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Grand Knight Report...

MERRY CHRISTMAS,
BROTHER KNIGHTS,

The Holidays are here!! Time for family, friends, fun and food. As we start December, we all have a responsibility to help those less fortunate to have a happy time of year as well. Pass the word MERRY CHRISTMAS to all. The best of the New Year to come. I am so blessed with God, family and friends and you, Kevin!!!

PGK Kevin McHenry had a table at St. Joe's Ministries Fair in November. Met so many great people that help that church hum. Thanks to all our Knights who came to support

and talk to people about the Knights of Columbus. Good food too!!

PGK John Pabin headed our Essay Contest and had judges help to sort through hundreds of entries. On Nov 30th at 7:30 we presented a small reward to the winners and runner-ups. Thanks to all of the judges in making this possible for our youth.

PGK Vince Gargaro will lead the Senior Dinner which has served so many through the years on Dec 3 .

A food drive of canned goods will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

The Foundation and Cobos Insurance will also have a wrestling match Nov. 30- Dec 1,2 at Avon Lake High School. We have donated to this event for many years and they handle

so many details for this event. Great time to see the local talent show off what competition is all about.

The Turkey Raffle was a great time for all who contributed selling, calling, bartending, counting money, getting all of the prizes together. We had some turkeys and potatoes for Bingo to raffle off at Bingo. Also we have some in the freezer to sell if you want, call me. As of now, I think we made about \$2000. I was surprised, as we only had 86 people to sell to. Next year will be better!!!

With Advent starting, our Chaplain Fr. Gerard Gonda, presented our Day of Reflection on November 18th. Great food of chili (deluxe) and lunchmeat sandwiches with beverages made the 60-plus people happy to have come. The movie about Fr. Solanus Casey, a Capuchin Friar, was so enlightening about a future Saint. If you missed, you lost out on a GREAT movie about his life. Then we traveled, in the driving rain to the Poor Clare's in Cleveland West Park to end the afternoon with Mass. It was so moving to reflect and thank God we are so blessed to have time and Father to help us. THANK YOU, FATHER.

Coats for Children had many drop-offs this year. F.S. Tim Hohman took coats to Big Brother and Sister's, PGK Rob Garrett took coats to Blessing House and CRS of Avon Lake, PGK Kevin McHenry took coats to St. Joe's. Thanks Guys for getting the coats to the places so they can get them to children before winter sets in!

Two new members have joined: Frederick Wolff of Bay Village (Holy Trinity), and Joseph Smith of Sheffield Village (St. Joe's.) They were our test of the new disc program to have them watch the first degree. WELCOME and come join in the events!

WE need help in judging the next contest some time after Dec 15 at the Hall. This is a poster contest for K-2, 3-5, 6-8, grades, we will judge the entries at the hall TBA. It is about Keep Christ in Christmas. All of the Catholic Schools have been invited to join. Also on Dec 17 at 1-3pm Sunday we will have a Children's Christmas Party, BUT you need to call 440-865-9668 or email sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com for reservations!! Lastly... our social meeting (12/21) is the Christmas party for our council at 7:30, please bring a dish to share. Come one and all to celebrate the Christmas spirit.

Remember those people, outsiders, and make them see the goodness our Father has blessed us with. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Vivat Jesus
GK Jim Brady

Isabella News

Isabella's are now selling the 2018 "Our Town All Around" books. The coupon 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 DiLuciano at 440-934-5766, Betty Rieck 440-934-0346 or Jan Black 440-933-8550 to get yours today!



RTL Bus Trip in January

Knights of Columbus Right To Life Bus Trip to Washington DC January 18 & 19, 2018

The Avon Knights of Columbus Council 3269 is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the annual Rally and March for an end to abortion. The two buses will depart Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road, Avon (next to B.J.s) at 8 PM on Thursday, Jan. 18. The buses will arrive at the Basilica of Immaculate Conception in DC at approximately 6 AM where a Mass will be celebrated. The busses will depart the Basilica at approximately 10:30 AM and go to the National Mall for the Rally and March to the Supreme Court. After the March the busses will depart DC by 4 PM and arrive back at Ragan Hall in Avon by midnight. Cost is \$85 per adult and \$26 per HS or college student. For more information or reservations please contact John at 440-725-7369 or Greg at 440-865-5883 or e-mail john.pabin@gmail.com

Coats for Kids

In November, F.S. Tim Hohman dropped off 12 of the Coats for Kids to Big Brother & Big Sisters of Lorain County. Picture below left shows Tim and their Program Officer Giovana Kallas and her daughter showing off the coats. This was the Council's third year providing them with the much needed coats and we were told they are greatly appreciated. PGK Rob Garrett took coats to CRS of Avon Lake (upper right) and Blessing House (lower right), PGK Kevin McHenry took coats to St. Joe's.



Council Donations

The Council made donations recently to Lucy Idol and Our Lady of the Wayside. GK Jim Brady is shown presenting the check to Our Lady of the Wayside.



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.

All Knights are invited to attend an inter-parish men's group which meets on each First Friday for socializing, luncheon, a talk by a priest, and concludes with the Celebration of the Eucharist. Below are the details for future luncheons.

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: January 5, 2018

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Sean Ralph

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

TOPIC: "What Happens When We Die"

DATE: February 2, 2018

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. John Miceli

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: St. Marks Parish, Cleveland
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: Call me by January 2nd for the January luncheon and January 30th for the February luncheon at (440) 937-6606.

REMINDER: PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS. I AM ALSO COLLECTING RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR FR. STALLA. YOU CAN DROP THESE ITEMS OFF AT THE LUNCHEON OR AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, AVON.

George W. Perz

Secretary-Treasurer, TGIFF-West

Winners & Losers Corner

Winners and Losers // November's Two-bit Drawing winner was PGK Ted Schmitz (\$44) which he donated back to S.O.S. Thanks, Ted! Pot of Gold- Loser was Christopher Steinman of \$80 because he has not there!!! SOOO make the Business meeting and maybe get richer!!!!



CALENDAR



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| Thur, Dec 7 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sun, Dec 17 | Children's Christmas Party (1-3PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, Dec 21 | Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |



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