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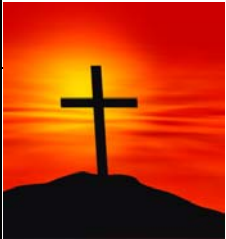
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Rescheduled Day of Recollection with Father Gerard



Due to a last minute conflict the Council's Day of Recollection originally scheduled for December 3rd has been rescheduled for Saturday February 25th 2012.

Fr Ragan Council is hosting a Day of Recollection with our Chaplain Fr. Gerard Gonda OSB as facilitator. There is **no cost** and will take place at Fr. Ragan Hall.

The event is open to All Catholic Men, members, non-members, friends, & neighbors. We will begin with lunch at Noon and will end about 3:30 PM to allow those wishing to attend Saturday afternoon Mass the opportunity to do so.

The Subject will be: John Paul II—Qualities that made him such an appealing figure to the world's youth.

Ask the men that have participated in previous Days of Recollection and you will find unanimous acclaim for the outstanding programs of Fr. Gerard. Please plan on joining us. It's an excellent way to prepare spiritually for the Lenten season.

Quarterly Communion February 19th at St Joseph Church



Deputy Grand Knight Rob Garrett has scheduled our next Quarterly Communion for Sunday February 19th 2012; 8:30 AM Mass at St Joseph Church in Avon Lake. Coffee & Doughnuts will follow in the social hall.

This is a great opportunity to join as families with other Brother Knights as we demonstrate Fraternity in our attendance at Mass. You have to go to church anyhow, so why not gather together to sing the Lord's praises.

Awards Banquet



Plans are underway for the annual Fr Ragan Council Award's Banquet to be held in March.

Be sure to check next month's Ragan Report for complete details regarding the specific date and time. There are many council members, families, and members of the community that have contributed to the success of the council over the past fraternal year so if you want to nominate an individual contact GK Fred Metz. Families, friends and members of the community are welcome to join in honoring these individuals.

Have a Good Time and Save Some Money Too



The 2nd annual Fr Ragan Wine Tasting Event is scheduled for Saturday February 11th. Tickets are \$25.00 at the door but can be purchased prior to February 4th for a discounted price of \$22.00.

Contact GK Fred Metz 440-963-0747 or Paul Nelson 440-930-0608 for tickets. (See the flyer on Page 2 for complete details)



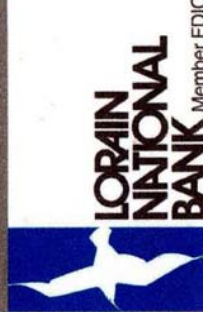
February 11th, 2012

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)

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Valentine's Weekend Wine Tasting Evening

Price of Admission:

\$25.00 per person in advance

Reservations are required

For tickets contact Paul @ 440-930-0608 / Fred @ 440-963-0747

Ticket sales limited to 220 call and order yours now!

Admission includes:

- Remembrance glass

- 10 tickets for wine samples (Klingshirm, Matus, Valley Vermilion

Vineyards or Paper Moon Wineries)

- Assorted hors d'oeuvres (cheese, crackers & fruit bar)

- Carved beef sandwiches

Entertainment includes:

Music for Listening and Dancing



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM of Lorain County

February 3, 2012
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Rev. William A. Thaden
Pastor, Sacred Heart Chapel

Beyond Business As Usual: Steps Toward Growing An Engaged Church



Current statistics tell us that we expend the vast majority of our time and resources as parishes ministering to less than 30% of our Catholic members. The other 70% percent we may never see. This would seem to demand a re-examination of our priorities and of the way we operate in day to day parish life. Led by the data, we will explore a new way of thinking and acting in parishes which can be summed up by the word "engagement". Throughout 2012 a series of Diocesan workshops will be offered toward this end.

Twenty-three years ordained for the diocese, Fr. Bill Thaden has served in parishes on Cleveland's west side, in El Salvador and at Sacred Heart Chapel in Lorain where he has been pastor for the past twelve years. There he has worked consistently to develop small Church communities in the parish and serves on the NAPRC, a national board fostering the restructuring of the parish into a community of communities. He currently serves on the diocesan planning committee for parishes seeking to implement a process of "people engagement".

