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Brrrrrrace yourself for more cold weather in February, but we have some events to help warm you up. On Sat. February 9, we once again are sponsoring the Wine Event. PGK Ted Schmitz, Kevin McHenry & John Zajac are gearing up to provide us with a fun evening. Bring your friends! Just as wine gets better with age, so does Ted.

On Sun. Feb. 10, at 1 PM, our Council will host the District Free Throw Contest at St. Mary's Gym. Mike Collins will take charge of the contest & will need some volunteers. Mike officiated the contest on Jan. 20 with the help of Dave Kilgore, Bob Uszak, John Zajac & Tom Meehan. Special thanks to Tom Hricovec for shielding PGK Mike Moore from errant basketballs.

At our Social meeting on Feb. 21, we will have 2 speakers from Cornerstone Among Women, a crisis pregnancy center that assists women in need of pregnancy counseling. Our Pro-Life Director, Robert Trunk has done a great job in securing these speakers for that night, please attend. Bob also involved us in the March for Life in downtown Cleveland on Sat. Jan. 19. PGK's Vic & Fred, John Pabin, Al Nugent & I joined Bob. Then transfer Knight Nathan Viers walked out with the crowd from Terminal Tower & we had 7 representatives from our Council. The speakers had fascinating stories to relate, one that was especially heart wrenching. They provided a great lunch also, so plan on coming with us next year.

Mark Feb. 24 on your calendar for a 3rd Degree at our Hall at 2 PM. Candidate Call is at 1 PM, so all you Knights who received their 2nd Degree, here's your chance to receive your 3rd Degree at minimal travel time! We held a 1st & 2nd Degree on Monday Jan. 21 with Jim Teubl & Giulio Romano among the 5 new Knights. They received their 2nd Degree with 10 other Knights. Val Janicek, Tom Schlather & Jim Bohnert from our Council received their 2nd Degree. Welcome Jim & Giulio to our Council and you can join others to obtain your 3rd Degree, which qualifies you to become an officer. Thanks to the Degree Team for their assistance.

There are some miscellaneous thank you's to give out. Mike Collins, for conducting the essay contest for the 8th graders & those Knights who aided Mike. The Friday night Bingo workers and cook PGK John Hricovec whose efforts help finance our building & charity donations. PGK Jim Bruder who prepares the meals after the meetings. The parking lot is plowed by Ray Gilles. Also to all the Isabellas & Knights who decorated & took down the Christmas trees, Nativity scene & the lights.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13. It is a time to prepare ourselves for sacrifice, penance & prayer as we try to emulate the life of Christ. Life is filled with temptations. This is the time to reflect on how to improve our spirituality.

February may be cold, but you can start the month by attending the Quarterly Communion at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, Feb. 3 at the 8:30 AM Mass. Pancakes & sausage will be served after the Mass as St. Joseph hosts their Ministry Fair. We will have a table set up in the hallway if you would like to stand by & dispense information to prospective candidates. More Knights help the Isabella's to recruit new members also.

Good luck to Mike Collins as he debuts as editor of the Ragan Report!
Vivat Jesus, Grand Knight, Robert Garrett Jr.



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:



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:

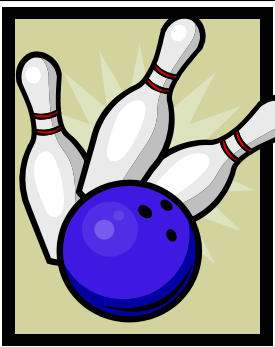
- 10 tickets for wine samples (Klingshirn, Matus, Vermilion Valley Vineyards and Paper Moon Wineries)
- Buffet Dinner

Entertainment includes:

Music for Listening and Dancing



Time is running out... call today to reserve your tickets!



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 www.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.

3rd Degree Schedule

February 24th

Candidates 1:00 PM -Degree 2:00 PM

Location: Fr Ragan Council, Avon, OH

Quarterly Communion

Fr Ragan will hold its next Quarterly Communion on **Sunday, February 3rd** 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.



Welcome!...

Welcome to new Fr. Ragan Council members **Jim Teubl** and **Guilio Romano** who both completed their 1st and 2nd Degrees at our Council on January 21st.

First Friday Forum

Please invite a friend or fellow parishioner to join us...

DATE: February 1st

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Gerard Gonda, O.S.B.

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): President of Benedictine High School, Cleveland; Weekend Associate at Holy Trinity Church, Avon; Teacher

TOPIC: "Bishop Sheen: Saint or Entertainer?"

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

COST: \$10.00 per person

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 Tuesday, January 29th

If you should have any other questions, please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606.

Right to Life Corner

by Bob Trunk, RTL Chairman



Thursday, February 21st @ 7:30pm

February Social Meeting with special guest speakers Lee Strouse and Cynthia Carter from *Cornerstone Among Women - A Crisis Pregnancy Center* serving women in need of Pro-life services ranging from counseling to ultrasound scans. 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.

Contact Bob Trunk for more info.
(440) 477-2721

“Jesus protect and save the unborn.”

Essay Contest Results!

The Council's Essay Contest results are finally complete! Area 8th grade students wrote about "The Responsibility of a Catholic Citizen in a Free Society." This year's winners are...

1st Place: Emily Cuva (St. Joseph)
2nd Place: Claire Caldart (St. Joseph)
3rd Place: Kelsey Wearsch (St. Mary)

A big **THANK YOU** to this year's judges who helped score the essays: GK Rob Garrett, PGK Fred Metz, John Pabin, Paul Nelson, Gerry Berger, John Zajac, Mark Weidig, Nathan Viers, and Dave Kilgore.

“The list of the responsibilities of being a Catholic citizen in a free society is endless. The most important things to me, though, are standing up for life, giving to the less fortunate, and helping those with disabilities. I feel if we accomplish these things, we'll be strengthening our faith and relationship with God.” - Emily Cuva



CURACAO DOLPHIN THERAPY & RESEARCH CENTER

At the January 17th Council Social Meeting, Karen Stary of the **Curacao Dolphin Therapy & Research Center (CDTC)** spoke to the Council about the therapy programs offered for children with physical and/or mental challenges. Dolphin assisted therapy complements and reinforces traditional therapeutic approaches. The CDTC opened in 2004 on the premises of the Curacao Sea Aquarium.



For more information, you can contact: Karen Stary
karenstary@gmail.com

Or visit the website:
www.curacaodolphintherapy.com

Contact Mike Moore if you would like a copy of the DVD used during Karen's presentation.



The El Salvador - Latin America Collection

The Cleveland Missionaries who are currently in El Salvador include Father Michael Stalla (St. Raphael and Fr Ragan Council Member). Please continue to support the El Salvador Mission and give to the collection at your parish on February 2nd and 3rd.