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Grand Knight's Message,

Before we welcome in the New Year, there are a few leftovers from this past year. Brother Knight Lavern Forthofer passed away just before Christmas. Several Knights had close family members who died during December, one family had more than one. Brother John McConley is convalescing at home, but he and the rest of these families need our prayers for their continued strength. PGK Mike Moore's wife, Sandy needs a lot more of his time, so Mike has resigned his Trustee position and will end his duties as editor of the Ragan Report and Coordinator of the Fr. Ragan website in June. Mike has put a lot of effort into getting the information to the Knights quickly and accurately with an occasional bit of humor. Mike Collins volunteered to be the editor of the Ragan Report, however we still need a website coordinator which is a lot less work than the Ragan Report. Please contact Mike Moore if you are interested. Thanks to both of these men for their dedication to the Knights.

There are several events in the next two months that involve faith, family and fun. On Thur. Jan. 17 for our Social meeting our guest will be Karen Stary, an Avon Lake resident. She does research for the Curacao Dolphin Therapy and Research Center. Therapists there work with disabled children of different disabilities. That should be an interesting talk.

On Sat Jan. 19, we will be in the Right To Life March in Downtown Cleveland at Noon. Pro-Life speakers will be guests and a great lunch will be served for a fee. Details will be provided at our meeting Jan. 3rd. Both of these events are open to family and friends.

Mike Collins who is finishing judging schoolchildren's essays on Catholicism, is all set for the Free Throw Tournament on Sunday Jan. 20th at 11 PM at St. Mary's Gym in Avon. Mike will need volunteers to score and many children to participate. Mike will have the details in the Report here and at the Meeting.

Then Monday Jan 21 at 7:30 PM we will host a 1st and 2nd Degree. Jim Streenstra and Mike Walther received their 2nd in Nov., so all members who have received only their 1st Degree, here is your chance to participate in your 2nd Degree. Here's our chance to bring in new members. If you are unable to receive your 2nd at our Hall, we will try to find a 2nd for you because as of this printing it is just confirmed that we will host a 3rd Degree at our Hall on Sunday Feb. 24; 1-5 PM. The Degree will begin at 2 PM. The 3rd Degree qualifies you to become an officer, and we always need fresh faces and ideas. We last had a 3rd Degree here 3 years ago, so plan on receiving those Degrees.

PGK Fred Metz has reserved some lanes for us at Rebman's in Lorain on Sunday Feb. 17. Fred needs reservations by Feb 1st. We're giving you and your family an opportunity to have some fun in the winter. No matter what your style of bowling is, it's fun for everyone.

There will be NO OFFICER'S MEETING IN JANUARY.

Make the best of your New Year,

Vivat Jesus, Grand Knight Rob Garrett Jr.

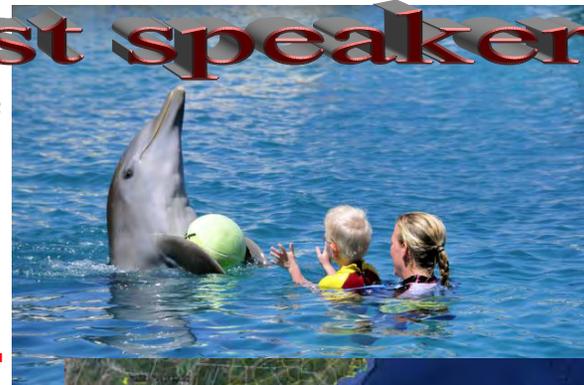
A most unique and interesting guest speaker

Open to the Public
Social Meeting
Thursday 1-17-13

7:30 PM

Featuring:

Karen Stary MPA, OTR/L



Karen resides in Avon Lake, Ohio and Curacao, Netherlands Antilles (12 degree north of the equator).

She is an Occupational Therapist and was CEO and Owner of StaRyhab, Inc. which had offices in over 10 countries including India, Republic of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Israel and The Philippines. She has been involved in lectures around the world including the Leprosy Clinic in India and the University of Kenyatta in Kenya. She loves all sports and has been involved with adaptive sports for persons with disabilities for skiing, scuba diving and water skiing. Her own daughter, now 10, is world classified in swimming and is striving to be at the Paralympics in Brazil in 2016.

