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Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brothers,

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving. This past November, we held memorial mass at the Hall on All Souls Day to remember our deceased Brother Knights. Thank you to our Chaplin, Fr. Gerard Gonda, for celebrating the Mass, and thank you to Bill Greaney and Misencik Funeral Home for providing a wonderful meal afterwards.

On Thursday November 17, 2016 we held our Annual Turkey Raffle. We raffled off 66 Turkeys and 15 Hams. We also had a 50/50 drawing, and I want thank Brother Ray Gilles for donating his winnings back to the Council. Another year has gone by,

and I didn't win a Turkey or a Ham. I'm 0 for 6. There's always next year! I'm starting to feel like the Cleveland Indians. All in all, the Council raised over \$2500 to be used for our Council's charitable distributions. Thank you to all the Brother Knights and Lady Isabella's who planned, worked, and attended this event. I remember learning at last year's Turkey Raffle that this activity was created by our deceased PGK Jim Black, and every year, we are blessed to have his wife Jan and son Jim assisting us with the event. Thank you so much for your dedication. We love you!

Coming the first weekend in December, we have 2 more long stand-

ing activities. They are the Annual Knights of Columbus Wrestling Tournament at Avon Lake High School and The Annual Senior Dinner. All Brother Knights who show their current membership card may attend the Wrestling Tournament at no charge. We have distributed over 375 complimentary tickets for the Annual Senior Dinner to be held at the Hall on Sunday December 4, 2016.

Also, in December, we will be having a Movie Night with our Chaplin Fr. Gerard Gonda, on Sunday December 11, 2016 The movie is about Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father Gerard will also have a cartoon movie to show for any children that attend, also about Our Lady of Guadalupe. Make your plans now to attend this activity. Here's another opportunity for us to be together for fellowship. We will have food and refreshments at 4pm with the movies to follow.

Thursday December 15, 2016 for our social meeting, we will have our Council Christmas Gathering. Bring an appetizer, a dessert, and even a Catholic friend, and we can sing some carols as we get closer to Christmas Day. Sunday December 18, 2016 at 1pm will be our Annual Children's Christmas Luncheon with Santa. Food and refreshments will be served, and all children 10 and under will receive a small gift. If you will be bringing a child under 10, please RSVP to DGK Jim Brady at (440)-934-5778 or myself at (440)-930-4740.

We will be holding a First Degree Ceremony on Wednesday December 28, 2016. Candidate call is at 7pm with Degree to follow at 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for our College students to attend while home on Christmas Break. Brothers, starting now, let's make a conscious effort to invite practicing Catholic men to be a part of our fine organization.

We are in the process of putting together a bus trip to Washington D.C. for the national RTL Rally with March down Constitution Avenue January 27, 2017. The bus leaves from the Ragan Hall on Thursday January 26, 2017 at 8pm. Adult tickets are \$80 and Student tickets (High School or College) are \$25.00. Reservations are requested by December 23 2016. For more information, please call John at (440)-725-7369 or Bob at (330)-225-7155, or myself at (440)-930-4740.

Finally, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It is time to prepare our hearts, homes, and communities for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus
GK Kevin McHenry

Isabella News

Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday December 13 2016 at 7pm. We will be discussing and planning for the upcoming Tea Party in April.



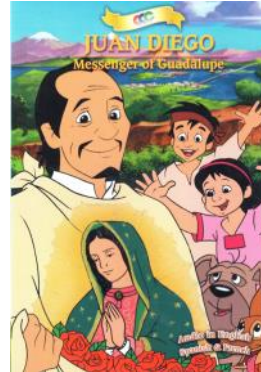
Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a local family member, friend, teacher, or anyone who gives a helping hand? The Isabella's are currently selling 'Our Town all Around' coupon books. The books are full of local dining, entertainment and service coupons. The cost of each book is \$28.00 and they are available now! Please call Simi 440-934-5766, Betty 440-934-0406 or Jan 440-933-8550 to get yours today.



Movie Night in December

On Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 PM, the Fr. Ragan Council of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a special Catholic Family Film presentation on the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe whose feast day is December 12.

All families are welcome to attend. Drinks and snacks will be available at 4 PM. At 4:30 PM, a animated children's movie entitled, "Juan Diego / Messenger of Guadalupe" will be shown. From 5-6 PM, the new 2015 documentary "Guadalupe: The Miracle and Message" produced by the Knights of Columbus will be featured. There is no charge for this event.



