

# Ragan Report



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## Grand Knight Report...

The major event for February was the Valentines' Day Wine Tasting and Silent Auction for the benefit of the student Scholarship Program. The Chairmen for this event were DGK Kevin McHenry and Br. John Zajac. Along with the help of their spouses and members of the Council and Isabella Guild, this ended up as a very successful fundraiser. Over 150 attendees enjoyed a good dinner, a variety of wines to sample, a band and dancing, silent auction, side boards and many door prices. This event generated over \$4500 in net contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Hats off to Kevin and John for a job well done!

In February we also had two Quarterly Communion and Coffee and Doughnut Receptions at St. Joseph's Church and at St. Teresa of Avila Church. These events provided good visibility for the Council and we generated a lot of interest from potential members. At the February Social Meeting Tad Peck, Director of the Lucy Idol Center, spoke about the work that they do for the Mentally Handicapped people in Lorain County. In February the Council had a First Degree Exemplification and we now have our newest member, Br. Greg Palichleb.

In March you can expect to see the Super Cash Bonanza tickets as we kick off

the 2015 campaign. The Council goal this year is to sell 1450 tickets! This amount of sales will generate \$3500 to \$4000 for the Council's charitable distributions and will help support the work of the K of C Ohio Charity Foundation.

Please be generous in your support of this fundraiser. Who knows, you might even win one of the 25 prizes!

Vivat Jesus  
GK John Pabin

## Foundation News...

**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](mailto: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

## Did you know?...

Have you been to a recent Council business meeting and wondered about that jug being passed around for donations? That's the "Pennies for Heaven" jug which is a State Council sponsored program that donates money to seminarians throughout Ohio.

Fr. Michael P. McCandless, the coordinator of Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood for the Diocese of Cleveland had this to say about the program: "The annual Pennies for Heaven collection makes a profound impact on many promotional efforts for both priestly and religious vocations, and also benefits young men from the beginning of inquiring through a seminarians' first year of formation. On behalf of our Diocesan Vocation Office Staff and the many that benefit from the Knights of Columbus annual efforts, I first express my deep gratitude for once again being able to utilize this monetary gift in many beneficial ways."

Last year Knights' Councils in Ohio donated over \$100,000 through the Pennies for Heaven campaign.





## March Social Meeting

At the March 19th Social Meeting we will have two speakers. To begin the meeting, Nicole DiGiandomenico of Life Share will talk about the Blood Drive that will take place on April 16th. Afterward Michael Vujas of the Catholic Cemetery Association will be the main speaker for the meeting.

## Bringing America Back to Life Convention March 6 & 7 - Discount Tickets

Large groups can qualify for discount tickets to the Bringing America Back to Life Convention. To qualify for the discount price, a complete list of names of those in the group that will be attending will be needed. Payment may be made on the day of the event. The list of names may be sent to me at Judy Kaminski buckaron@msn.com or to Kathy Rufus email: kathyruf@wowway.com.



FRIDAY ALL DAY SPEAKERS ONLY COST: \$25 PER PERSON (DOES NOT INCLUDE MEALS)

FRIDAY BREAKFAST COST:	\$15 PER PERSON
FRIDAY LUNCH COST:	\$25 PER PERSON
FRIDAY GALA DINNER COST:	\$75 PER PERSON
FRIDAY ALL ACCESS PASS COST:	\$140 PER PERSON (INCLUDES ALL MEALS)

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10% DISCOUNT -- Any combination of 10 or more (Speakers Only Passes & Meals purchased at same time).

20% DISCOUNT -- Any combination of 20 or more (Speakers Only Passes & Meals purchased at same time).

The convention is being held at the Embassy Suites in Independence, OH again this year. Cleveland Right to Life has an outstanding group of local, national and internationally recognized speakers addressing the challenges and opportunities currently facing our Right-to-Life movement.

## Support Local Fish Fry Events

Holy Trinity (Avon)



**Fish Fry**

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.  
Lake Perch Dinner \$11  
Baked Fish Dinner \$10  
Pierogi Dinner \$8  
Perch & Pierogi Combo \$13  
Shrimp \$11  
Kids Menu Available  
Back this year - Clam chowder!

St. Joseph (Avon Lake)



**FRIDAYS IN LENT**  
**ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL**

On February 20, 27 & March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015

from 5pm to 7pm

## Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 11th at our Hall. If anyone has a candidate they would like to nominate for an award, please bring your nomination to the attention of the Grand Knight John Pabin or Deputy GK Kevin McHenry.

## Insurance Update:

### *Only Having Insurance "Through Work" Doesn't Work*

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

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Don't forget to put first things first, your family's financial future. We have safe, stable & secure life insurance, long-term care, disability income & annuity products.

Contact me today:

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## **THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST**

Through the Gifts from God, we provide food for the body, food for the mind, and food for the soul.

An inter-parish men's group will meet on First Friday for socializing, luncheon, talk by a priest, and concluding with the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: March 6<sup>th</sup>

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Tim Roth

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): St. Angela Merici, Parochial Vicar,

TOPIC: "TBA"

DATE: April 3<sup>rd</sup>

SPEAKER: GOOD FRIDAY - NO LUNCHEON

DATE: May 1<sup>st</sup>

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Michael Troha,

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Pastor of St. Ignatius of Antioch

TOPIC: "Benefits of Stewardship as a Way of Life"

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.

REMINDER: PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS. YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF AT THE LUNCHEON OR AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL.

## CALENDAR



Thur, Mar 5	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Thur, Mar 19	Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Thur, Apr 9	Business Meeting (NOTE: <u>2nd</u> Thursday of April)
Sat, Apr 11	Awards Banquet