-tuk – "The River that Flows Both Ways". When the tide from the Atlantic Ocean flows into the waterway, the river flows north. When the tide goes out, the river flows south. Thinking back on this, I realized we have in our hearts a river that flows both ways. God's love flows in, and it is meant to flow out. Whatever God gives us during our life such as grace, forgiveness and strength he expects us to give it to others. The men from the council who not only come to the meetings but who contribute to all the activities the council offers deserve our thanks. Past and present, we have a great group of men in our council.

Finally, there was a poem I read by Frances Culp Wolfe that had some thoughts in it I would like to share with you: God's eyes are always watching, they are never far away; His ears are always open, to hear us when we pray. His hands are thus extended, to lift us should we fall; His voice will give an answer, if upon Him we will call. His heart is always broken, when we turn away from Him; Yet, He is more than anxious to send light when life looks dim.

His feet will walk before us, leaving footprints we can see; His love will wrap around us, and his grace will set us free.

God bless everyone in the council and the Isabella's and thank you for helping make this year one I will long remember.

Frederick G. Metz – Grand Knight – Vivat Jesus

MEASURE UP CAMPAIGN

Ohio State Council
Knights of Columbus

2012 Measure Up Campaign



A special thanks to chairman Dan Pulit and all the Brother Knights who contributed many hours collecting for the annual Measure Up Campaign at Avon's Wal-Mart on Friday, Saturday & Sunday; April 26, 27, & 28, 2012 as well as at the four local parishes.

This magnificent group of workers collected \$5,084.70. (\$1,777.74 at Wal-Mart and \$3,306.97 from the four local parishes.) 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. Thanks again to all of our workers, the management of Wal-Mart, and the Pastors of our local parishes for their support of this campaign.

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:

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.

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.

Friday is 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.

Isabella Guild and Fr Ragan Foundation Announce Scholarship Awards

This year the Ragan Charitable Foundation used the proceeds of the Wine Tasting Party held in February to fund these awards.

In addition the ladies of the Isabella Guild graciously agreed to match these funds to enable additional presentations.

This years honorees were:

High School—Nolan Meehan (St. Ignatius)
College—Natalie Michelich (Kent State)
College-Emily Garrett (Lake Erie College)
College-Hannah Lowe (Walsh University)
College-Madeline Michelich (Ohio University)

Congratulations to the young men and women chosen as this year's honorees.

Special thanks to the Ladies of the Isabellas and to all the members and friends who supported the Wine Tasting Event for their support that enabled these presentations.



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



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM LORAIN COUNTY

June 1, 2012 11:30am – 1:00pm



Mr. Richard Clark
President

Saint Martin de Porres High School

“Matthew 7:16 ‘By their fruit you will recognize them.’

An urban education success story!”

HE IS BACK AGAIN TO REPORT on the success of those students he first introduced us to in 2008! Richard Clark, President of Saint Martin de Porres High School, a member of the Cristo Rey Network of schools, discusses the school’s unique culture, education model, and Corporate Work Study program. Having welcomed its first 9th graders in 2004, and celebrating its first college graduates this year, Saint Martin continues to transform urban Cleveland one student at a time! Is there a lesson for us as well?

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, May 25th!

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

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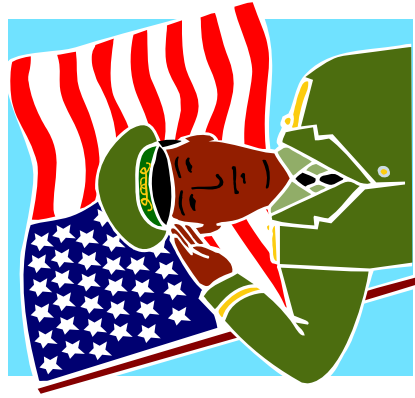
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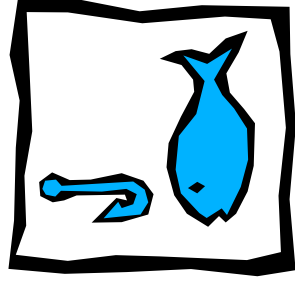
Thursday
June 14th 2012
Fr. Ragan
Picnic Pavilion
7:30 PM

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.

CHANGE OF DATE



Fish Fry
Saturday
June 23rd 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>