

# Ragan Report



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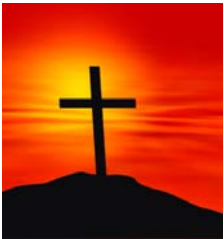
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## New Meeting Time 7:30 PM

At the Business Meeting of December 1, 2011, members approved a change in the starting time of Council Business and Social Meetings beginning in January 2012. The new starting times for meetings will be 7:30 PM. This change was made to allow members time to socialize after a meeting and still get home at a reasonable hour. The meetings will continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

The Fr. Ragan Charitable Foundation will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM

## 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.

### Social Meeting January 19th with Dan Coughlin

**Guests and families** are invited to Fr. Ragan's social meeting on January 19th at 7:30 PM, when we will have a special guest speaker. Dan Coughlin, a veteran Cleveland sportswriter and sportscaster now for the most part retired, will speak at the Father Ragan Council Knights of Columbus Hall on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012.

Coughlin began his sports writing career with the Cleveland Plain Dealer in 1964, first developing the city's most comprehensive coverage of high school sports and then covering the Cleveland Indians and a number of other beats. He took his talents to the Cleveland Press in 1983, but that became a short stint when the paper abruptly folded. Dan then took his talents to television as a sportscaster for WJW Fox 8, once again developing comprehensive coverage of Friday night high school football games. He's now retired, except for his continued love for covering high school football for Fox-8 during the Fall.

In his semi-retirement, Dan has written two books based on his often unusual experiences with persons he came across during his journalism career. The first was Crazy, With the Papers to Prove It, followed by Pass Me the Nuts which became available in November, 2011.

We don't know exactly what Mr. Coughlin will talk about, but we're sure it will be interesting



## Presidential Advisory Committee on National and Community Affairs

The weekly meeting of the Presidential Advisory Committee on National and Community Affairs (AKA the Tuesday Morning at IHOP, Geezer Breakfast Bunch) poses for a group photo. Of course no one listens to them but.....

Anyone with no life, limited social skills and the ability to argue with anyone, about anything, is invited to join us Tuesdays at the Avon IHOP at 8:30 AM. Those whose feelings are easily hurt, or who possess above average intelligence, may not qualify. As you can readily see, those in the picture are extremely qualified.

## 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degrees Scheduled

Fr Ragan will host a 1st & 2nd degree on Thursday January 26, 2012. Candidates 7:00 PM—Degree at 7:30 PM

Grand Knight Fred Metz reminds all 2nd Degree Brother Knights that the opportunity for **advancement to 3rd Degree** of our order will take place at Garfield Heights Council 10806 Granger Rd. Garfield Hgts. OH 44125 on Sunday January 29th 2012. Candidates are asked to arrive by 1:30 PM with the degree scheduled to begin at 2:00 PM.

As a reminder, only members who have achieved the honors of the third degree can serve as officers of the council and participate as delegates at the State and Supreme Conventions.

Current third (and fourth degree) members are also encouraged to attend the new exemplification of the Third Degree that was recently implemented by the Supreme Council which is substantially changed from previous exemplifications.

## 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.

In case you didn't read the first page of this publication, all council meeting times have been changed from the 8:00 PM start that has been used for years. All council meetings will now begin at 7:30 PM. Reset your alarm clocks.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I would like to wish everybody who reads this message a Happy New Year. It seems that every person begins the New Year with some kind of New Year's resolution. These resolutions seem to last for one day, one week, one month, or longer. It is important to remember that every person's life has a movement to it – a flow. Do we continue with our resolution, or do we move in a different direction because we don't like what we resolved to do? You can direct the flow of your life, or let it drift. Your life is never standing still. Choices that we make now may not be choices that we will be able to make always and everywhere. As we enter the New Year, a good question to ask is not whether my life is moving, but where is my life moving? An even more important question to ask is whether my life is moving toward God or away from God because it is definitely moving in one direction or the other.

I would like to thank all the Brother Knights who helped with the activities we had in December. From the Light Up for Christ service, the coats for kids campaign, the senior Christmas dinner, and the children's Christmas party each was a success due to the time and effort given by each person involved in that activity.

