

Last Chance to Apply for Scholarships

Time is running out for third degree members, or sons & daughters, and grandsons & granddaughters of third degree members to apply for the scholarships offered by the Father Ragan Charitable Foundation.

Scholarships are available for tuition to any college or technical school or any Catholic High School.

For more details contact Mike Cobos.
Phone 440-930-2900 or
E-Mail mcobos@mail.com

Quarterly Communion

Fr Ragan will hold its next quarterly communion on Sunday May 17th at St Mary's in Avon at the 8:00 AM Mass.

All of Fr Ragan's Quarterly Communion are open to everyone. Bring your family, your friends & neighbors. We especially encourage bringing potential candidates. We want all family members to become involved in our council activities.

Breakfast will follow at Fr Ragan hall, where those students chosen for scholarships will be presented with their checks.

Isabella Guild News

Membership in our Ladies Guild is open to any relative of a Brother Knight or any Catholic Woman. In addition to supporting the Knights in every activity imaginable, the ladies have many programs of their own. They meet on the second Tuesday of every month (Except July & August) at 7:00 PM at Fr Ragan Hall.

This month's meeting is on May 12th and will feature the annual May Crowning with Father Jim Becherer presiding. As always refreshments will be provided following the festivities.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining call Sandy Moore at 440-933-9957 or via E-Mail sandymoore@oh.rr.com

Measure Up Still Needs Workers

PGK Dan Pulit has an aggressive plan to knock the doors off all previous Measure Up Collections. On the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd, in addition to collecting at all the masses at all four churches served by Fr Ragan Council, Dan has received permission to collect both days at Wal-Mart.

This effort will require lots of help. Please consider volunteering a little of your time to collect for the Mentally Retarded either at your local parish (You have to go to church anyway) or at Wal-Mart. Give Dan a call or zap him an e-mail. As a bonus, Dan is buying lunch at Subway for guys who volunteer to help at Wal-Mart.
Dan Pulit—Phone 440-930-2319
E-Mail dcpulit@centurytel.net

Lecturer's News...

May 21st Our Knights of Columbus Insurance Representative Tom DeChant will get us up to speed on the new financial planning tools provided by KofC Insurance. This is especially important to our new young members but us old guys will learn a thing or two also.

Last Chance to Add New Members

Thursday May 14th Fr Ragan will host the last 1st & 2nd Degrees of the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year. Candidate call at 7:30 PM with the degrees beginning at 8:00 PM.

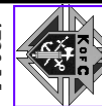
There are many new members out there just waiting for YOU to ask them to become a member. Asking a man to join Fr Ragan Council may be one of the best gifts you could give him. Please come down and support the new candidates on May 14th.

MARINE BAND CONCERT

A Free concert, performed by the United States Marine Band, will be held at Avon Lake High School at 3:00 PM Sunday May 10th (Mother's Day).

We are expecting a full house so tickets are necessary but as previously stated, they are FREE. Contact PGK Bob Schneider for tickets and further information. By phone 440-933-2469 or E-Mail cantor9@oh.rr.com

We should also mention that we are very proud that one of our Brother Knights, LCpl Rob Schneider, is a member of this prestigious group.



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Ragan Report

2008 Awards Banquet Winners

Rob Garrett	Catholic Man of the Year
Vic & LaVerne Sedivec	Family of the Year
PGK Robert Schneider Jr.	Knight of the Year
Fr. James Becherer	Religious of the Year
Marc Quayle	Roman Klingshirn Award
Marian Ertler	Lady of the Year
Fred Metz	Volunteer of the Year

Grand Knight's Message

“A Man for All Seasons”

St. Thomas More's life is an example of an often overlooked quality of the truly Catholic man - **fidelity to the Faith**, even to the point of death. Born on February 7, 1477, to a prosperous English family, St. Thomas More initially thought of studying for the priesthood but instead opted for a career in the law. He noted that he would rather be a “good husband than a bad priest.” As he rose in professional prominence, he was knighted by King Henry VIII and was named Chancellor of England, the highest position held by a non-royal in that day.


However, he is remembered for his opposition to King Henry VIII's decision to dismiss the authority of Rome. As you may recall, Henry sought a divorce from Katherine of Aragon and the Pope denied Henry's request to allow the divorce. This resulted in Henry creating the Church of England.

As St. Thomas More openly opposed Henry's plan to marginalize the authority of the Supreme Pontiff and to create the Church of England, he found himself imprisoned in the Tower of London. Initially, he was incarcerated with an ample supply of provisions. As the days passed and his opposition to Henry's defiance of the Church remained unwavering, the provisions were removed to the point where St. Thomas More was left with nothing to sustain his existence.

Finally, a day was set for his execution. On the eve of his execution, his daughter presented him with a final option (derived by Henry)- in a decree, sign away his allegiance to Rome and live. His daughter urged him to sign in order to save his life stating, “No one will know that you signed it.” St. Thomas More responded, “But God will know.” The following day, July 6, 1535, he was beheaded outside of the gates of the Tower of London. Prior to his execution and before the assembled crowd he proclaimed, “The King's good servant, but God's first.”

St. Thomas More was canonized on May 19, 1935. St. Thomas More's extraordinary life and virtue should inspire us to greater fidelity to our Church and to have courage to face the challenges brought by those seeking to discredit our Faith.

Vivat Jesus,



ELECTION NEWS




















Council Elections are coming up and there are several opportunities to step up and help.

The only prerequisite is that you be a Third Degree Member and be willing to spend a little extra time to help us keep the council running.

We want to make a special invitation to those new members who made their third degree on April 5th 2009. Becoming an officer is an excellent way to get involved, meet the old guys, teach the old guys new ways of doing things and creating a council that meets **your** interests and needs.

I guarantee there are many offices that require minimal time & effort yet are vital and your efforts would be greatly appreciated. Don't be afraid to try it out. There are many members who are available to help out and teach you the ropes.

If interested call or e-mail Mike Moore at 440-933-9957 or bald.mike@oh.rr.com

		May 2009						
		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	Measure Up Campaign		4 Sacred Heart Chapel Confirmation 6:30PM 	5	6 Pet Placement Bingo 	7 Officers 6:30 PM Business Meeting 8:00PM	8 Fr Ragan Bingo 	9 Measure Up Campaign
10	US Marine Band Concert Avon Lake High School 3:00 PM MOTHERS DAY  	11	12  Isabella Guild 7:00 PM May Growing Irish Fr Becherer	13 Pet Placement Bingo  Lady Queen of Peace Grafton 7:00 PM 	14 1 st & 2 nd Degree Fr Ragan Candidates 7:30 PM Degrees 8:00 PM 	15 Fr Ragan Bingo 	16	
17	Quarterly Communion St Mary Avon 8AM Confirmation 11AM St Anthony Padua 	18	19 Mc Manus Assembly 8:00 PM Fr Ragan 	20 Pet Placement Bingo 	21 Social Meeting 8:00 PM K of C Insurance Agent Tom De Chant Financial Planning	22 Fr Ragan Bingo  Ohio State Council K of C Convention Cincinnati Ohio	23 Ohio State Council K of C Convention Cincinnati Ohio	
24	Ohio State Council K of C Convention Cincinnati Ohio 	25 Memorial Day St Joe Cemetery Mass  	26	27 Pet Placement Bingo 	28	29 Fr Ragan Bingo 	30	
31	Confirmation Holy Spirit Noon 