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Notice of Change of Date for Social Meeting of September & Degree Schedule

In order to provide ample notice to all members we are announcing the change of our **September social meeting** from the third Thursday, September 16th, to the Second **Thursday September 9th**, in order to accommodate our 1st Degree Team. We will hold a **1st Degree** on **September 9th, 2010**. Candidate call at 7:30 PM with the degree starting at 8:00 PM.

Now would be a great time to ask your Catholic friends and neighbors to join the Knights of Columbus and partake of all the activities and benefits of membership. Supreme Council guidelines require two readings of applications for membership so don't delay.

Our Degree Team will hold a "Practice Degree" at the August Social Meeting on August 19th, to hone their skills and to refresh in the minds of our current members, the beauty, instruction, and message that is the foundation of our order. Mark your calendars and make it a point to join us on these dates. We are always looking for new degree team members to fill in and assist in this very important aspect of our initiation rite. Contact Grand Knight John Hricovec (440-242-7894) or any degree team member for more information

A **2nd Degree** is scheduled for **October 21st** at the October social meeting. The times will be the same as the previously discussed 1st degree. We have several "Old" 1st degree members who are invited, actually encouraged, to join us on the 21st to advance in the degrees of our order. If you have a friend who has yet to advance, call him up, offer to drive him down and support him as he makes this important step.

As a heads up to the members who really like to plan ahead, a future **1st Degree** is scheduled for **January 20th, 2011** with a **2nd Degree** set for **February 17th, 2011**.

Late News — Fund Raiser Scheduled Sunday August 15th

Bring your family, friends, neighbors, in-laws & outlaws to a special fundraiser to benefit the Father Ragan Council Treasury and the Boy Scouts who are in need of some camping gear.

A dinner, featuring Italian baked chicken breast served with a side of pasta, salad, rolls and dessert, coffee, and soft drinks will be held from Noon to 4:00 PM at Fr. Ragan Hall on Sunday August 15th.

Kids will have the choice of kids portion of chicken, Pasta only or Hotdog with chips. The price will be \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids.

If you're able to spare an hour or two to help out, contact GK John Hricovec. If not, come on down and eat. You're gonna have to eat anyway, it's too hot to cook, the price is right, and your favorite chef will appreciate not having to cook and clean up at home. See you there.

Picnic at Lester Rail Trail - August 1st Noon until ????

Members & Guests of Fr. Ragan Council are invited to join the Sir Knights of Lt McManus Assembly for a day of fun at Lester Rail Trail 3654 Lester Rd. Medina OH. The park is on the west side of Lester Rd between Routes 57 & 18.

Train rides will be available all day. Bring a picnic basket and join in the fun. There is no cost but we usually pass the hat to reimburse the train club for their expenses. Kids of all ages (geezers, grown-ups, teens and toddlers) have always been treated to a day they remember forever. For information call or write John Riba 440-871-7415 (jriba@sbcglobal.net). Check out the Lester Train Website for more about them:

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



Our Statue of The Blessed Virgin has found her home

Thank You to the Ladies of our Isabella Guild, and the Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Dan Pulit, Tom Michelich, & Jim Bruder.

Special thanks to our technical consultants and helpers: Bill Hricovec, Tom Hricovec, Billy Hricovec, Cy Bliss and all the others who contributed ideas and research to this project.

Additional landscaping and lighting will be added as weather and time permits.



Tom Michelich & Jim Bruder completed the final installation and planting of the Wisteria



Grand Knight's Message....

I hope this message finds you having a safe and happy summer. With just one month into the fiscal year, there has already been a lot going on in our council.

Many special thanks are in order this month. First off to the group of Knights who went to Rays Auto and presented Ray and Mike Gilles with their very much deserved Award. Also to the committee for the Blessed Virgin Shrine. The guys set up the formwork and re-graded in front of the building, and also installed a drain pipe. Special thanks to my brother Tom and my cousin Bill Jr. for coming down and helping pour the concrete.

We also saw the best of our membership when our brother from the North Ridgeville Council lost his house and all of his possessions last month. On the recommendation of DGK Fred Metz, we passed the hat at our July business meeting, and with contributions from the council and from the Fr Ragan Charitable foundation, I presented SK Gary Klemens with a check for \$505.00.

