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Grand Knight Report...

HAPPY MID-WINTER MY BROTHER KNIGHTS,

As I write, winter has not been too bad here. Some snow, then melting and followed by more snow and more melting. Not too hard to take, but as those who live and work here in beautiful Ohio know: winter is like life—it comes on slow, then picks up speed in Spring and Summer. I love the seasons that give us time to enjoy life. Time to thank God for all that we are blessed to have.

We just finished our last children's event: the Free Throw Championship at St. Mary's gym. For those who came to help with the contest, I would like to say "thank you." We had 50 students win several age

groups (12), and they will be going to the District soon. Love to see the energy of our youth! We also have three winners in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest that will be going to State to be judged. Good luck with that.

Membership drives are back. On February 18th we will be at Holy Trinity at 9am Mass with the fourth degree. All of our members are invited to come dressed up and march in with the 4th degree at this Mass. After Mass we will be in the school hallway with coffee and donuts to share. We are setup for a 1st degree ceremony on Wed, Feb 21st at our hall. If you have someone who is interested in joining our group, get them a form

100 and bring them to the hall at 7:00. 7:30 is when we will have the ceremony. Also, if you are their sponsor, we would like you to come and join in.

The R.T.L. of Cleveland was lead by PGK Rob Garrett on Jan 13 at noon. 16-20 members and wives started at Benedictine High School and marched through the SNOW to the Preterm of Cleveland. With about 50 others, they prayed and then marched back to Benedictine for some hot lunch to be enjoyed by all while listening to several speakers. It was a great event if you could not make Washington DC. Speaking of which, we had TWO buses go this year!! PGK John Pabin and DGK Greg Palichleb lead the group on Thursday Jan 18th at 6:30PM to leave. (This is why we did not have a social meeting in January.) This was about 120 people in the main hall. People came early around 6:15pm. Several of our members, who did not go, came to help park cars and provide crowd control. They all got a goody bag with water and snacks to take on the buses. Around 35 students came from Elyria Catholic to march in Washington. A great time and event that people are getting involved with. We had signs for most who wanted them for the march. Good weather, for once, and it was great to hear our President talk to the crowd about abortion. See PGK John Pabin And DGK Greg Palichleb to thank them for leading and organizing this event. I would like to thank all of our Brothers who

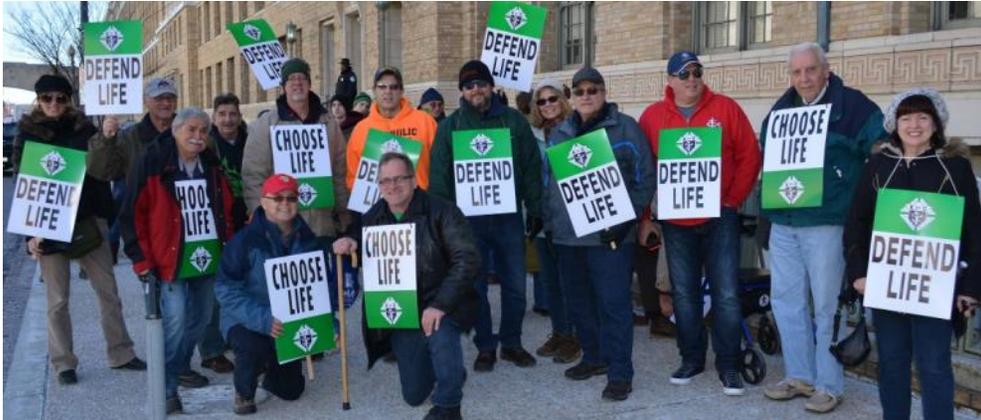
came early to help me outside with the cars, people and buses.

We will have a Movie afternoon with Father Gonda on March 4th, at 4pm in the small hall. We are blessed to have these interesting movies that Father talks about and follows up with a small conversation about what we just viewed. Come to the Business meeting in March to get all of the details! Also come to the business or social meeting to get your NEW membership directory. See me. I have many copies, if you can not make it but would to get a copy, call me at 440-865-9668 or email me at sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com

One more event that I need to talk about is the 8th Wine Tasting and Dinner Dance. For \$30 per person, full dinner and a GREAT BAND to dance to. The last time they came most of the room was on the floor dancing. Also we will have auction items that are one of a kind to bid on, Chinese raffle tickets to bid on GREAT Baskets and items that are one of a kind. Then we also have a wine pull, you pay \$10 and pull a cork the is numbered that matches one of the bottles. YOU ARE A WINNER. Side boards and fellowship added in - what a great way to help raise money for Scholarships that we give away in May. You can also bring friends to this event!! Call today!!!! to Kevin McHenry or Jim Brady to reserve your spot. Limited to 200.