Lorain County Community College Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio

Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 am - Speaker: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

\$15.00 per reservation

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 3:00 pm, Friday January 27!

Please mail your \$15 check to:

First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Ave, Elyria, OH 44035
or call the reservation line at 440-244-0643 or e-mail fflorain@gmail.com

In Case You Missed It

Thanks to the combined efforts of PGK Harding Christ and our Worthy Lecturer PGK Ted Schmitz, members and their guests at our January 19th social meeting were treated to an hour or so of hilarity with award winning sports columnist, television personality, and author Dan Coughlin.

His humorous anecdotes, yarns and jokes, acquired through years of following the Browns, Indians, and Cavs as a reporter for the Plain Dealer and later for WJW-TV 8 had the audience howling with laughter.

Mr. Coughlin is the epitome of a good old fashion, hard working, party type, Irishman who enjoys people and enjoys interacting with them. He has that vary unique gift of being friends to everyone he meets and he makes you

feel like the most special person in the room while talking to you.

Following his presentation, Mr. Coughlin stuck around to talk sports and sign copies of his books that contain even more of his hilarious stories. Every one of which he swears to be absolutely true.

For those who missed this unique meeting, we can only say: You missed a dandy.

LEFT: A full house listens intently to Dan Coughlin

BELOW: Dan Coughlin autographs books for his fans



Social Meeting of Thursday February 16th 7:30 PM

We have a very special guest speaker coming to our Social Meeting in February:

Ginger Kramer with Lorain County Right To Life will speak at our hall on Right to Life topics before our meeting. F

Feel free to invite friends and family. A light social will follow. Contact Bob Trunk for more info. 440-477-2721.

Grand Knight's Message

My driver's license expired last December, and I went to get it renewed. As I sat for my license photo, I was told not to smile. I asked why I couldn't smile and was told that technology can more easily recognize a person if that person has a neutral facial expression. I was then told that one state stopped over 6,000 people from getting fraudulent licenses from 1999-2009 using this technology.

This got me to thinking about how Jesus prescribed a good way to recognize Christians: "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another". (John 13:35)

The way we can show our love to fellow believers are endless. There are people with needs that we can provide: a note of encouragement, a visit, a meal, a gentle rebuke, a prayer, a Bible verse, a listening ear, or even a friendly smile. Some of us give these easily, while others seem to have a harder time expressing their love.

I would hope that each of you do what you can to show that you too can be recognized as true Christians. Remember, our measure of our love for God is how much we show love for his children.

Vivat Jesus—Fred Metz GK

Why Meeting our Charitable Responsibility is So Important

The following is an excerpt from Supreme Council's website outlining the vast work by the Knights of Columbus worldwide both in monetary help and hours of volunteerism. It explains the importance of these activities in maintaining our tax exempt status.

During the 2010 the Knights of Columbus contributed nearly \$155 million dollars and nearly 70 million volunteer hours to benevolent causes.

That's what the annual Survey of Fraternal Activity indicated, and that's what the Order was able to publicize to the world.

The fact is that the K of C did even more. Just 78 percent of councils, assemblies and circles completed the 2010 Annually Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and returned it to the Supreme Council office. The Supreme Council cannot report what it doesn't know, and it can't extrapolate the accomplishments of the 22 percent of its units that didn't answer the survey last year.

The deadline for returning [2011 survey forms](#) (also found on pages 11-12 of the Council Report Forms Booklet [#1436]) is Jan. 31, 2012. Now is the time to start totaling what your council accomplished this year.

Humility is a virtue, but it's also important to be able to show qualified men what the Knights of Columbus does and stands for. These potential members want solid facts. Your council, and the Supreme Council, needs those facts to tell prospective members that Knights and their families are as dedicated to the Church and community as they claim to be.

In addition, the Order needs to demonstrate to the governments of the countries it is present in the incredibly high return on investment they get by granting the Knights of Columbus' tax-exempt status.

The Survey of Fraternal Activity is one of the chief vehicles for explaining that fact.