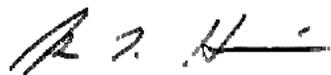
This year thanks to Br Macario Cobos, we brought back the Family Picnic. Helping Mike was our Warden Joe Laforet, and his Boy Scout Troop. Special thanks also to Cy Bliss for the tractor and wagon for the hayride, Bill Greaney for setting up the altar and calling Fr Luca, and to John Kowalski for the use of the projection TV for the movie.

I look forward to the work ahead this fall, and anticipate a good first degree this September. I will need all form 100's by the August 19 meeting for anyone wishing to make their 1st degree in September. Its not too late to round up some guys. If they are interested give them my # and we'll get them in.

Let's not forget to support our Parishes this summer at their respective summer festivals. Get out there and help out. These events provide much needed revenue to help the Parishes with daily operation, and also provide a fun family activity.

Enjoy your summer, hope to see you at a meeting.

Vivat Jesus



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Miscellaneous Notes:

• Council Clambake

Sunday October 3rd 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM — Adults \$21/Seniors \$19/Kids \$5/Extra Clams \$7

• Fall Family Campout

Saturday October 23rd
Plans include: Mass, bonfire, Trick or Treats, & Pig Roast. More details to follow

• Isabella Happenings

Recipes from several ladies of our Isabella Guild have been featured in the Morning Journal. Check the website for copies of those articles

http://frragan.com/womens_aux_news.html

EWTN Coverage of the 128th Supreme Convention

The 128th Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Convention is being held in Washington D.C. August 2—4, 2010.

The concelebrated Opening Mass is being held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 9:30 AM on Tuesday August 2nd and will be covered live by the EWTN Television Network. In addition EWTN will provide live coverage of the Annual Report of Supreme Knight Karl Anderson scheduled for 1:00 PM and the State's Dinner at 7:30 PM.

EWTN is on Channels 18 (Analog) and 385 (Digital) in **Avon** and Channels 14 (Analog) and 385 (Digital) in **Avon Lake**. Check your local listings for channel selection and coverage in other communities.

Report on Council Picnic/Campout

I am please to report that this past weekend was a huge success and fun was had by all. Br. Mike Cobos did a wonderful job of planning and implementing activities throughout the weekend. I came out early Saturday morning to find the Boy Scouts from Troop 462 had already loaded the wood and stages located behind the kitchen onto the tractor and hauled it out to the field to break it up for bonfire purposes. The Boy Scouts spent the next 5+ hours pulling nails, cutting wood and digging a pit for the evening's bonfire. The ashes left from the flag disposal ceremony in the barrel were recovered and properly buried by Troop 462 as well. Troop 462 did not finish with all the wood due to size of the project and time limits involved, however I have been told they are interested in returning and this can be accomplished at a future camping trip.

Dinner consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs and side dishes happened around 6 PM and Troop 462 assisted the Knights with cooking. Troop 462 had set up chairs outside under the pavilion for mass that evening, but due to the heat, it was decided to set up in the hall instead. 41 people took communion at that mass and two of Boy Scouts - Matthew Lacy and Patrick Bergen provided services as Altar Boys. Alex Welshans also wanted to serve but Father only needed two, so thanks to Alex for volunteering!! Father said a beautiful mass enjoyed by all and then the bonfire activities occurred after mass. There was a hayride provided for the families of the Knight and the kids really got a big kick out of this. At the bonfire s'mores were enjoyed. There was an isolated thunderstorm that blew through later in the evening so activities moved back to the hall where the movie Transformer's - Revenge of the Fallen was seen via projector on the hall wall. Thanks to Brother **John Kowalski** for providing the projector. It was a much needed and appreciated accessory. I hooked up the bingo microphone to the speaker so we had our own little movie theater going complete with popcorn provided.

Breakfast on Sunday consisted of Bacon, Eggs and Mini-muffins and there was a chicken dinner provided later towards noon. Sunday morning a water balloon fight was enjoyed by the Scouts and family members of the Knights.

Troop 462 is grateful to the Fr. Ragan Council for their generosity in allowing them to stay on the property and all the other amenities that were provided. They are also looking to see if anyone is available to assist with St. Mary's Oktoberfest this weekend keeping in mind the short notice. I've also had discussions with our Worthy Grand Knight for next years event and additions (e.g. pony rides, petting the goat, etc.). I would also like to see an event in the fall when the weather is cooler and along the same lines (e.g. Mass in the Grass, bonfire, hayride, etc.) so I am planting a seed with you.

Thanks again to all for your help, contributions and participation in this weekend's events.

SK Joe Laforet—Troop 462 Committee Chairman

