

# Ragan Report

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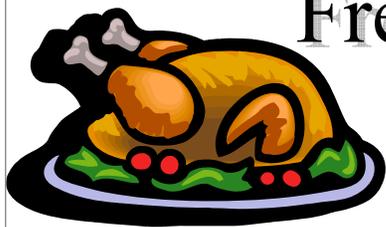
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## Free Seniors' Dinner



When: Sunday December 2nd  
2012 at 1:00 PM at Fr. Ragan Hall

Past Grand Knight Vince Gar-  
garo (and his entire family) have again

been working hard to provide our area's seniors with a fantastic FREE turkey dinner with all the fixings. Tom's Country Place will provide the salad, turkey, potatoes, stuffing, & dessert. Various beverages will also be provided. Sponsored by the Father Ragan Charitable Foundation, this event has been a popular gathering for over 30 years

As always the dinner is open to all senior citizens of the community. While the dinner is free, **tickets are required** as we only have so much room in our hall. Tickets will be available at the Avon, North Ridgeville & Avon Lake Senior's Centers or you can contact PGK Vince by e-mail

[vgargaroo1@roadrunner.com](mailto:vgargaroo1@roadrunner.com) or phone 934-1778.

**Volunteer Help is Needed**—This is a major undertaking requiring lots of helping hands. A set up crew to arrange tables & chairs is needed on Saturday morning (December 1st) at 9:00 AM. .

Sunday (December 2nd), the day of the dinner, helpers are asked to arrive between Noon and 12:30 PM to set up and prepare the distribution of the dinners. Of course, there will be an opportunity for dishwashers and clean up too. This is great opportunity for our new (read "young") members to get involved. We look forward to seeing both our guests and helpers.

## Knights of Columbus Wrestling Tournament at Avon Lake High School

This will be the 32nd year that Fr. Ragan Council has sponsored the Knights of Columbus Wrestling Tournament at Avon Lake High School. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate publicly how the Knights support youth programs and at the same time, help out in the community.

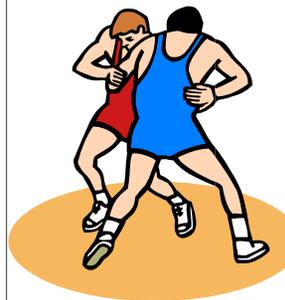
Volunteers are needed to score, run the clock, and perform other tasks during the tournament that features wrestlers from twenty different schools. No experience is necessary.

Workers are needed 15 minutes prior to the start of the daily activities listed below.

Sir Knights of Lt. McManus Assembly will present the Colors and lead the Parade of Champions on Saturday Night.

Friday Nov 30th	5:00 PM until 9:00 PM
Saturday Dec 1st	10:00 AM until 3:00 PM
Saturday Dec 1st	5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

Contact Bob Cobos for more details or to volunteer (440-396-8594)



## Children's Christmas Party



PGK John Hricovec has once again planned a fun filled family afternoon for the annual Children's Christmas Party scheduled for Sunday December 9th 2012 at 1:30 PM at Father Ragan Hall. A family friendly lunch and music will be provided while we await the arrival of the guest of honor, the Big Man: Santa Claus.

Santa will welcome all children ten (10) years old and under with a gift and a photo opportunity. He may even let mom and dad (grandma & grandpa) get in on the action. Reservations would be appreciated. E-mail PGK John at [jthric@msn.com](mailto:jthric@msn.com) or call 440-242-7894 for more information.

## Holy Day of Obligation Reminder

Saturday December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. While the normal procedure for Holy Days falling on a weekend means you can skip the extra Mass, that is not the case this year. You must attend Mass on BOTH Saturday December 8th and Sunday December 9th. (Or the respective vigil Masses) Check with your local parish for Mass times.

