

# RAGAN REPORT



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## Grand Knight Report...

Brother Knights, we are an extremely active Council. I can't thank you enough for all the time and hard work you give to help our Council flourish. This past September, we held a Quarterly Communion at Holy Spirit. We had a membership drive at St. Joseph Parish. We had our State Deputy, Bob Collins, to our hall for a Town Hall Meeting, and we had our first Walk for Christian Families & Ice Cream Social. We continue to add to our Pennies for Heaven Drive. The Football Crazr ticket sales have already exceeded last year's total, and the list goes on and on.

October will be just as active. Our annual Clam Bake is Sunday

10/4/15. In lieu of our Social Meeting on 10/15/ 15, we will be meeting at the Planned Parenthood in Rocky River on Tuesday 10/13/15 at 6:30pm to pray a rosary. Please join us, and let's show the community how strong we are by having a great turnout for this event. We will have fellowship at the Applebee's Restaurant following the rosary. The Isabella's Tea Party is set for Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:00pm. We will have our first Movie Night on Sunday October 25, 2015 at 4:30pm. If you have never been to one of these Movie Nights, I encourage you to attend. Our Chaplin, Fr. Gerard, picks the movie, and shares with us

great insight. Fr. Gerard recommends we invite young Catholic families from the parishes we represent. It is a great opportunity for these families to see, first hand, who we are, and what we represent.

Finally, we will be holding a First Degree Ceremony at the Hall on

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:30pm. Thank you again for all that you do, and may The Peace of Christ be with you.

Vivat Jesus  
GK Kevin McHenry

## Isabella News



Isabella  
Guild

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

Final preparations for the Tea Party will be discussed at our next meeting on 10/13 @ 7pm. Setup and cooking schedules will be confirmed for the weekend before our party.

Tickets are still available for the Tea Party and are \$15.00 please call Mary Brady to make reservations. 440-222-2877

Get your Christmas shopping lists taken care of easily! Entertainment Books and Around The Town books are available for purchase. Please contact Betty Rieck 440-934-0346, Jan Black 440-933-8550, and Simi DiLuciano 440-934-5766.

Annual Isabella Guild Tea Party

### Ohio President's Wives

Monday, October 19  
Doors open: 6:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus  
1783 Moore Road, Avon  
(next to BJ's)



Raffles &  
Prizes!

#### Menu

Chicken salad,  
croissant, fresh fruit,  
pastries, tea

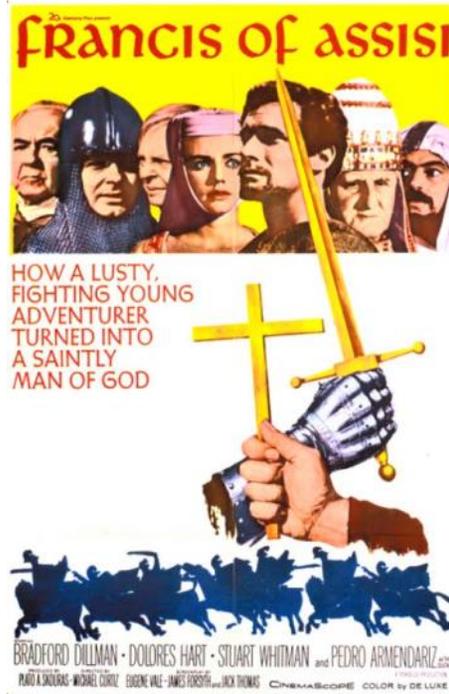
Tickets: \$15.00 Advance Sales Only Limited Seating  
For information or tickets, call Mary at 440-222-2877  
mcabradly@gmail.com

# Family Movie Night

On Sunday, October 25th at 4:00PM, Fr Ragan Council will host its next "Catholic Family Movie Night" at the Council Hall. All families in the area are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

The movie will be "Francis of Assisi" (1961) - 105 minutes. Born into a life of privilege, passion, and extravagance, Francis of Assisi would become one of the most beloved and famous saints of the Catholic Church. He is the patron saint of our current Holy Father and his feast is also in October - October 4th. Bradford Dillman delivers a gripping performance as Francis who leaves his worldly life to become an agent for a movement of renewal and faith in the Catholic Church in the 13th century. Actress Dolores Hart stars as Lady Clare who follows Francis's example and also embraces a life of poverty and sacrifice for the Lord. Shortly after filming this movie, she stunned Hollywood by announcing that she herself was leaving her movie career to become a cloistered Benedictine nun in Connecticut where she still resides today at the age of 76.

At the conclusion of this movie, a 25 minute documentary on the life of Dolores Hart will also be shown. Both movies are appropriate for all ages.



# Walk for Christian Families Photos

On Sunday, September 27th, over 50 individuals participated in the Council's Walk for Christian Families in support of Pope Francis' trip to the United States. The walk from the Council Hall to St. Mary ended with a prayer service and ice-cream social.



# Christians displaced in the face of religious persecution receive aid through the Order's Christian Refugee Relief Fund

{from KofC.org} Since the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund launched in August 2014 to support those suffering persecution in Iraq and Syria, anti-Christian violence in the region has reached unimaginable dimensions. For more than a year, a campaign of religious cleansing by the Islamic State group has terrorized Christian communities and other religious minorities in the region. Confronted with a stark ultimatum — convert to Islam, pay jizya (a submission tax), leave or be killed — hundreds of thousands have fled their ancestral Christian homeland.