She volunteers on a dozen plus organizations but enjoyed most hosting the children from the Coalition of Children in Need in Haiti and her role with the American Women's Club in Curacao. She recently completed a medical mission trip with Case Western Reserve University to Peru with her fourteen year old son and later completed the Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu.

She looks forward to sharing her Program, Curacao Dolphin Therapy and Research Center, with everyone in January, hoping to bring a little sunshine into the cold winter night and bringing a smile to your hearts as she shares the success stories of these precious children and dolphin assisted therapy!





Valentine's Weekend Wine Tasting Evening

Price of Admission:

\$25.00 per person in advance

Reservations are required

For tickets contact John @ 440.497.0485 / Kevin @ 440.930.4740

Ticket sales limited to 220 call and order yours now!

Admission includes:

- 10 tickets for wine samples (Klingshirn, Matus, Vermilion Valley Vineyards and Paper Moon Wineries)
 - Buffet Dinner

Entertainment includes:

Music for Listening and Dancing

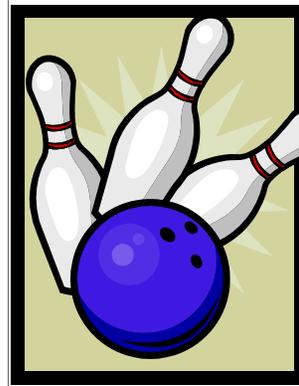
February 9th, 2013

6:00 PM—10:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Hall
1783 Moore Rd.
Avon, OH 44011

*** Just north of Colorado
Ave. (Next to BJ's Wholesale
Club)

TICKETS COURTESY OF:



Family Fun Day of Bowling

PGK Fred Metz is Chairman for a Family Day of bowling fun at Rebman's Recreation 5300 Oberlin Avenue Lorain, Ohio (Phone 440-282-6761).

It will be held on **Sunday February 17, 2013** from **2:00 PM until 4:00 PM**. The cost will be \$2.50 per person per game. Bowling shoes will be included for free.

You don't need to be good at it to enjoy bowling. It's a great time for kids of all ages and the price is right. Even the Past Grand Knights who have trouble getting their bowling scores to top their ages will enjoy it.

If interested contact PGK Fred by February 1st. Via e-mail at fredmetz23@yahoo.com or 440-963-0747 to let him know how many people will participate. A family of four will be able to bowl 1 game for \$10.00 and 2 games for \$20.00. If anyone wants more information about Rebman's they can go to their website rebmanrec.com.

There is a snack bar at the bowling alley and food and drinks can be purchased there. We're not having a picnic, thus they do not want patrons to bring in outside food and drink.

Quarterly Communion



Fr Ragan will hold its next Quarterly Communion on Sunday February 3rd 2013 at St Joseph Parish 32929 Lake Road Avon Lake at the 8:30 AM Mass.

This event will run concurrently with their annual Ministry Fair that gives parishioners an opportunity to get information about and speak with members of every group and activity in the parish. As an incentive to attend the Ministry Fair and our Quarterly Communion, they forego the regular coffee & doughnuts in lieu of a full service breakfast of all you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea & juice.. You have to attend Mass anyway, so why not join your fellow Knights and their families for worship and breakfast.



Fr Ragan will host **Coffee & Doughnuts at St. Joseph** on Sunday January 6th following the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. We need 3 or 4 helpers for each Mass with a total time outlay of 15 minutes or so following Mass. Contact Rob Garrett if you can help rgarrettjr72@yahoo.com.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

The specifics for the January luncheon are:

DATE: January 4th

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. William B. Padavick

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Retired; Secretary for clergy and religious for the Diocese of Cleveland; Pastor Emeritus Sacred Heart (Oberlin); former pastor Holy Spirit (Avon Lake); and former rector/facility member of Borromeo Seminary

TOPIC: T B D

LOCATION: St. Clarence Church, Lorain Road, North Olmsted

COST: \$10.00

TIME: Socializing 11:00 AM; luncheon at 12:00 PM; and, Mass at 1:30 PM

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: Call George at (440) 937-6606 by Wednesday, January 2nd

COST: \$10.00 per person

Please invite a friend or fellow parishioner to join us.