We are looking at another first and second degree on January 26, 2012. If you know any Catholic man who is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please give them a Form 100. If you are a first degree Knight and would like to move up to the second degree, give me a call at (440) 963-0747. If you are a second degree Knight and would like to move up to the third degree on January 29, give me a call.

Nobody asks a Knight to give of his time to the Council twenty-four hours a day. However, once you became a Knight, did you want your life to show that you do everything the Knights of Columbus represent, or did you just want to say I am a Knight of Columbus but never do anything to support the good works of our organization? Just like a resolution, being a Knight is something you do for a day, a week, a month, or will it to last longer as you aim your life in the right direction.

Vivat Jesus  
Fred Metz

### Right to Life Corner

by Bob Trunk, RTL Chairman

Brothers,

Mark your calendars:

#### Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> 12pm (noon)

Our council will participate this year with the Cleveland March for Life **Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> 12pm (noon) on public square downtown Cleveland.**

An indoor program will follow with several guest speakers including clergy, youth and area pro-life speakers. Wear your KofC clothing if possible.

**Contact Bob Trunk for more info. 440-477-2721.**

#### Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM

We have a RTL speaker coming to our Social Meeting in February: Ginger Kramer with Lorain County RTL will speak at our hall on Right to Life topics after our meeting. **Feel free to invite friends and family.** A light social will follow.

## **Free Throw Competition**

### **It's a New Year and a New Location**

**Date: January 29<sup>th</sup> 2012**



After many years of holding the free throw competition in Avon Lake, we are **moving this year's event to 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).

**We will begin at 11:00 AM**, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass. First time participants should bring a copy of their birth certificate to show organizers.

Brother Knights, or anyone else, interested in helping out should contact our Worthy Inside Guard (and Chairman) Mike Collins. It requires less than an hour of your time and no special skills. E-mail Mike [laurannandmike@gmail.com](mailto:laurannandmike@gmail.com) or call (440) 930-7293 to volunteer or get more information.

## **Can You Read?**

Chairman Mike Collins is looking for volunteers (either Men or Women) to help in the judging of the annual **Knights' Youth Essay Contest.**

You do not need a teaching background to help with this; just your Catholic understanding and some free time to spare. Essays should be available for review by mid-January. E-Mail Mike at [laurannandmike@gmail.com](mailto:laurannandmike@gmail.com) or call (440) 930-7293 to arrange some essay reading time (approx. 30 minutes). Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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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!

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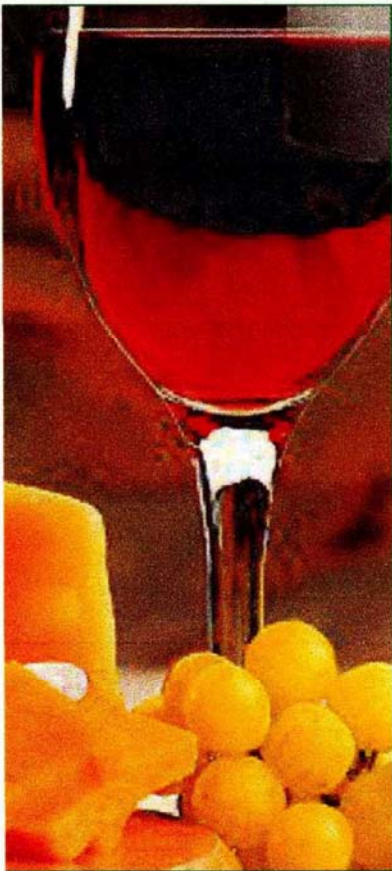
### Admission includes:

- 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

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### Entertainment includes:

Music for Listening and Dancing



*February 11th, 2012*

*6:00 PM—10:00 PM*

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### **In Other News.....**

- We want to give A GREAT BIG shout out of thanks to the Ladies of our Isabella Guild, who purchased (and decorated) the new Christmas Tree that was displayed in the main hall during the Christmas Season. The grand unveiling was at our Light Up for Christ Program and was enjoyed by all at the Isabella Christmas Party and Childrens' Christmas Party with Santa. We thank the Ladies for all that they do for the Knights and our community.
- Our first half Pennies for Heaven submission to the Ohio State Council in support of vocations amounted to \$375.24. Thanks to all who contribute regularly to this program.