

# Ragan Report



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## Grand Knight Report...

“May God bless all who are dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death” (words of Bishop Lennon during the National Prayer Campaign for Life).

In January, the Council stepped up in a show of support for the pro-life movement. On Jan. 17th seven Knights and two guests met at Public Square in Cleveland to attend the pro-life march and rally sponsored by RTL Northeast Ohio. On Jan. 18, Family Night at the Movies, Father Gerard showed the movie “Bella” to 42 Council members and guests. The theme of the movie was a powerful pro-life message as it pertains

to unplanned pregnancies and the choice for life. The highlight of the month was the Council sponsored RTL Bus trip to DC on Jan. 21-22. A total of 50 people made this trip, 29 adults and 21 students, including nine Brother Knights. All those that participated came home with an uplifting and positive feeling about our battle for unborn.

Other January activities included the Free Throw Championship conducted at St. Mary’s Gym on Jan. 23 by Br Val Janicek. There were 40 participants ranging in ages 9-14 and nine of the winners will advance to the District Competition that will be held on Feb. 8. On Jan. 11th

we gained one new member, Nathan Obral, and we had four members advance from First Degree to Second Degree at the ceremonies conducted by the North Ridgeville Council 7970. On Jan. 25th three Second Degree members advanced to Third Degree at Garfield Hts. Council 4130.

In February, there will be Quarterly Communion and new Membership Receptions at St. Joseph on Feb. 8, 8:30 and 11 AM Masses, and at St. Teresa of Avila Feb. 22, 9 and 11 AM Masses. At the

Social Meeting on Feb. 19 the speaker will be Tad Peck, Managing Director of Lucy Idol Center. On Feb. 24 the Council’s First Degree Team will conduct a new member ceremony. Last, but not least, we have the Wine Tasting Event on Feb. 14, 6 PM. This fundraiser is being run by DGK Kevin McHenry and Br John Zajac and all proceeds are for the Scholarship Fund. We hope to see everyone there.

Vivat Jesus  
GK John Pabin

## Foundation News...

**BINGO** There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:30pm at Father Ragan Hall. Anyone involved with bingo or would like to volunteer a portion of their time to bingo activities on Monday night or Friday night is welcome to attend. Thank you. - Fred Metz

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP** If anyone would like an application for a scholarship for college or high school from the Knights of Columbus - Father Ragan Council 3269, send an email to fredmetz23@yahoo.com and an application will be forwarded to that person. If you do not have email, send a letter requesting an application along with a self addressed return envelope to: PGK Fred Metz, 3979 Woodland Drive, Vermilion, Ohio 44089. The application should be completed and returned to PGK Fred Metz, 3979 Woodland Drive, Vermilion, Ohio 44089 by the end of March 2015. Scholarship applications received after March 31 will be saved for review for a 2016 scholarship. The Father Ragan scholarship committee will review the applications in April and the scholarships will be given out in May or June. Only relatives of current Brother Knights of Father Ragan Council - children or grandchildren - will be eligible for a scholarship. Children or grandchildren of deceased members of the Father Ragan Council will also be considered for an application. If dues for the current year or past years have not been paid, there is no need to apply for the scholarship. - Fred Metz

## Isabella News

The Knights are invited to the Isabellas’s regular meeting on February 10th at 7:00pm. Chief Naturalist Grant Thompson from the Lorain County Metroparks will present a program about bald eagles. Refreshments will follow his presentation.



Isabella  
Guild

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

## Free Throw Championship

The Council's annual Free Throw Championship was held on Friday, January 23rd at St. Mary's Gym in Avon. Br. Val Janicek chaired the event for the Council which had 40 participants. The winners in each age-group will advance to the District Championship held later in February.



## Quarterly Communion

After a successful "New Member Reception" at Holy Trinity in November, the Council is going forward with two more receptions after area Masses in February. All members are encouraged to attend to socialize and share your KofC experiences with potential candidates.



On Sunday February 8th, a Quarterly Communion will be held at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake at the 8:30AM Mass. The new member receptions will then follow both the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Masses with donuts and refreshments in the parish's social hall.

On Sunday February 22nd, a Quarterly Communion will be held at St. Teresa of Avila Parish at the 9:00AM Mass. Receptions will then be held after both the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses.

## Upcoming Social Meetings

Special presentations have been planned for upcoming Council social meetings. On **February 19th**, the speaker will be Tad Peck, Managing Director of Lucy Idol Center. On **March 19th**, Michael Vujas from the Catholic Cemeteries Association's Family & Parish Programs will discuss funeral and burial planning topics. These social meetings will begin at 7:30pm at the Hall and are open to family, friends and guests.

## RTL Bus trip to DC Jan. 21-22, 2015

The Fr. Ragan Council witnessed for Life at the annual March for Life held in Washington DC. Council members John Pabin, Vic Sedivec, Bob Trunk, Tom Schlather, Jack McGervy and Tony Manning as well as Elyria Council member Br. Tony Rangel, travelled to Washington from our hall via chartered bus to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for Mass, as well as the rally and march. Also on board were 17 students from Elyria Catholic and 4 other students, as well as 29 adults, totaling 50 people who were given the opportunity to stand up for the unborn. This was the first time that the Council sponsored a RTL Bus Trip and we broke even on the cost and receipts. There were only six empty seats, mainly because we had four cancellations. We featured two movies: "Bella" and "The Velvet and the Black," and we prayed the rosary together. For the rally and march we distributed K of C "Defend Life" placards to each of the passengers. This was a good trip as evident by the comments received by the participants. Next year we hope to accommodate others who did not have an opportunity to participate this year. What a great privilege it was to represent the K of C in Washington. We came away hopeful for an end to abortion. We look forward to this activity again next year.



# 5th Annual Valentines Weekend Wine Tasting Event

*Saturday, February 14, 2015*

*6:00 PM – 10:00 PM*

*Doors Open at 5:30 PM*

*Dinner at 6:45 PM*

*Knights of Columbus*

*Fr. Ragan Council #3269*

*1783 Moore Road*

*Avon, Ohio 44011*



*Enjoy an Evening of Wine, Dinner, and Live Music!*

*Only \$25.00 per person ~ advance purchase/reservations required.  
Reserve a Table of 8 for you and your friends.*

*Proceeds Benefit the Knights of Columbus Student Scholarship Fund*

*Limited Tickets ~ call and order yours now!*

*Kevin 440-930-4740 or John 440-497-0485*

*An exciting Silent Auction will also take place thanks to the generosity of our  
community's local businesses. Cash & Checks accepted.*

## First Degree Ceremony

The Council's First Degree team will conduct a First Degree Ceremony on Tuesday, February 24th. Candidate call is at 7:00PM with the ceremony to begin at 7:30PM. All members, please ask your fellow parishioners about joining the Knights of Columbus!

## 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:** February 6, 2015

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

**TOPIC:** "Lenten Reflections"

**DATE:** March 6, 2015

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Fr. Tim Roth, Parochial Vicar, St. Angela Merici

**TOPIC:** "TBD"

**DATE:** April 3, 2015

**SPEAKER:** GOOD FRIDAY – NO LUNCHEON

**TOPIC:**

**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, Feb 5	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Feb 8	New Member Reception (8:30AM / 11:00AM, St. Joseph)
Sat, Feb 14	Wine Tasting (6:00-10:00PM, Knights Hall)
Thur, Feb 19	Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Feb 22	New Member Reception (9:00AM / 11:00AM, St. Teresa)
Tue, Feb 24	First Degree (7:30PM Ceremony, Knights Hall)