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Grand Knight Report...

Brother Knights, I hope this message finds you doing well. January came and went but not without some very positive news for our Council. On Saturday 1/16/16, 8 Brother Knights met in downtown Cleveland for the Right To Life March and Rally for the Cleveland Chapter of RTL. Carrying our Fr. Ragan Council #3269 Banner, we marched from Perk Park to the Halle building. We were blessed with the presence of our State Chaplain, Father Edward Janoch. We had lunch and then listened to some very motivating talks from some very passionate individuals. It was rewarding. Thank you to the Brother Knights that took time

out of their Saturday to be part of this activity.

On Thursday 1/21/16, we had 3 Brother Knights receive the honor of the 2nd Degree at St. Julie Billiard Church in North Ridgeville. Congratulations to Brothers Fred Hillow, Roland Kracoe, and Glenn Nieschwitz on their advancement in our great organization.

Unfortunately, The RTL Bus Trip to Washington D.C. scheduled for Thursday 1/21/16 & Friday 1/22/16 had to be canceled due to a severe snowstorm that shut down Washington D.C. and much of the east coast. We can look ahead to next year's RTL Bus Trip to Washington D.C.

as the 2017 anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade's tragic Supreme Court decision making abortion legal in the United States falls on a Sunday. I am already planning on attending. I hope you will join us. Let's not fill just one but rather two buses and march for THE RIGHT TO LIFE!

On Sunday 1/25/16, a Ministry Fair was held at Holy Trinity Parish in Avon. I want to thank our Deputy Grand Knight, Giulio Romano, for taking the lead on this activity, and also to all the Brother Knights who accompanied Giulio at the event. Nice work Brothers allowing for our organization to be right there in the forefront with all the other beautiful ministries.

On Friday 1/29/16, the Annual Fr. Ragan Council Free Throw Championship was held at St. Mary's Parish in Avon. We had 41 participants in the competition. One 11 year old boy made 15 of 15 free throws. Wow, that is awesome! Congratulations to the winners of their respective age groups, and good luck to them in the District competition to be held at St. Ambrose Parish in Brunswick on Sunday 2/14/16 at 4:00pm. I would like to thank our Brother Knight Val Janicek, for taking the lead on this activity, and the 6

other Brother Knights who assisted with keeping score and shagging rebounds. Your service is truly recognized.

Please be reminded that we will be holding a Quarterly Communion at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake on Sunday 2/7/16 at the 9:00am mass. We will also do a membership drive after both the 7:30am and 9am masses. Remember that Fr. Ron Wearsch, Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, is our Brother Knight too. I hope you will join us for mass at 9:00am and fellowship afterwards. Let's show our support to Fr. Ron and have a spectacular turnout!

Finally, we will be holding the 6th Annual Wine Tasting & Dinner Dance at the Hall on Saturday 2/13/16 from 6-10pm. We will have delicious food, a DJ playing music for your listening and dancing pleasure, some fine wines for you to taste, and a silent auction with items for you to bid on donated by local businesses from our communities. Reservations are due by 2/9/16. For more information, please call me at 930-4740.

Vivat Jesus
GK Kevin McHenry



February Social Meeting

In place of the normal Social Meeting, all members are invited to attend the Lenten talk at Holy Trinity in Avon on Thursday, February 18th listed below...



“Entering the Mystery of the Passion”

Holy Trinity Lenten Evening of Reflection
With Fr. Lester Knoll, OFM Capuchin

Thursday, February 18, 2016
7:00pm to 8:00 pm
Holy Trinity Church

As we enter into the mystery of our faith, we contemplate what this means for us and recall our Lord's most sorrowful Passion, trusting in God's mercy and love.

The Holy Trinity Adult Education and Faith Formation Team invites all parishioners and their families to enrich their Lent preparation by spending an evening hour as a community gathered in faith and purpose.

Please compliment our speaker with your presence.



