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Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brother Knights. February came and went so quickly, but I must tell you, I am so happy right now. I understand that our Deputy Grand Knight, Jim, didn't see his shadow!! All kidding aside, we held our 7th Annual Wine Tasting & Dinner Dance on 2/18/17, and the weather was beautiful!! It's wonderful that we raised \$4,584.44 for our Student Scholarship Fund, but I'm ecstatic by how many Brother Knights were involved! When we have participation like we did for this activity, it makes our work so worthwhile. Thank you so much to all our Brother Knights, Isabellas, and students that helped to make this our

most successful Wine Tasting & Dinner Dance to date!

In other news, the Council will be holding a Quarterly Communion at St. Joseph Church in Avon Lake on Sunday March 5, 2017 at the 11:00am Mass. In addition, we will be sponsoring the Coffee & Donuts after both the 8:30am and 11:00am masses. Come and join us for Mass and fellowship afterwards. We would love to see you!

On Thursday March 16, 2017, the Council will be holding the Annual Life Share Blood Drive at the hall from 3:30pm - 7:30pm. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Each of the past 3 years, the partici-

pation at this activity has increased. If you are able to donate blood, we would greatly appreciate your participation this year.

Please keep Saturday morning, March 25, 2017 open. We are currently planning a Lenten Retreat with our Chaplin, Fr Gerard, to be held at the Abbey. More information to follow.

The Council will be holding another Quarterly Communion at Holy Spirit Church in Avon Lake on Sunday April 2, 2017 at the 10:30am mass with coffee, donuts and fellowship to follow. Please save the date.

I would like to thank Brother Knight Ray Gilles for his kind donation to the Council for hall refurbishing. We are very blessed to have Brother Ray active in our Council. He does so much for us, and we can't

thank him enough!! If you see Brother Ray, please make a point of thanking him for all he does for our Council!

Finally, I would like to thank Brother Rudy Breglia for speaking at our Social Meeting on February 16, 2017. Brother Rudy presented to the Council on the need for seat belts on all school busses. Rudy's passion for this is very noteworthy. Keep up the good work Brother Rudy.

God Bless You Brothers, and may the Peace of Christ be with you always.

Vivat Jesus
GK Kevin McHenry



Isabella News



Our Next meeting will be held Tuesday March 14 at 7pm. Please plan to attend as we finalize tea party planning. If you have any extra baskets that Debbie can use to construct raffle items, we would appreciate them. Flavored tea bags are also needed. Orange, raspberry or any fun flavors you can find would be great.

The Tea Party will be held Monday April 24. Tickets will be \$15.00 and can be reserved by calling Pat Christ at 440-933-8986. Our entertainment this year features a spring fashion show modeled by your favorite Isabellas! Fashions will be selected by Chico's of Crocker Park.

FaithND Daily Gospel Reflection

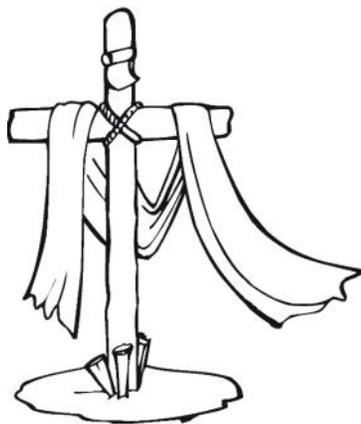
Ash Wednesday this week marks the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. This is a season of repentance and conversion—a time to create habits of the mind and heart that are centered on Christ. We hope that our work here at FaithND, through the Daily Gospel Reflection and other initiatives, aids you during this special time of the liturgical year.

To that end, we will be publishing our Daily Gospel Reflection email seven days a week during this season. As always, it will deliver to your inbox the Gospel reading for the day and reflections written by the Notre Dame family of faith. If you know others who might benefit from this service during Lent, we ask that you encourage them to sign up for free with this link:

<http://faith.nd.edu/signup>

Here are a few other resources that you might find helpful as you prepare for your Lenten journey:

- Conversion Stories: We will gather and share stories of conversion on the Live page of FaithND, publishing new stories periodically throughout Lent.
- Lenten Resources: This page answers questions about Lent, offers insight from Notre Dame professors on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and shares Pope Francis' Lenten message from this year.
- Submit a Grotto Prayer: Send us a prayer request, and we will offer it in person at the Grotto in the coming week.



Wine Tasting Photos



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: 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): Associate Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Avon Lake

TOPIC: "Lenten Reflections"

DATE: May 5, 2017

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Max Cole

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY(IES): Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Parish, Berea

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 April 7th luncheon, call me by April 4th 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

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



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| Thur, Mar 2 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sun, Mar 5 | Quarterly Communion (11:00AM, St. Joseph Avon Lake) |
| Thur, Mar 16 | Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sat, Mar 25 | Lenten Retreat - (details TBD) |



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