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Grand Knight Report...

HAPPY NEW YEAR, BROTHER KNIGHTS!

Well, the Holidays are a thing of the past. Hope that everyone had time to thank our Lord for all of the blessings we have today. I had time with Friends, Family, Brothers, and at Church—time to rethink about the past year. We will start 2018 with a bang and batteries recharged—to go forward to spread the word and help people year round!!! Come to the meetings and get involved!!!!

On December 15th we had our Social Christmas Party which was a nice time to catch up with Brothers and Ladies. Plenty of food and drink for all made for a great time. At the same time, we asked all who came to

help judge our “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. We have not done this in some time. Only two of our schools turned in posters: St. Joseph and Holy Trinity. There are winners in several age levels; a total of 11 winners from the 80 entries. We will have the awards for these winners on January 7 in the small hall at 12:30. All are welcome to come and honor the winners!!

On December 17th we had about 60 people from all of our parishes come to celebrate the Children’s Christmas party. Food and music filled the air with jingle bells that had Santa dance to our hall to give all the children a treat. I love to see the youth faces when Santa comes

through the door! Truly hope for the future of our children. Thank you, Brothers, who helped to put this on!!

This Sunday, January 7 at 12:30 in the small hall, we will give out prizes to our 11 winners of the Poster Contest. All are welcome to come to show how much we as an organization support our children’s understanding of what is truly important with the Christmas season. Keep Christ in Christmas is seen through our youth of today. Thanks to all who helped score the contest and PGK John Riba for totaling all those score sheets.

On January 18 our Right to Life buses will be leaving the hall at 8:00pm for the events in Washington, DC. They will travel all night to get to Washington and morning Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Afterward it will be off to the Rally at the National Mall and march to the Supreme Court Building. A long ride home finishes the day of such great pride in voicing our beliefs!

The Council’s Free Throw Championship will take place on January 26th. Registration begins at 6:30pm and at 7:00pm the competition will begin; open to children ages 9-14. All competitors must register using the official Knights of Columbus Free throw championship entry form. Proof of age must accompany all entry forms. All winners will proceed to

District contest in February. Help is always nice to have at this kind of event—so come and help us out! It is a great time to work and see our youth use their skills.

Our Wine Tasting is off to a start with PGK Kevin McHenry leading the committee. The date to mark down on the calendar is February 17th. Always great food, a band for dancing, and last, but not least, the Wine of many flavors will flow for most of the night. All of the money raised is for scholarships and other charities we have. Come and have a great time for Valentine’s Day. Raffles, side boards, wine pull, auction items round out the night. So bring some money to chance for the prizes!!! I hear that this should be the best one in years.

Finally, we are having a Blood drive on March 10th, 3:30-7:30pm. (On a Saturday for something different.) If you can give the gift of life, please reserve the time as we get closer to make this the best one we have had in many years. T-shirts are given with donations and we will have hotdogs with a drink to be sure all is well before you leave. Please help spread the news of our events.

Vivat Jesus
GK Jim Brady

Essay Contest

On Thursday, November 30th, the Council presented awards to the winners of the annual Essay Contest. The winners for this year were: First Place: Shane Webber, St. Joseph's School, Second Place: Alex Sidloski, Holy Trinity School, Third Place: Ian Fairfield, St. Joseph's School. Honorable mention awards were given to an additional 8 students from the Avon / Avon Lake area. This year's essay theme was "Going to the Peripheries."



Third place Ian Fairfield and Second place Alex Sidloski



2017 Essay Contest Honorable Mention Award Winners

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 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 Jan. 19. 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

We still have 20 seats available.

Council Scholarship Information

The Father Ragan Charitable Foundation will be awarding scholarships to deserving high school and college students for the 2018-2019 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. Each council member or deceased council member can only sponsor one applicant per 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, 2018. 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 17, 2018, at the beginning of the Father Ragan Council social meeting that begins at 7:30pm. Attendance at the scholarship presentation would be appreciated. All applicants will be asked to show some form of documentation to prove attendance or proof of attendance to the school indicated on the application.

The amount of money raised this past year for scholarships is \$10,000 ten thousand dollars. This year the number of scholarships being given will be four college scholarships valued at \$1500.00 one thousand five hundred dollars and four high school scholarships valued at \$1000.00 one thousand dollars. While there could be many applicants, the scholarship committee has unanimously decided that a review of all applications will be done to determine the eight recipients of this year's scholarships.

If you have any questions about the application please contact PGK Fred Metz at (440) 963-0747 or send an email to him.

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: February 2, 2018

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. John Miceli

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: St. Marks Parish, Cleveland

TOPIC: "tbd"

DATE: March 2, 2018

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Charles Ryba

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: St. Sister Ann Seaton, Pastor

TOPIC: "Prison Ministry"

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 30th for the February luncheon and February 27th for the March 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 // December's Two-bit Drawing winner was Br. Al Nugent (\$16) which he donated back to S.O.S. Thanks, Al! Pot of Gold- Winner was PGK John Pabin (\$80).



2018 Cleveland March for Life

Cleveland Right To Life is sponsoring the 2018 Cleveland March for Life on Saturday, January 13 at Noon. The march will begin at Benedictine High School located at 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Cleveland and proceed to the Planned Parenthood Preterm abortion clinic and back. The indoor program will begin at 12:45 PM at the Benedictine High School Auditorium and featured keynote speaker is Catherine Davis of National Black Profile Coalition and The Restoration Project. The cost for the lunch tickets are \$8.00 prior to 1/11 and \$10.00 after 1/11.

As in the past years, Father Ragan Council will support this event by having members and guests attend. We will carpool to the event from Ragan Hall. For reservations please contact PGK Rob Garrett at 440-781-7296 or GK Jim Brady at 440-865-9668. Please make your reservations NLT Jan. 9.

CALENDAR



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| Thur, Jan 4 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, Jan 18 | Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
RTL Bus Trip Departs (8:00PM) |
| Fri, Jan 26 | Council Free Throw Championship (7:00PM) |
| Sat, Feb 17 | Wine Tasting Event |



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