

# RAGAN REPORT



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## Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brother Knights. February is upon us, and great things continue to happen with our Council. This past January, PGK Rob Garrett and his company painted the large hall. Stop in and check it out. It looks fantastic!

We eased into January, but finished the month very strong! PGK John Pabin and DGK Jim Brady met with Life Share to begin preparations for the Annual Council Blood Drive to be held 3/16/17 from 3:30pm to 7:30pm at the hall. If you are a blood donor, please come and join us for this worthy cause.

Preparations have begun for the 7th Annual Wine Tasting and Dinner

Dance to be held on Saturday 2/18/17 from 6-10pm. Tickets are \$30.00 and include a full dinner, wine sampling tickets, a silent auction, side boards, and a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure. For tickets please call DGK Jim Brady at (440)-865-9668 or myself at (440)-930-4740. All proceeds benefit the Fr. Ragan Charitable Foundation Student Scholarship fund. Please come and support this worthy cause and enjoy another evening of good food, fun, and fellowship.

On Wednesday 1/18/17, we had 4 Brother Knights receive the honor of the 2nd Degree at St. Julie Billiard Church in North Ridgeville. Con-

gratulations to Brothers Michael Kiessling, Gary McPhillips, Fred Smith, and Paul Uhlir on their advancement in our great organization.

On Thursday 1/19/17 at our social meeting, Sir Knight Thomas Hummer gave a dynamic presentation along with displaying over 100 of his relics that he has accumulated over the years. We had close to 50 people in attendance, and a wonderful evening was had by all. This was the second time in about 3 years that Sir Knight Thomas Hummer had presented to our Council, and we look forward to having him back again.

On Saturday 1/21/17 a group of Brother Knights met our Chaplain, Fr. Gerard, at Benedictine High School for the Cleveland Chapter of Right To Life March and Rally. Carrying our Fr. Ragan Council #3269 banner, we marched from the High School to the Pre-Term Clinic and back to the High School. We had lunch and listened to some very motivating talks. It is always so rewarding being apart of the RTL activities. Thank you to all who participated.

On Thursday 1/26/17, 56 adults and students boarded a bus at the Hall and drove through the night to be a part of the National Right To Life March and Rally in Washington D.C. We arrived at the Basilica Of The National Shrine Of The Immaculate Conception at 6:15am, in plenty of time for the 7:30am Closing Mass, National Prayer Vigil for Life... "For The Preservation Of Peace And Justice". At the National Mall, we were

present when the Vice-President of the United States, Mike Pence, addressed the enormous crowd at this the 44th Annual National Right To Life Rally. We proceed to march to the steps of the Supreme Court. We were near the front of the march, and it was so moving to look behind us and see thousands of people joined together for what we believe, LIFE BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION UNTIL NATURAL DEATH. Thank you to PGK John Pabin and our RTL Director Bob Trunk for making this activity possible.

On Friday 1/27/17, the Annual Fr. Ragan Council Free Throw Shooting Competition was held at St. Mary's Parish in Avon. We had 30 participants. Congratulations to the respective winners of their age groups and good luck in the District Finals to be held at St. Jude of Elyria on Saturday 2/11/17 at 2:15pm. Thank you to Brother Val Janicek, DGK Jim Brady, and all who assisted with this activity.

Finally, congratulations to Brothers Fred Smith and Paul Uhlir who received the honor of the 3rd Degree on Sunday 1/29/17 at the Garfield Council. God Bless You Brothers, and may the Peace of Christ be with you always.

Vivat Jesus  
GK Kevin McHenry

# Isabella News

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2/14/17 at 7pm.



Save the date! Isabella Annual Tea Party will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017. Entertainment provided by Chico's clothing store and will feature a fashion show. Tickets are \$15.00 and, as always, we will feature many gift baskets up for raffle. Call Colleen for tickets. 440-930-4740.

