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\$2100 which will be used for the work we do for the Church, Community, Family and Youth. Thank you to all the brother Knights and their family members that volunteered to make this event a success. On November 25th the First Degree Team brought on six new members to the Knights of Columbus: three from our Council and three from Amherst Council 4891.

In December the work and fun continues. On December 5 & 6 there is the K of C Annual Wrestling Tournament at Avon Lake High School. This event is headed by PGK Roberto Cobos and he will be asking for volunteers to help

make this event a success. On December 7th we have the Senior Dinner at the Hall. PGK Vince Gargaro will lead this community activity which is a show of appreciation to our local senior citizens. Volunteers will be needed. On December 13th the Isabella Guild will have their annual Christmas Party and on December 14th the Council will sponsor the Children's Christmas Party. Prior to the Social Meeting on December 18th we will present the awards to the winners of the Essay Contest.

Wishing all of you and your family's a Merry Christmas!
GK John Pabin

Grand Knight Report...

In November we started out in prayer with a Memorial Mass on November 1st honoring our deceased Brother Knights and we ended the month with prayer on November 30th by kicking off the Advent Season with the Light Up for Christ service. Both of these events were held at the Hall. Our Chaplain Father Gerard celebrated the Memorial Mass which was followed by a delicious dinner sponsored by Brother Bill Greaney. Brother Deacon Bob Walling and the Holy Trinity Choir led the Light Up for Christ service with prayer, music and singing as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. The Isabella Guild did a beautiful

job of decorating the Christmas tree and the Hall and provided desserts after the service.

In November we also had three other significant events. On November 16th we had the Quarterly Communion at Holy Trinity Church with the Sir Knights in full Regalia leading Father Misenko to the altar. Also, on that day, we had two membership receptions after two of the morning Masses at Holy Trinity. This proved to be very successful to our recruiting efforts. On November 20th, the Annual Turkey Raffle provided net proceeds to the Council of over



Br. Al Nugent paints the east wall of the Hall earlier this fall. PGK John Hricovec loaned the equipment for the day.

Children's Christmas Party

The Council's annual Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Hall on Sunday, December 14th at 1:30PM. This "lunch with Santa Claus" event is open to the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews (ages 1 to 10) of members and their family and friends. Gifts will be provided to the children. Bring a canned food good or non-perishable food package for the Lorain Hunger Center. RSVP by Dec. 11th to John at 440-725-7369 or e-mail john.pabin@gmail.com.



Need for used computer

Looking to get rid of your old computer? The Fr Ragan Charitable Foundation is asking if anyone has a used computer that can be used for BINGO. If you're interested, please call Rob Garrett at 440-933-7898.



Christmas Social and Essay Reading

In lieu of the normal social meeting, the Council will have a Christmas Social on Thursday, December 18th at 7:30PM at the Hall. Members, spouses and family are welcome. Fr. Ragan's in-house chef PGK Jim Bruder will provide food.

At the beginning of the event, the three winners from this year's Council essay contest will receive their awards and read their essays to kick-off the Christmas Social. Eighth grade students from St. Mary and Holy Trinity schools wrote about "The Responsibility of a Catholic Citizen in a Free Society".

Come by the Hall on December 18th to re-connect with old friends and prepare for the Christmas season!

Isabella News



**Isabella
Guild**

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

The Isabellas invite all to attend "A Shimmering Christmas Dinner & Dance" on Saturday, December 13th with appetizers beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner catered by Tom's Country Place at 7:15pm. John Kowalski will provide the music. Tickets are \$22/person and reservations must be made to Mary Brady at 440-934-5778 by Dec 8th. This is BYOB with wash provided. You may bring an unwrapped toy which will be donated to the "Blessing House."

Parish / Local Events

- December 5th A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue, Cleveland. The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations are required. Free secure parking at the Cathedral Plaza Garage—Rockwell Ave & E. 9th St. For more information call 216-696-6525 x5510 or email: gheislman@dioceseofcleveland.org
- December 7th Advent Reconciliation Service. Sunday, December 7, 2014 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Joseph Church, Avon Lake

Senior Dinner

PGK Vince Gargaro and his wife, Linda, will chair the Council's annual Senior Dinner at the Hall on Sunday, December 7th at 1:00PM. Almost 300 seniors will be in attendance to enjoy a meal and friendship. Anyone who would like to help set-up on Saturday, please be at the Hall at 9:00AM.



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News from the Foundation...