Shortly before Christmas 2014, Pope Francis dedicated a “Letter to the Christians in the Middle East,” expressing the Church’s closeness with them and remembering that their suffering “cries out to God and calls for our commitment to prayer and concrete efforts to help in any way possible.”

In response to the humanitarian crisis, more than \$3 million has so far been distributed through the Order’s Christian Refugee Relief Fund to help persecuted Iraqis, Syrians and other refugees. The Supreme Council has also urged members and their families to pray for those affected.

“Our twin efforts are a concrete response to Pope Francis’ request for prayers and material assistance for those affected by this terrible persecution,” explained Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. “We are asking our members, and all people of good will, to pray for those persecuted and to support our efforts to assist them by donating to this fund.”

So far, the Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil, Iraq, and the Melkite Greek Catholic Archdiocese of Aleppo, Syria, have utilized donations from the fund. Other gifts have gone to assist the Holy See’s relief efforts in the Middle East, as well as to help Catholic communities suffering from the violent conflict in Ukraine, where the Order established a formal presence in 2013.

Christian refugee communities in Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and elsewhere remain in great need of support. In addition to solidarity in prayer, Knights and their families are invited to contribute to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which continues to collect donations.

For further updates and information about how to donate today, visit the newly launched Web page: [kofc.org/refugees](http://kofc.org/refugees).

## Right to Life Corner

Bob Trunk, RTL Chairman



*Tues. Oct. 13th 6:30pm*

*The Holy Rosary will be prayed in front of the Rocky River Planned Parenthood facility 20800 Center Ridge Rd, Rocky River (across from Westgate). A social will follow immediately after at Applebee's located directly across the street.*

*VIVAT JESUS!*

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

## Why Do Popes Change Their Names

{from Mental Floss, 9/28/15} When Jorge Bergoglio visited the United States, his trip made headlines, just like the visits of Karol Wojtyla and Giovanni Montini. Bergoglio is better known as Pope Francis; John Paul II and Paul VI were his predecessors.

But why do cardinals change their names when they are elected pope? There is no strict doctrine requiring it. For centuries men assuming the top job in the Roman Catholic Church kept their birth names.

The first person to adopt a new moniker was Pope John II in 533. Born Mercurio, he felt it unwise to have the name of a pagan god while serving as pontiff. His successors went back to the old way of doing things until Pietro Canepanova was chosen pope in 983. He did not want to use the name of St. Peter, the first pope, and so switched to John XIV. He was followed by Giovanni di Gallina Alba, who retained his birth name and became John XV. After his death in 956, popes began using an alias, known as a regnal name, on a regular basis. The last pope to use his real name was Adrian VI in 1522 (he was also the last non-Italian elected until 1978).

The regnal name is frequently chosen with a purpose. Bergoglio selected Francis in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, foreshadowing his commitment to the poor. Albino Luciani, following after John XXIII and Paul VI, dubbed himself John Paul. He died after a 33-day reign. Wojtyla styled himself John Paul II in his memory.

The most popular name has been John, used by 21 men, even though the most recent was John XXIII. There have been 16 Gregorys and 15 Benedicts. Francis is one of 44 popes to have a unique name.

# 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: November 6th  
SPEAKER: John Litton  
CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY: Executive Director, Diocesan Council Board  
TOPIC: "TBD"

LOCATION: St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted  
COST: \$10.00  
TIME: Registration/socializing begins at 11:15 AM; the Luncheon at 12:05 PM; talk at 12:35 PM; and, concludes with Mass.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: For the November luncheon, call George Perz by November 3rd at (440) 937-6606.

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.

## Foundation Meeting – October

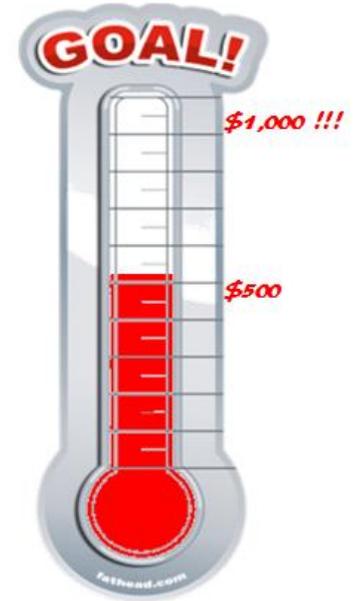
The Fr Ragan Foundation will hold a Bingo meeting on October 8th at 7:00PM at the Hall. This meeting will be followed by the regular Foundation meeting at 7:30PM.

## New Catholic Radio Station

NEW! Cleveland Catholic Radio Station - AM 1260 THE ROCK. AM 1260 has a strong radio signal during the day and night. It can make a positive impact on your faith even if you listen for just a few minutes a day. Tune in to AM 1260 THE ROCK today!

## Council 'Pennies for Heaven' Totals

The Council's year-to-date (Fraternal July-June) total of Pennies for Heaven collection is \$500.00. Any council that collects \$1,000.00 is recognized at the State Convention.



## CALENDAR



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| Tue, Oct 13 | Pro-Life Prayer (6:30PM, Rocky River Planned Parenthood) |
| Sun, Oct 25 | Family Movie Night (4:00PM, Knights Hall)                |
| Wed, Oct 28 | First Degree (7:00PM candidate call; 7:30PM ceremony)    |
| Thur, Nov 5 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)                  |

*\* Note: There is not a Social Meeting in October. All members are instead invited to attend the prayer service on October 13th at the Planned Parenthood in Rocky River.*



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