If you should have any other questions, please call me.

George W. Perz

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 for more details or to arrange to carpool.

February Social Meeting

The Fr Ragan Social Meeting of February 21st 2013 will feature two guest speakers from Cornerstone Among Women, the Lorain County Pregnancy Crisis Center.

This informative meeting is open to the public and we invite you to bring a friend to increase awareness and get the facts on the services they provide and how the community can help.



Free Throw Competition

Date: Sunday January 20th 2013

For the second year in a row, after many years of holding the free throw competition in Avon Lake, we are holding this year's event at the new gymnasium at

St Mary's Parish 2640 Stoney Ridge Rd. Avon, OH.

Competition is open to ALL boys and girls in the area, ages 10 to 14. (defined as their age as of January 1st). First time participants should bring a copy of their birth certificate to show organizers.

Volunteers are needed. It requires less than an hour of your time and no special skills other than being able to sit up and take nourishment.

We will begin at 11:00 AM, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass. **Helpers should arrive 15 or 20 minutes early** so tasks can be assigned and clip boards issued.

Brother Knights, or anyone else, interested in helping out should contact our Chairman Mike Collins.

Contact Mike via e-mail at laurannandmike@gmail.com or call (440) 930-7293 to volunteer or get more information.

Degree Schedule

January 21st

1st & 2nd degree

Candidates 7:00 PM—Degrees 7:30 PM

February 24th

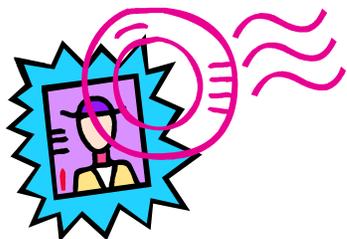
Newly Revised 3rd degree

Candidates 1:00 PM -Degree 2:00 PM

Note:

There will be NO OFFICERS MEETING in January.

Next Officers meeting February 5th 7:00 PM



Stamps for Charity

Brother George Perz, our resident philatelist, assures me that your Used Postage Stamps are worth money for Charities. Here is the scoop:

"Salvaging and collecting used stamps is a way to help various charities. Thus, everyone can be counted as donating to charities and still be sitting at home. This is an impressive fact. Stamps I have collected have been given to

Father Gerard Gonda O.S.B. of Benedictine High School. They accumulate from many sources and then sell back into the philatelic market to a dealer who retails them or sells to other philatelic dealers. There is a large secondary market for these used stamps. What they pay, I have no idea. But in this case, the Benedictines do generate funds to be used for their many programs.

I will accept stamps in all forms: complete envelopes and post cards from which I will cut the stamps and then shred the balance. This insures that all names will be removed. The paper will be recycled by placing into a yellow bin behind Holy Trinity's school. Nothing is wasted. I prefer this method - receiving the entire envelope. However, I offer a second method. If someone wants to remove the stamps themselves, they should leave a minimum of one-half inch of paper around the stamp or stamps where possible. Cut stamps, damaged perforations, torn stamps, etc., are useless and are discarded. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PEEL STAMPS FROM AN ENVELOPE OR CARD. This almost always results in a torn or thinned stamp rendering it not collectible.

All stamps are needed: first class in any form (commemoratives, all flags denominated and non-denominated, and yes, all Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and EID); service inscribed stamps (non-profit, bulk rate, pre-sorted first class, etc.); personal computer postage stamps (e.g.. Stamps.com); personalized postage stamps (Stamps.com, Endicia.com, Zazzle.com, etc.); air mail; USPS produced preprinted envelopes; and, all obsolete postage stamps (postage dues, revenues, etc.). If it looks like a stamp, send it. Of course, the above information applies to foreign stamps as well. In other words, they will take the whole world! Meters, preprinted endicias, and other similar items are not collected by the missions and I will only recycle these items. However, if in doubt, send it!

If the entire envelope is donated, these should be put into a dry plastic grocery bag. If the stamps are cut from the envelopes, the stamps should be put into a larger envelope or sealed baggie.