# Peace on Earth

## Christmas Dinner & Dance



**Saturday, December 8**

K of C Hall, 1783 Moore Road

Avon (next to BJ's)

6:30 pm Appetizers | 7:15 pm Dinner

Catered by  
**Tom's Country Place**

**\$21 per person,  
BYOB, wash provided**

**Dance to the Music  
of John Kowalski**

**Paid reservations by  
December 5<sup>th</sup>**

You may bring a new unwrapped toy to be donated to an area shelter.

**For tickets, call Pat 440-933-8986 or Bobbie 440-934-4053**



Sponsored by the Isabella Guild  
Knights of Columbus, Fr. Ragan Council #3269



## Measure Up Campaign



Grand Knight Rob Garret presents this year's checks from the annual Knights of Columbus Measure Up Campaign to Dave Schindler representing the Positive Education Foundation (left) and Brother Ted Kocab (below) of Family Haven Inc. (Fontbonne Home).

A very special thank you to chairman Dan Pulit and his team of workers who solicited donations for three days at Wal-Mart Avon and at all four of our local parishes.

This year's checks amounted to \$2994.83 for Family Haven Inc. to help with the operational expenses of Fontbonne Home and \$997.08 for the Positive Education Foundation to help fund dances & a prom for developmentally disabled students.

### Right to Life Corner

Bob Trunk Chairman

All members, guests, friends and people concerned about protecting the sanctity of life are encouraged to attend the

**Annual Right to Life March**  
**Public Square**  
**Downtown Cleveland**  
**Saturday January 19, 2013**  
**12 Noon.**

Plan to spend an hour in prayer and reflection in furtherance of this worthy cause.

Contact Bob Trunk at 440-477-2721 or via e-mail: [robtrunk@aol.com](mailto:robtrunk@aol.com) for more details or to arrange to car-pool.



## Grand Knight's Report...

As the Thanksgiving holiday winds down, we have many things to be thankful for. Our Chaplain, Fr. Gerard, for presiding over the Memorial Mass and Quarterly Communion, both at Holy Trinity Church. Also, Fr. took the topic, Tolerance, and weaved it in with the 50 years since Vatican II Council at the Retreat recently. Fr. Gerard certainly has a way of providing depth to a subject in an understandable way. We thank the Lady Isabellas for their plentiful gifts of pastries and cookies at the Memorial Mass. Their Dinner/Dance "Peace on Earth" is Saturday Dec. 8 at 6 PM. Here's a chance to have a fun night out and it's a fundraiser for the Isabellas.

December 8th is also a Holy Day of Obligation. Those of us who grew up revering the 6 Holy Days of the Year, do get a bit confused when these Holy Days are sometimes combined with the weekend Mass. It was in the St. Joseph bulletin, otherwise I might have forgotten.

The weekend of Nov 30- Dec. 2 is probably the peak of our involvement with the Community. PGK Roberto Cobos engineers the Annual K of C Wrestling Tournament on Friday and Saturday. Bob could use your help at the Avon Lake High School Gym on Friday Nov. 30 from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM, Saturday from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Saturday night from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. To help, just go to the High School and be a name dropper, tell them you are helping Bob of the K of C. Members of the 4th Degree Lt McManus Assembly will bring in the contenders for the Championship at the evening session.

Sunday Dec. 2 is our annual Senior's Dinner hosted by PGK Vince Gargaro. It's fun and it's the embodiment of Christmas-giving to others. The Isabella's dress up the Hall to give it a festive appearance and we all have a great time. Vince needs volunteers on Saturday morning at 9 AM til about 11 to set up the place settings. On Sunday from 12-3 we could use your help serving and cleaning up afterward, plus you get a good meal! Thanks to Vince and his family for hosting this wonderful event.

Finally, on Sunday Dec. 9th we have the Children's Christmas Party put together by PGK John Hricovec and his wife Kari. It's fun for the kids with gifts under the tree and a special appearance by Santa Claus.