PGK John Hricovec has given up his position as hall manager. The Foundation is grateful for the time and effort he put into this position.

However, the Foundation needs to fill this position. We would hope that a member of the Council will step forward to fill this position. As hall manager, you could earn over one thousand dollars \$1,000.00 a month depending on the number of events that are scheduled. If you do not want to be the hall manager by yourself, find two or three friends and share the position. If you would like to be considered for this job, please call PGK Fred Metz at 963-0747. It is the hope of the Foundation that the position can be filled before the end of December.

Another job opening that has come open involves cutting the grass around the Council grounds from mid-April until the end of November. The Foundation will be accepting bids from Council members first, and if no member steps forward, we will accept bids from outside contractors. The Foundation will be accepting bids from Council members through the end of January. Please mail your bid with a description of the work that you will complete to Fred Metz, 3979 Woodland Drive, Vermilion, Ohio 44089.

BINGO NEWS

With the resignation of PFN Bob Booth as Bingo chairman at the end of October, a hunt for a new chairperson has found two ladies – Barb Krulik and Donna Cobos. The bingo chairladies would like to have a meeting on Wednesday, December 10, at 7pm at Father Ragan Hall. Therefore, I am requesting that all bingo workers from Monday night bingo and Friday night bingo to please attend. Bingo could be headed in a new direction, so let's try to give these chairladies our full cooperation. If you would like to volunteer for bingo on Monday or Friday, come to the meeting and see what you are missing!

Turkey Raffle Statement

K of C Turkey Raffle - November 20, 2014

REVENUE	<u>Amount</u>
Bar Sales	\$489.60
50/50 Raffle	\$373.00
Admissions	\$455.00
Raffle Sales	\$2,517.75
TOTAL	\$3,835.35

EXPENSES	<u>Amount</u>
State Liquor License	\$40.00
Ad in Avon Lake Press	\$75.00
Snack Food	\$26.95
7.5 cases of beer @ \$15 ea.	\$112.50
2 cases of beer from One Stop Bev.	\$35.98
*Door Prizes - 10 bottles of wine	\$49.50
Turkeys, Hams and Potatoes	\$1,309.80
2 cases of soda	\$14.40
3 additional turkeys and 1 ham certificates	\$63.95
TOTAL	\$1,728.08

NET PROCEEDS **\$2,107.27**

98 Paid attendance

* Additional door prize contributors were: Ray's Auto, Smith's Custom Catering, Dairyman's, Zeckmans, Jim Bruder, Vic Sedivec, Kevin McHenry and John Pabin.



Wrestling Tournament

Knights of Columbus Wrestling Tournament at Avon Lake High School. Friday, December 5th from 5 PM to 9 PM and Saturday, December 6th from 10 AM to 2 PM and 5 PM to 9 PM. Sixteen teams will participate in this annual event. Will need volunteers to work the tables, clocks and score keepers. For more information or to volunteer contact Roberto Cobos at rfcobos@cobosinsurance.net or phone 440-396-8594.



RTL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON

Rally with March Down Constitution Ave January 22nd 2015

Bus leaves from Fr. Ragan council parking lot
Located at 1783 Moore Rd (next to B.J.'s)
January 21st 8pm

\$65.00/adult

Discount tickets \$25.00/student

Reservations requested by December 21st
50% deposit and balance paid on Jan. 21

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
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Advanced sale tickets can be purchased by calling Bob (330) 225-7155 or John (440)725-7369

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

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

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: December 5, 2014

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Michael Gurnick, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

TOPIC: "Priesthood and the Call for a Fatherly Heart: A Message for all Catholics"

DATE: January 2, 2015

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. John Mullee, Our Lady Help of Christians, Litchfield

TOPIC: "Catholic Relief Services and His Involvement with CRS in El Salvador"

DATE: February 6, 2015

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Bill Bouhill, St. Thomas Moore

TOPIC: TBD

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

COST: \$10.00

TIME: Socializing 11:30AM - 12:00PM; luncheon followed by talk, concluding with Mass.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: Call George at (440) 937-6606 by the Tuesday before the scheduled talk.

CALENDAR



Thur, Dec 4	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Fri/Sat, Dec 5/6	KofC Wrestling Tournament (Avon Lake H.S.)
Sun, Dec 7	Senior Dinner (Knights Hall)
Sat, Dec 13	Isabella Christmas Party
Sun, Dec 14	Children's Christmas Party
Thur, Dec 18	Christmas Social and Essay Awards (7:30PM, Hall)
Thur, Jan 8	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)