If the stamps are brought on the normal Thursday meeting nights, I will take them since I try to get there after bowling. If I cannot be there, I will ask Jim Bruder, Vic Sedivec, or Cy Bliss to pick them up for me. If they have to be stored (short term only), I would think that the office would be the logical place so no one discards "this junk." I can hear it already: "Get rid of this junk!" (Note aside: a piece of "junk" sold last week on e-bay for more than \$1,000. The stamp sold is a used copy of the \$0.37 Snowy Egret produced in 2003 - two rate changes ago! "Junk," my foot! You can see why there is an aftermarket for this material. I refuse to call it "junk." This also proves that age has nothing to do with the value of anything.) Which brings me to another Note Aside: I will offer my opinion to anyone who may have a stamp, old cover, or collection that they own or has been handed down, but don't know what to do with it.

I am not an appraiser, nor will I attempt to do so. But, I can offer an educated opinion. I would not want someone to donate valuable stamps to this cause since neither the owner nor the mission will benefit from its value without the collection being properly identified as valuable. Material like this would have to be viewed by appointment. I would emphasize that older material not be reduced to small cut squares of paper. If someone has any older material, they should call me first. I am sure this will generate more questions than the above outline covers. But I am here to answer them. But the most important step is to start saving. If you want to become a philatelist that will definitely take more time. I have been a collector for more than sixty years. George (Perz) (440) 937-6606."

First Friday Forum Schedule at Lorain Community College

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY 2013 Speakers Schedule Revised and APPROVED

FEBRUARY 1	SR. MARY BERIGAN Director, Blessing House <i>Topic: Unique program developed to address needs of families in crisis</i> <i>Title: "Let the Children Come to Me....." Mark 10:14</i>	<i>Social Justice</i>
MARCH 1	MR. MARK AULISIO Director, Bioethics PhD Program, Case Western Reserve <i>Topic: Organ Donation, Nutrition Hydration, Living Will</i> <i>Title: "Taking Time,.... in Advance" (tent)</i>	<i>Moral/Ethical</i>
APRIL 5	REV. ALBERT KRUPP Delegate Senior Priests, Diocese of Cleveland <i>Topic: Clearer understanding of the Church and our role</i> <i>Title: "Things Visible and Invisible: Becoming a Sacrament in a Sacramental Church"</i>	<i>Spirituality</i>
MAY 3	MR. RON PROSEK Network for Oil & Gas Accountability & Protection <i>Topic: Current use of Hydraulic Fracking process</i> <i>Title: "Is There a Right Way?....."</i> <i>The real question behind hydraulic fracking" (tent)</i>	<i>Social Justice</i>
JUNE 7	SR. ANN VICTORY, HM, MSN Education Coordinator, Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking <i>Topic: Human Trafficking</i> <i>Title: "Lives for Sale....the Hidden Crisis" (tent)</i> <i>(inclusion of Lorain County Human Trafficking Coalition)</i>	<i>Social Justice</i>
AUGUST 2	REV. NICHOLAS RACHFORD Pastor, St Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church <i>Topic: Eastern Catholic Churches, what they are and the Byzantine expression</i> <i>Title: "We Are But One Church" (tent)</i>	<i>Spirituality/Theology</i>
SEPTEMBER 6	REV. JOHN CUSICK Director, Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago <i>Topic: Theology on Tap</i> <i>Title: Here's the Church, Here's the Steeple, Open Doors, Where's All the Young People?"</i>	<i>Youth/Family & Culture</i>
OCTOBER 4	TBA <i>(possible table discussion included)</i> 10YEAR ANNIV <i>Topic: Gaudium et Spes/ Vatican II and Year of Faith</i> <i>Title: "Giving Voice to the Faith" (tent)</i>	<i>Church Trends</i>
NOVEMBER 1	THE MOST REVEREND RICHARD G. LENNON <i>Topic: TBA</i> <i>Title: TBA</i>	<i>Church Trends</i>
DECEMBER 6	MS. CAROL CREEK Spiritual/Retreat Director, Rivers Edge <i>Topic: Advent Spirituality</i> <i>Title: "Stories from the Heart"</i>	<i>Spirituality/Theology</i>