

# Ragan Report



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## Grand Knight Report...

Let's give another fist pump for Kevin McHenry as he received his 3rd Degree in Garfield Hts on Jan. 27. 71 Brother Knights were there to receive their 3rd Degree. We are expecting 10 !! members from our Council to have received their 3rd Degree on Feb. 24 at 2 PM. Due to publishing deadlines, those names will be mentioned next month.

DGK John Wesner, Recorder John Pabin & I attended a meeting put on by a rep from Supreme's Membership. There were several constructive ideas that we should implement with 2 goals in mind. To attract new members & to keep them interested in our Council's projects. In Ohio, as in other states, there is a dramatic decrease in Brother Knights. If you believe in the ideals put forth by Fr. McGivney, then some effort from members is needed to sustain our Council. Please give any of us your ideas & we especially would appreciate some input from our new members.

John Pabin & I attended a special meeting & sly ol' PGK Harding got wind of it & was there also. We will disclose the details at our March 7th meeting. I will give you some clues: It involves charity & the top Brothers from our Council last year were Mark Potteiger, John Pabin & Ted Kocab, who was the best, just barely. This was Teddy at his finest, a great example of putting forth plenty of effort.

At St. Joseph's Church on Thur. Feb. 28 after their 7 PM Mass they will honor the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon given to our Council. Don't forget the Officer's Meeting on Tues. March 5 at 7 PM. We have a 1st & 2nd Degree on Mon. March 25 at 7:30 PM. On Sat. March 30th at 1 PM, PGK Vic Sedivec is hosting the Easter Egg Hunt for youths 10 & under. On Sunday March 31st, Catholics & Christians will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. And on a final note, Pope Benedict XVI will step down as Pope on Feb. 28. Our prayers are with him as we will await the College of Cardinals to select his successor.

Vivat Jesus, Grand Knight Robert Y. Garrett Jr.

## Valentine's Wine Tasting Evening

On Saturday, February 9th, the Council hosted its 3rd Annual Valentine's Wine Tasting Evening. Brothers Kevin McHenry and John Zajac served as co-chairs for this excellent event which provides funding for the Council's youth scholarships.

Over 200 attendees enjoyed wine tastings from four local wineries, a dinner buffet, desserts, a chance to win raffle items, and dancing music performed by a live band. Laurann Collins summed it up by concluding, "A good time was had by all!"



# Easter Egg Hunt

The Council's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Holy Saturday, March 30th at 1:00PM on the Council grounds.

All youngsters 10 years of age and under are welcome whether or not they have an association with our Council. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy the fun!

Weather permitting we will assemble outdoors but if Mother Nature objects we will relocate inside.



# Awards Banquet

Plans are underway for the annual Fr Ragan Council Award's Banquet to be held at 6:30PM, Saturday, April 13th.

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. Please plan to join us as we honor those individuals. Families, friends and members of the community are welcome to join in this celebration of Charity, Unity & Fraternity.

# Call for Officers...

It's that time of year when members must choose the men that will lead our Council during the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. Officer nominees must be a 3rd Degree Member in Good Standing and be willing to accept the responsibilities of the office for which he is being nominated.

For those interested in becoming an officer for the next Fraternal Year, please contact Deputy Grand Knight John Wesner.

## Parish Events

**Holy Spirit (Avon Lake) Fr. Lawrence Tosco Presents "The Passion Narrative According to Luke"** - Friday, March 22 after the 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

**St. Joseph (Avon Lake) Tenebrae**—Narrations, Choir and Orchestra, "Come to the Shadows" - 7:00PM Thursday, March 27.

**St. Mary (Avon) Wildcat Derby: "Night at the Races"** - Saturday, April 20.



The Council's informal ROMEO group (Retired Old Men Eating Out) met a special guest at the Avon IHOP last month: 2012 Miss Ohio, Elissa McCracken. She is from Ada, Ohio and a Pharmacy Major at Ohio Northern University. // If you have an opinion and like to argue or just want to enjoy the entertainment value of the regular members, come on down and join the group. Everyone is welcome, every Tuesday 8:30 AM. // Photo: John Zajac (standing), clockwise from left: John Pabin, Harding Christ, Ray Linden, Vic Sedivec, Bob Uszak, Miss Ohio, John Wesner, Tom Czarney, John Riba, Tom Michelich, Ted Rink, Dan Pulit, Jim Bruder, Larry Barber.

## Webmaster Position

The Council is still looking for it's next intrepid webmaster. PGK Mike Moore will be vacating this position at the end of this fraternal year. The time required for this job is approximately 1 hour per month. If you are interested, please contact GK Rob Garrett or Mike Moore.



