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Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brothers,

I hope this message finds you doing well. We were very busy during October. This year's Football Crazr final turn in was 10/20/16. Tickets this year were \$20 instead of \$10 a year ago. Having lead the State of Ohio a year ago with ticket sales of 289, the Fr. Ragan Council quota for 2016 was set at 273. At the onset, I wondered how we were to accomplish this tall task. A year ago, Brother George Perz sold 126 \$10 Football Crazr tickets which was more than double the 47 tickets sold by any other brother. This year we just kept feeding George more and more \$20 tickets, and he responded by selling

154 of the 275 ticket sold by the Fr. Ragan Council. WOW!! You are the man, George!! We met our quota, and when I called Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein and told him, he said Fr. Ragan Council was leading the State again. Sure that is all well and good, but that is not why we do this nor why George does this. I asked George why he is able to sell so many of these fund raising tickets. He responded, "Because it is for charity... look at what Saint Teresa of Calcutta did for charity in her lifetime". Well said George. Brothers, please make a point of thanking Brother George Perz for his outstanding work and commitment to our Council. We are

very blessed. I also want to thank all Brothers who bought or sold Football Crazr tickets this year. We are a great team!

On Tuesday 10/18/16, 8 Brother Knights joined many other Right To Life supporters for a Rosary for Life in front of the Planned Parenthood location in Rocky River. Despite the pouring rain, we said a full Rosary in support of life at conception until natural death. Thank you to Brother Bob Trunk for organizing this event and to all that participated despite the cold and heavy rainfall. Your commitment is so valued.

On Thursday 10/20/16, 16 Brother Knights attended Teresa Tomeo's speaking engagement at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake. Teresa Tomeo gave a very spirited and motivating talk about dealing with Media Manipulation. The most important message I took from this talk is that not everything the media reports is the truth, and there are times that media reports are simply propaganda. Thank you to Fr. Ron Wearsch for bringing Teresa Tomeo to St. Joseph Parish for this speaking engagement.

On Saturday 10/22/16, The Isabella's held their inaugural Oktoberfest at the Hall. Paid attendance was over a 130 people. It was a wonderful evening filled with great food, fellowship, and fun. The Isabella's held this event to raise money for their Student Scholarship Fund. Congratulations on a fabulous event, and I hope it was a great success for the Isabella's.

Here are some dates for upcoming Council Activities. On Wednesday 11/2/16 at 7:00pm, we will have our Council Memorial Mass for deceased Brother Knights. Fr. Gerard Gonda, our Council Chaplin, will be the celebrant. On Thursday 11/17/16, we will have our annual Council Turkey Raffle. Doors open at 6:00pm with the first drawing at 7:00pm. We will raffle off 60 turkeys and 15 hams. Each winner will also receive a bag of potatoes. On Sunday 12/4/16 at 1:00pm, we will hold our annual Senior Dinner. On Sunday 12/11/16 at 4:00pm we will have another Movie Night with our Chaplin, Fr. Gerard. Fr Gerard will show a new movie on Our Lady of Guadalupe. He will also show a cartoon movie on the same topic. Please come and check it out. Bring your younger children too. This is a family event.

Finally Brothers, government elections will be held on Tuesday 11/8/16. This has been a very challenging time for the campaign for our next President of the United States. This is not the only election being held. Let us pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will guide us in our choices for all government officials that align with our Catholic beliefs and values. God Bless you, and The Peace of Christ be with you always.

Vivat Jesus
GK Kevin McHenry

Isabella News

The Isabella's will be having their annual Membership dinner on Tuesday 11/8/16. This will be at 6pm instead of the usual 7pm meeting time because we will be having dinner. Please bring along a friend or family member who may be interested in joining our lovely group.

Around the Town books are now available for purchase. These books make great Christmas gifts for local family and friends. The books cost \$28.00. Please contact Simi DiLuciano 440-937-5766, Jan Black 40-933-8550 or Betty



Rieck 440-933-3471 and get ahead of your shopping list!

Many Thanks from all of the Isabella's to those who helped make our first annual

Octoberfest a great success. Bill Greaney for donating the German sausages, John Hricovic for donating the pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks and hay bails that made the hall so beautifully decorated. And many Thanks to the Knights for setting up the hall and donating their time at the event selling sideboards and bartending. We are so appreciative!



RTL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC



The Natural Choice is Life

Rally with March Down Constitution Ave January 27, 2017

Bus leaves from Fr. Ragan Council parking lot
Located at 1783 Moore Rd, Avon (next to B.J.'s)

January 26st 8pm

Return to same location by midnight January 27.

Mass at the Basilica of Immaculate Conception, Rally at the National Mall and March to the Supreme Court Building.

\$80.00/adult

Discount tickets \$25.00/student (H.S. or College)

Reservations requested by December 23
50% deposit and balance paid on Jan. 26

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
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For more information and advanced sale tickets call John (440)725-7369, Kevin (440)930-4740 or Bob (330)225-7155

Support for Fellow Knight

Kevin and Colleen McHenry and Jim and Mary Brady attended a fundraising luncheon on October 22nd at the Fontbonne Home/Family Haven house where Brother Knight Ted Kocab resides in. Family Haven cares for developmentally disabled adults in Bay Village.



Turkey Raffle Details

Thursday November 17. Doors open at 6pm. Admission is \$5.00 which includes table snacks. Beverages including beer will be available for sale. Raffle tickets are \$.50 each. A total of 75 raffles will be held which include 60 Turkeys and 15 Hams. Every winner also receives a bag of potatoes.

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 4, 2016

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Donald Oleksiak

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Director of Clergy Personnel

TOPIC: "tbd"

DATE: December 2, 2016

SPEAKER: Rt. Rev. Bishop Gries, OSB

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Bishop, retired bishop of Cleveland

TOPIC: "tbd"

DATE: January 6, 2017

SPEAKER:

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES):

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 will conclude with Mass.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: For the December 2nd luncheon, call me by November 29th 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.

George W. Perz

Secretary-Treasurer, TGIF- West

Thanks Offered for Oktoberfest Help

Chair person Mary Jane Morog appreciates all that the Knights and Isabellas did to make the first Oktoberfest such a success. She thanks her co-chair Judy Rangel and her husband Tony who cooked all morning and afternoon. She thanks the Knights who set up the hall, tended bar, and collected for 50-50 and sideboards. Thanks go out to all the Isabellas who decorated, baked the apple cakes, and made the delicious German potato salad and sauerkraut. Knight Jim Bruder provided the beans. John Hricovec donated wonderful fall decorations and Char & Dan Pulit acquired the witch who greeted everyone. Those tasty German beef sticks were a gift from Bill Greaney. Jim and Mary Brady provided the wonderful harvest vegetable basket. This fun filled event's profits go right back into the community for scholarships, youth groups in all the parishes, and support various other community organizations. Thanks to all who helped make this a success!!!



CALENDAR



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| Thur, Nov 3 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, Nov 17 | Annual Turkey Raffle (6:00PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, Dec 1 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sun, Dec 4 | Annual Senior Dinner (1:00PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sun, Dec 11 | Movie Knight w/ Fr Gerard (4:00PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, Dec 15 | Council Christmas Party (6:30PM, Knights Hall) |



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