Vivat Jesus

Right to Life March Photos



8th Annual Wine Tasting

The Council's 8th Annual Wine Tasting event will take place at our Hall on **Saturday, February 17th** from 6:00-10:00PM. A fabulous dinner and live music from the Frank Moravcik Band will be provided, along with a FANTASTIC assortment of wines.

Dinner Menu

(Pick 2 of 3)

Penne Pasta in a Pesto Cream Sauce with Grilled Chicken
Breaded Boneless Pork Cutlet(4oz)
Cabbage Rolls

House Salad with either Golden Italian or Ranch Dressing
French Bread with Butter Pads

Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes with Pan Gravy

Bahama Blend (Broccoli, Green Beans, Yellow Carrots, Red Peppers)

Cake for Dessert

Water & Coffee will be available.

Enjoy an evening of Wine, Dinner and Live Music!

Only \$30.00 per person - advance purchase/reservations required. Limited tickets: call and order yours now.

Kevin 440-930-4740 or Jim 440-865-9668



10 WAYS YOUR SUPER BOWL PARTY IS ACTUALLY CATHOLIC

{2/2/2018 *kofc.org* By *Brian Caulfield*) New England v. Philadelphia. Millions tuned in. Billions in bets. Ads costing millions of dollars per minute. The Super Bowl is the epitome of a worldly sensation, but how does it stack up in terms of eternity?

While it's probably true that God is not concerned with who wins, it is also certain that he does care about your party. That's right. Wherever two or three or a dozen men are gathered ... God is in their midst.

So let's take a somewhat offbeat look at 10 ways your Super Bowl party supports Catholic values.

1. Eating and Drinking – What's a Super Bowl party without plenty of food and drink? Catholics are not Puritans, and this is a secular feast day. Lent begins in 10 days, so it's no time to abstain. We look to St. Paul, who told his disciple, "You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach" (1 Tm 5:23). Of course, a degree of moderation is in order, as well as designated drivers for any who overindulge.

2. Fraternity – An honored principle of the Knights of Columbus, fraternity is a lost art for many men. Yet our hearts are made for the fellowship and brotherhood that come with gathering around the game. Don't feel guilty for having some "guy time" and be thankful that you have good friends. Make sure you build on that fraternity through your membership in the Knights.

3. Gathering – We Catholics are always getting together for something greater than ourselves: Mass, prayer, social action, social hours. True, a football party is not the same as gathering in the name of the Lord, but there is still great human value in men getting together to enjoy one another's company and share a common experience.

4. Communion – The Mass is the highest celebration on earth, and we don't suggest that a Super Bowl party in any way approaches holy Communion. But there are lesser communions of hearts and minds that God also blesses. It is up to us to see Jesus in others in any situation, even in those rooting and yelling at the TV.

5. Praising – A large part of the Super Bowl's appeal is in watching two teams at the height of greatness battle it out with all their strength of body and soul. St. Paul recognized the unique relation between athletics and spirituality when he wrote, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tm 4:7). We should esteem athletic efforts, praise these Super Bowl players and let their excellence lift our hearts and minds above the daily grind.

6. Arguing – Catholics don't always agree, and some of our saints have raised argument to an art form. St. Thomas Aquinas spent much of his time setting forth the best arguments of his opponents and then knocking them down with a devastating rejoinder. You get the sense he sometimes enjoyed it. Of course, on faith and morals, Catholics follow the teachings of the Church, but on things like the Super Bowl, let's jump and shout and support our team with gusto.

7. Patriotism – This is another principle of the Knights of Columbus that can apply loosely to rooting for your team. (Let's be clear that patriotism does not necessarily mean backing the Patriots!) A football team is not a country, but our allegiance to a team's city, history and players can be just as strong. When we yell, "Go team!" we are expressing the natural human virtue of love of place and people.

8. Winning – The Super Bowl is not like the league games our kids play. Everybody does not get a trophy. There's a glorious winner and a downcast loser. And this is a great display to the world of the most natural, God-given instinct of man. We all want to win, that's mainly why we play, and we need to be encouraged to pursue victory by all fair and honorable means.

9. Praying – Teams have chaplains for a reason. Coaches know that players are made of more than flesh and blood, and victory comes more from the spirit than the perfect practice. At your party, make time for a prayer, even a quick one, to set a tone that actually is not at all opposed to the spirit of the game.

10. Forgiving – Yes, we are human. If our team wins, we may need to apologize to our friends for rubbing it in. If our team loses, we may need forgiveness for playing the sore sport.

May the better team win!

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: March 2, 2018
SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Charles Ryba
CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: St. Sister Ann Seaton, Pastor
TOPIC: "Prison Ministry"

DATE: April 2, 2018
SPEAKER: "tbd"
CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
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 February 27th for the March luncheon
and March 27th for the April 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

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CALENDAR



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| Thur, Feb 1 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, Feb 15 | Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sat, Feb 17 | Wine Tasting Event |
| Sun Feb 18 | Quarterly Communion (9:00AM Mass, Holy Trinity) |



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