## Free Throw Championship

Council Free Throw Shooting Contest winners:

- Lauren Carandang 9 years old
- Matthew Joyce 9 years old
- Isabelle Niederst 10 years old
- Luke Holtzman 10 years old
- CJ Lyon 11 years old
- McKenna Maxey 12 years old
- Noah Grendzynski 12 years old
- Brenden Moher 13 years old

The District Finals will be held on 2/11/17 at 2:15pm at St. Jude of Elyria located at 594 Poplar Street Elyria, OH.



## March For Life - Council Photos



# Council's Trip in *Chronicle Telegram*

## PREPARING FOR A MARCH



KRISTIN BAUER / CHRONICLE PHOTOS

**ABOVE:** Knights of Columbus past Grand Knight John Pabin speaks to a group that will attend the planned March for Life anti-abortion rally today in Washington, D.C.



**LEFT:** Roseann Lozar, left, of Cleveland, and Linda Cattani, of Lakewood, review a map of the planned march route Thursday evening. Lozar and Cattani were on a bus departing from the Knights of Columbus, in Avon on Thursday night.



PGK John Pabin and Brother Paul Uhler, 1 of our 2 brother Knights who received their 3rd Degree Exemplification on Sunday 1/29/17 at the Garfield Council.

# Vice President Speaks at March For Life

WASHINGTON — On Friday, Jan. 27, just days after the presidential inauguration, Vice President Mike Pence spoke to hundreds of thousands, including members of the Knights of Columbus, gathered to participate in the 2017 March for Life.

The event has taken place every January since 1974, on or near the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion throughout the nation.

The event kicked off with a rally sponsored by the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, which was born out of the grassroots movement that gathered on the first anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

At the rally, Vice President Pence, the highest ranking government official to attend the event during its 44-year history, said, "I am deeply humbled to be the first vice president of the United States ever to attend this event." On behalf of President Trump, he also thanked the attendees for their stand for life and their compassion for the women and children of America.

"We've come to a historic moment in the cause for life," he said. "Compassion is overcoming convenience, and hope is defeating despair. ... In a word, life is winning in America because of all of you." He added, "Be assured that along with you, we will not grow wearied, we will not rest, until we restore a culture of life in America for ourselves and for our posterity."

The rally began with the introduction of Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, by Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, who referred to the march as "the largest annual civil rights gathering in the world." After greeting the crowds, Mancini welcomed Kellyanne Conway, senior counselor to President Trump.

"I am a wife, a mother, a Catholic, counselor to the president of the United States of America. And yes, I am pro-life," Conway told the crowd. "It is such an honor to stand with the vice president of the United States and with students from places near and far to defend the unborn. This is a new day, a new dawn for life."

"Why are we here? What does it mean to stand together?" she continued. "It means to protect and promote the most precious gift in the world, the gift of life."



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly talk with Vice President Mike Pence prior to his address to the tens of thousands attending the rally prior to the March for Life (Photo: Matthew Barrick).

# 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 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"

DATE: March 3, 2017

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Michael Lanning

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Pastor, St. Angela Merici, (Fairview Park)

TOPIC: "tbd"

DATE: April 7, 2017

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Thomas Pajk,

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): St. Joseph Parish, Avon Lake  
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 February 3rd luncheon, call me by January 31st 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

## Notice of Scholarship Application

The Father Ragan Charitable Foundation will be awarding scholarships to deserving high school and college students for the 2017-2018 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.

The number of scholarships an individual can receive is two. One scholarship can be awarded to applicants who are still attending a Catholic based junior high or Catholic based high school. The applicants will not be able to receive another scholarship until they graduate from high school and attend an institution of higher learning. Once again the individual will only be able to receive one scholarship. With the number of Brother Knights who have children or grandchildren, it is only fair that the same person does not receive a scholarship every year.

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 6, 2017. Recipients of the scholarships will be notified after the scholarship committee reviews the applications. All applications received after April 6 will be saved for the next year. The scholarships will be awarded on Thursday, May 18, 2017, 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.

## CALENDAR



- Thur, Feb 2 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
- Thur, Feb 16 Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
- Sat, Feb 18 Valentine's Wine Tasting (6-10PM, Knights Hall)



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