Fr. Lester Knoll, OFM Capuchin is a priest of the Capuchin Franciscan Order. His home parish is Mater Dolorosa in the small town of Chicora, Pennsylvania in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He did his theology at Capuchin College, Washington, DC and was ordained to the priesthood in 1964. He then earned a Master's in Education Degree at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. Father Knoll has been the principal of a seminary high school and a missionary in Papua New Guinea in the South Pacific. For ten years he lived the contemplative life in the Capuchin Hermitage and then served as Pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Herman, PA. For four years Fr. Lester served as the National Director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers with headquarters in Pittsburgh. For three years he served as the Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Vincent Major Seminary, Latrobe, PA. Presently he is Spiritual Director for the Capuchin Formation Program at Borromeo Seminary, Wickliffe, Ohio.

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Fr. Ragan Council 3269
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*Enjoy An Evening Of
Wine, Dinner, Music
And Friends.*

*Take Your Chances At
Our Silent Auction
Filled With Exciting
Items Up For Bid*

*All Proceeds Benefit
Our Student
Scholarship Fund*

*Tickets Are Limited To
220 Guests
\$25.00 Per Person*

Cash Or Checks Accepted

- ◆ *6th Annual Valentines Wine Tasting & Dinner Dance*
- ◆ *Saturday February 13, 2016 6-10pm*
- ◆ *For Tickets: Kevin 440-930-4740*
- ◆ *For Tickets: Giulio 216-255-9527*
- ◆ *For Tickets: John 440-725-7369*

Council Scholarship Information

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LETTER

The Father Ragan Charitable Foundation will be awarding scholarships to deserving high school and college students for the 2016-2017 academic years. In order to apply for the scholarship, you must be the son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a current Father Ragan third degree council member whose dues are current, or a deceased Father Ragan third degree council member whose dues were current at the time of his death.

To obtain an application you can 1) email PGK Fred Metz at "fredmetz23@yahoo.com" and an application will be emailed to you, or 2) you can write a letter to PGK Fred Metz, 3979 Woodland Drive, Vermilion, Ohio 44089 with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed and an application will be sent to you.

All applications must be returned by regular mail to PGK Fred Metz – address in previous paragraph – by April 8, 2016. Recipients of the scholarships will be notified after the scholarship committee reviews the applications. All applications received after April 8 will be saved for the next year. The scholarships will be awarded on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at the beginning of the Father Ragan Council social meeting that begins at 7:30pm. Attendance at the scholarship presentation would be appreciated.

The value of the scholarships will depend on the number of applicants and the final number of recipients determined by the scholarship committee.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact PGK Fred Metz at (440) 963-0747 or send an email to him.

Additional Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are welcomed...

Dear Brothers,

Time is upon us to support our Brother Knights' children or grandchildren for Catholic High School or a college of their choice. Each contribution is gratefully appreciated by each student and gives them an opportunity to reach a higher quality of education. For any contribution, we will mail you a W9 form to claim on your 2016 taxes, and we thank you for any support. Send all checks to John Zajac our Chancellor, his address is 641 Landerwood Lane, Avon Lake 44012. Checks should be made payable to the Fr. Ragan Charitable Foundation.

God Bless!
Kevin McHenry
Grand Knight

Support Local Fish Fry Events



FRIDAYS IN LENT ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL

On February 20, 27 & March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015
from 5pm to 7pm

Join us for a Lenten Fish Fry!

Looking for a simple way to observe our Lenten traditions? Enjoy a meatless meal with your family and friends each Friday evening, and then come together to pray:

- 6:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:30 PM Family Led Rosary
- 7:15 PM Stations of the Cross
- Benediction at the conclusion of the Stations of the Cross

Visit our website for volunteer opportunities or call Robin Kane parish Stewardship Director in the office @ 440.653.5612

32929 Lake Road – Avon Lake, OH 44012
Call: 440.933.3152 or visit: www.StJosephAvonLake.org

MENU

4 piece Authentic Lake Erie
Perch Dinner - \$13

or

6 piece butterfly Shrimp
Dinner - \$13

or

2 Perch & 3 Shrimp
Combo Dinner - \$13

Baked Cod or Salmon - \$10

Dinners Include:

Fries, Cole Slaw or
Apple Sauce, Roll & Butter &
Dessert

\$2 SIDES

- Cup of Soup
- Cabbage & Noodles
- Mac & Cheese
- Cheese Pizza
- French Fries

\$1 SIDES

- Coleslaw
- Apple Sauce
- Pierogies

BEVERAGES

- Water and Juice Drink, Ice Tea and Coffee are complimentary
- Canned Pop and Bottled Water Sold Separately