Juan Diego / Messenger of Guadalupe: This children's video tells the true story of the appearance of Our Lady in 1531 to the humble Aztec Indian Juan Diego on the Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. With outstanding animation this film tells of the great miracle Our Lady of Guadalupe performed on the tilma of Juan Diego to convince the Bishop to build a shrine in her honor to help bring the Faith to the Mexican people. Today the miraculous tilma can still be seen in the Basilica in Mexico City.



Guadalupe: The Miracle and The Message: A documentary produced by The Knights of Columbus and narrated by actor Jim Caviezel.

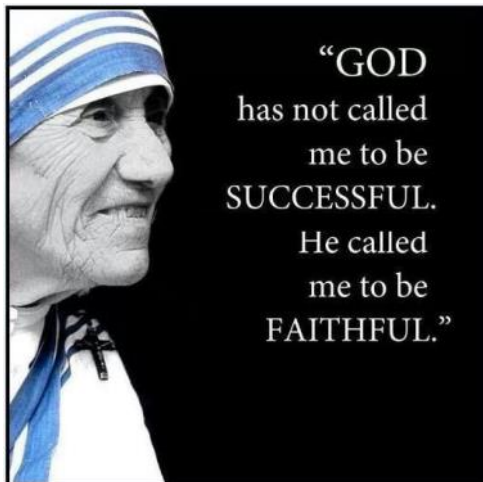
Come see this new documentary film offering original insights into the details, story and impact of the 16th century apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe—one of the most recognizable religious icons in the American hemisphere. The film paints a comprehensive and inspiring picture of the history, facts and legacy of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It delves into the inexplicable existence of the image that appeared on the cloak of an indigenous convert named Juan Diego, who, over the course of four days in December 1531, received a series of visions of the Virgin Mary.

Valentine's Wine Tasting Planning

Planning is underway for the Annual Valentine's Wine Tasting on February 18, 2017....but we need your help!

Do you have any unused gift cards or certificates tucked away? Are you a season ticket holder for the Cavs, Indians, Monsters, Browns and can't attend a certain game? Do you perform or have access to special services such as spa, lawn care, home repair/updating? All of these types of items are great in raffle baskets/silent auction items. Please consider donating anything you may have or can procure. All donations are tax deductible. Donors will be listed on promotional flyers and in our program.

Contact Kevin or Colleen McHenry
@ 440-930-4740



“GOD
has not called
me to be
SUCCESSFUL.
He called
me to be
FAITHFUL.”

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

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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

Turkey Raffle Pictures



Is that a beloved PGK? Or did Donald Trump make an impromptu visit to the Turkey Raffle???



Funeral Mass for PGK Cy Bliss



The funeral Mass for PGK Cy Bliss was attended by many Council members including the 4th Degree (pictured left). Cy Bliss passed away on Wednesday, November 9th. His dedication to his faith led to his involvement in the Knights of Columbus. He served as Grand Knight for Fr. Ragan Council and as Faithful Navigator of Fr. McManus Assembly.

Memorial Mass

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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: January 6, 2017

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Barnish

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Parochial Vicar, St. Bernadette Parish, Westlake

TOPIC: "tbd"

DATE: February 3, 2017

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Kevin Elbert

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Pastor, St. Luke Parish (Lakewood)

TOPIC: "Spiritual Reflections on Being a Good Man in Today's Culture"

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 January 6th luncheon, call me by January 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.

George W. Perz

Secretary-Treasurer, TGIFF-West

Order's Charity Highlighted



In his annual report delivered at the 134th Supreme Convention in Toronto, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted the Order's record levels of charity, with over \$175 million in donations and over 73.5 million hours of volunteer service.

The supreme knight also cited some of the major accomplishments of the Order: the further development of the Knights of Columbus' Building the Domestic Church initiative and continued support for Christians at risk, including those suffering genocide at the hands of ISIS.

CALENDAR



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| 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 (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sun, Dec 18 | Children's Christmas Luncheon (1:00PM, Knights Hall) |
| Wed, Dec 28 | 1st Degree Ceremony (7:00PM candidate, 7:30PM start) |



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