On behalf of the Officers and the Knights, I wish to extend to you a Merry Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ child, let us reflect on this season of giving. As Christians and Catholics, giving gladdens the heart and by our giving it sets an example to those who thirst for religion in their lives.

Vivat Jesus, Grand Knight Robert Garrett Jr.



## FIRST FRIDAY FORUM LORAIN COUNTY

December 7, 2012 11:30am – 1:00pm



*Our Lady of Grace Chapel*

**Ms. Amy Butler**

*Principal, Elyria Catholic High School*

**Mr. Andy Krakowiak**

*President, Elyria Catholic High School*

### **“CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS”**

As the only Catholic High School in Lorain County, Elyria Catholic serves as one of the most important resources we have in the Catholic community; not only providing a solid academic curriculum, but also for ensuring an environment and programming that fosters the passing on of our faith to the younger generation. There are many new things happening at E.C. since the last time we visited with them .....new opportunities and new ministries. We'll have a chance, too, to hear from the students themselves, quite literally, as they offer a choral presentation of one of those ministries.

*Mr. Andrew Krakowiak, President of Elyria Catholic and Ms. Amy Butler, Principal, have a combined experience of over 50 years in Catholic education. Throughout their years as teachers, coaches, advisors, and administrators they have been blessed to be able to work with outstanding young men and women. Their priority..... fostering the spiritual development of their students.*

**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, November 30!**

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](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com)



## Fourth Degree News Lt. Francis McManus Assembly

Lt. McManus Assembly congratulates and welcomes its newest member: Fr. Tim O'Connor, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Avon Lake. Fr. Tim, a long time member of Fr. Ragan Council, participated in the exemplification of the 4th Degree on October 27th, and officially became "Sir Knight Reverend Father Timothy O'Connor".

Are you a 3rd degree member?

Have you considered advancing to the honors of the Patriotic 4th Degree? If so Lt Francis McManus Assembly is looking for candidates to join us in achieving the highest degree of our order.

**While not required for membership**, many Sir Knights choose to acquire the full regalia (cape, baldric, sword, & chapeau) and participate in the Honor Guard and Color Guard at various religious, fraternal, and civic events.

All Knights, from 1st degree members on up, have a long history of charitable, fraternal, spiritual and community service. However it is the regalia of 4th degree that most of the population associate with the "Knights of Columbus".

McManus Assembly was founded in 1946 and is comprised of members from Lorain, Elyria, Amherst & Fr Ragan Councils. In addition to our fraternal activities, we offer a wide range of social activities and the opportunity to meet and interact with other Knights throughout Lorain County.

For more information about McManus Assembly & the 4th Degree or to find out how to join contact our Faithful Navigator Harding Christ at 440-933-8986 (e-mail [harding.c@oh.rr.com](mailto:harding.c@oh.rr.com))

You can also check us out on the web at [www.ltmcmanus.com](http://www.ltmcmanus.com)

If you want to "Try before you buy" guests and their ladies are welcome at the McManus Christmas Party which is scheduled for Tuesday December 18th at 6:00 PM at Tom's Country Place 3442 Stoney Ridge Rd Avon Ohio.

Price is \$21.00 per person and we would love to have you join us. Contact Harding Christ if interested.

### **Attention Existing McManus Members**

Don't forget that **beginning in January 2013** the monthly meeting start time changes to **7:30 PM**.

The January McManus meeting will be held at Fr. Ragan Council on January 15th.



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### [Insurance check-up for 2013](#)

An insurance check-up can be as important as an annual physical. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance, long-term care or disability income insurance. You also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did you take time out of your schedule last year to meet with me? If you did, thank you for seeing me and helping secure your financial future. I will be in touch with you to schedule your annual review to verify that everything is heading in the right direction. We'll make sure that if your goals and budget have changed, your plan still works for you.

If you didn't have a meeting with me last year, I hope you will answer my invitation this year. It's a wise idea to have an expert look at your finances. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an insurance check-up that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? And I'll come to your house when it fits your schedule. Call me today.