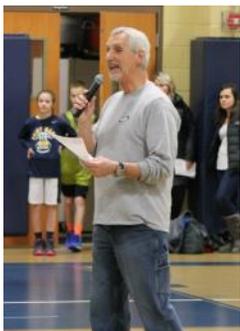
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St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Fish Fry begins on Friday, February 12, 2016

It's just around the corner! Our fish fry will begin the first Friday of Lent, February 12, and continue through Good Friday, March 26. Dinner is served from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Free Throw Championship Photos



Br. Val Janicek announces the winners.



2016 Council Age-Group Winners

SAVE THE DATES - Special 2016 Parish Mission with
JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT
Christian Music Legend, Best-Selling Author
and Host of the HIT Inspirational TV Show
"ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"
FEBRUARY 15, 16 & 17, 2016
St. Joseph Parish
32929 Lake Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012
We will need many volunteers to make this mission a success!
Please see Deacon Keith for details! GOD BLESS YOU!
Visit www.JohnMichaelTalbot.com to learn more about this ministry.

A promotional poster for a parish mission. It features two images of John Michael Talbot: on the left, he is playing an acoustic guitar, and on the right, he is speaking with his right hand raised. The background is yellow and black.

In founding the Knights of Columbus Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th century America. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the challenges his widowed mother faced with seven children at home. Later, as a priest he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the families of his parish community due to poverty, violence, alcoholism, immigration, anti-Catholic prejudice and discrimination.



Father McGivney's vision for family life was not simply that each family might find financial and material aid. He understood that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. And, seeing as his two brothers followed him into the priesthood, we can understand how truly important the "sanctuary of the home" was to the McGivney family.

In each upcoming issue of the Ragan Report, another month in the *Family Fully Alive* program that Supreme Council has put together will be featured...

February

Because love is filled with hope when it is communicated, our family wants to promote the life-giving spirit of our families.

Meditation

From Pope Benedict XVI's Spe Salvi.

Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" — the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance, has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a rela-

tionship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we "live."

1. How would our family life be different if we did not love at all?
2. In what ways has the faith and God's love shown me how to love?
3. Why is having a relationship with God so important to really "living"?

Family Project

To celebrate the life-giving spirit of your family, discuss times in your family's life when you grew together in faith or love. Discuss moments of your relationship, courtship, engagement and wedding celebrations that helped you grow as a couple. Share stories of your children's births and discuss the gift that each of their lives has been to your family. Gather photos or various mementos of these events for a scrapbook or a memory box that your family can cherish, or consider compiling them into a slideshow that can be shared with relatives.

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: February 5, 2016

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Abbot, St. Andrew Abbey

TOPIC: "Lectio Divina" (Divine Reading)"

DATE: March 4, 2016

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Justin Dyrwar, OSB

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Pastor, Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Broadview Heights

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 February luncheon, call me at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, February 2nd. For the March 4th luncheon, call me by March 1st.

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.

George W. Perz
Secretary-Treasurer, TGIFF-West

February Foundation Meeting

Upcoming dates: Thurs. Feb 11 at 7 PM Bingo Meeting, 7:30 PM Foundation Meeting. Also, any Council members who would like to be on the Scholarship committee this year, contact Rob Garrett at Feb Business meeting or by email at rgarrettjr72@yahoo.com

Set-Up Help Requested for Wine Tasting

Please show up at the Hall on Saturday morning (9AM, Feb 13th) to help set-up for the Wine Tasting Event that will occur that evening. Any help is appreciated!

CALENDAR



Thur, Feb 4	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Feb 7	Quarterly Communion (9AM, St. Joseph)
Thur, Feb 11	Bingo / Foundation Mtg (7:00PM & 7:30PM)
Sat, Feb 13	Wine Tasting Event (6:00PM, Knights Hall)
Wed, Feb 17	1st Degree (7:00PM candidate, 7:30PM ceremony)
Thur, Feb 18	Lenten Reflection Council Event (7:00PM Holy Trinity)

NOTE: There will be **NO** Social Meeting in February.



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