Knights of Columbus Hall  
1783 Moore Rd. Avon, Ohio (Next To BJ's)

# Pre-St. Patti's Day Party

Saturday March 16 5:30-10:00 PM



## Offerings:

### Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner

*\$1.00 Beer (i.e. Bud Lite etc.)*

*\$1.50 Beer (i.e. Great Lakes)*

**Fifty/Fifty Raffle \$1.00/Ticket**

**Chinese Raffles @ 2 Tickets for \$1.00**

**Cost:**

**\$15.00 For Singles - \$25.00 For Couples**



**Live Music Provided By: The Blues O'ville Band**

Advance Reservations Required Call :

Vic @ 440-452-3518

Fred @ 440-963-0747

John @ 440-654-8961



## Knights of Columbus' Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Program

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Program began August 3, 2011 at the 129th Supreme Convention in Denver. This program features an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, as patroness of the Americas, has special significance to the Knights of Columbus.

The Council's icon will be displayed in St. Joseph Church (Avon Lake) on Thursday, February 28. The church will be open all day for visitation.



Abby Collins stands next to the Our Lady of Guadalupe icon in the Council's possession through mid-March

Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight: "For nearly 500 years, millions of people have shown great devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, struck by her words to Juan Diego, 'Am I not your Mother?' From her first appearance at Tepeyac in 1531, she has bestowed on humanity a tender motherly concern, and this remains an important part of her message today. If we approach Our Lady of Guadalupe as our mother, then she is not only a mother to us, she is a mother to everyone. That means that we are all one family, despite our different countries and cultures."

Each Our Lady of Guadalupe icon has been blessed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI and has also been touched to the original image of Holy Mary of Guadalupe on St. Juan Diego's tilma when Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Secretary Emilio Moure traveled to Mexico City. Each image bears the signature of the Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and was sealed with a bit of soil from the first Church at Tepeyac Hill – the very terrain on which Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego almost 500 years ago.



In Holy Trinity's Gym  
Dine-in or Carry-out

**Holy Trinity Fish Fry**  
Every Friday during lent including  
Good Friday.  
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. (new hours)  
Lake Perch Dinner \$11  
Baked Fish Dinner \$10  
Pierogi Dinner \$8  
Perch & Pierogi Combo \$13  
Shrimp \$11  
Kids Menu Available  
New this year: Clam chowder!

## Right to Life Corner

Bob Trunk, RTL Chairman



Brother Knight Al Nugent was recently published in the *Plain Dealer's* Letters to the Editor:

“It puzzles me when I listen to the news and I hear daily reports of cruelty to dogs and other animals. Some of the stories are followed up for several days. Cruelty to animals is horrific.

And then there are the school shootings throughout this great nation. Whose heart would not be broken by this type of violence? All those young beautiful children who will never grow to maturity. It's enough to make the whole country rise up and say, “STOP!”

Now what about the 3,000 unborn, beating hearts that are aborted every day in the United States? Do they not matter, just because they are presently faceless and helpless and have no Social Security number?

Why worry about gun control? Guns don't abort these 3,000 innocents' lives day in and day out.

Think about it.”

### February Social Meeting: **Cornerstone Among Women**

Guest speakers Carolyn Herbert and Cynthia Carter from Cornerstone Among Women visited the Council on Thursday, February 21st. This organization is a crisis pregnancy center serving women in need of Pro-life services ranging from counseling to ultra-sound scans to after-baby care. Carolyn and



Cynthia talked to Council members and their spouses about how they “share Christ... save lives... transform hearts.”

All of their services are provided for free and they rely on

the generosity of donors to support their mission. Find out more at:  
[www.cornerstoneamongwomen.org](http://www.cornerstoneamongwomen.org)



Bob Trunk introduces Cornerstone Among Women



# THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

This inter-parish men's group meets on First Friday for a luncheon, talk by a priest, and concludes with the celebration of the Eucharist.

Upcoming luncheons are:

**DATE:** March 1<sup>st</sup>

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Fr. Bob Franko

**CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES):** Pastor of St. Peter's, North Ridgeville, OH

**TOPIC:** “Lent: God's Gem for Flabby Christians”

**DATE:** April 5<sup>th</sup>

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Fr. Andy Turner

**CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES):** Pastor of St. John Neumann, Strongsville

**TOPIC:** “TBA”

**LOCATION:** St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

**COST:** \$10.00

**TIME:** Socializing 11:00 AM; luncheon at 12:00 PM; and, Mass at 1:30 PM

**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>:** Call George at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>:** Call George at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

## CALENDAR



|                |   |
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| Tue, March 5   | Officer's Meeting (7:00PM, Knights Hall)                |
| Thur, March 7  | Council Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)         |
| Sat, March 16  | Pre-St. Patti's Day Party (5:30PM, Knights Hall)        |
| Thur, March 21 | Council Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)           |
| Mon, March 25  | 1st & 2nd Degree (7:30PM, Knights Hall; 7:00 Candidate) |
| Sat, March 30  | Easter Egg Hunt (1:00PM, Knights Hall)                  |
| Sun, March 31  | HAPPY EASTER!   |
| Sat, April 13  | Awards Banquet (6:30PM, Knights Hall)                   |