

# RAGAN REPORT



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## Grand Knight Report...

GOOD DAY TO MY FELLOW BROTHER KNIGHTS,

As March starts off, we are in Lent Season, hope that this report finds all in better health. Daylight savings time begins on the 11th, St. Patrick's day on the 17th, and Spring begins on the 20th. Lent season will fly by. I hope that you made use of the February 28th Evening of Confession. Father Gonda, our Chaplain, reminded all of us about the importance of making use of this experience of God's gift of healing. Fish fry's and Pierogi's are the normal Fridays now also.

Our member ship drive is on-going. We will be at St. Mary's on March

18th at the 12:00 Mass for our Quarterly Communion. ALL of our members are invited to come and sit with us in front. Our Fourth Degree should also be there to march in. Ask around if you know of someone to join the Knights of Columbus!!!! As always, we will have coffee and donuts for all after Mass in the old gym. Following this event, on March 21st we will have a 1st degree ceremony at 7:pm for candiditates, 7:30 for ceremony. Men need to be asked. Don't be shy; we need to help spread the word by what we do. WE do a lot for our parishes and membership.

DGK Greg Palichleb took charge of the free throw contest at St. Mary's of Elyria on Feb 18th. We had many

students move forward from this event to the regionals in Fairlawn!!! Thanks Greg for the leg work. PGK Rob Garrett helped us have a talk on how beer is made at Railroad Brewery. Also, samples were made available after the meeting to round out our social meeting. I hear that we have a great author coming for our social meeting in March. Look in your parish bulletins about who, what, and when!

Sorry about the time change of our movie with Father Gonda but sometimes things don't fit. BUT you can go to the St. John Cathedral that day in Cleveland to view St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina relics. This is a historic tour of the United States on March 4 from 1:30 – 5:30pm on Sunday or March 5, Monday 6am – 5pm. Google it for more information.

Father Gerard Gonda has a movie that goes with lent and a change of date!! Please spread the word, we will have a light snack with a movie on March 25. Palm Sunday, we should have the title of the movie by then. Watch your email and parish bulletins. Better yet, try coming to the meetings and find out!!! Father always has had a way of picking out some of the best movies for us to see and learn from. We will also have popcorn to go with that event.

Our Annual Blood Drive is on a weekend this year as we try for more people to come and donate. Saturday March 10, from 10am – 2 pm we will host LifeShare at our hall. Sign up online if you can at [www.lifeshare.org](http://www.lifeshare.org), sponsor code:

avonknights. We are having hot dogs and chips with a drink to all donors. Find the Hero in you. Give the gift of life to help out our local friends and members. Please bring your photo ID and a donor card if you have one. See you soon!!

A quick note: if you have not paid your yearly dues, please come to a meeting or call me if there is a problem. We are in the last part of collecting dues, the notices by mail or email to all the have forgot!!

Well the 8th Annual Wine Tasting and Dinner Dance is over, and a HUGE THANK YOU for all who helped in some way. Take down, set-up, decorate, stage gifts, wine setup, cake cut-up and serve, clear tables, serve food -clear up and store away leftovers, buy extra wine, donated gifts of all kinds, wine pull, beverage setup, supplies for dinner, and finally clean up the next day to do dishes and all silverware and glasses. BIG JOB AND BIGGER PEOPLE that came forward to get involved. I for one was happy to see 5pm come on Sunday.

I know some secrets about the event but PGK Kevin McHenry and Colleen did a HUGE job leading the committee. And everyone wants to know: "How did we do!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Well I won't give away Kevin's thunder... come to the business meeting to find out.

THANKS PGK KEVIN AND COLLEEN MCHENRY!

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## Grand Knight Report continued...

All of that money will be used for our scholarships in May. And the deadline is coming, call Fred Metz if you need an application.

Last thing, we will be selling Super Cash Bonanza tickets soon. We will be sending out by hand delivery or through the mail. PLEASE try to return by April 15 (just like taxes). We can make the most by returning them to state by then. We set the record last year because of one of the top sellers: George Perz! Help us reach our goal.

Vivat Jesus  
GK Jim Brady



Fr Ragan 4th Degree Members stand with Bishop Nelson Perez before the Feb. 24 vigil Mass at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Lorain.

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## Blood Drive – March 10th

Annual Blood Drive 1783 Moore road Avon , Ohio  
Saturday, March 10, 2018 10a.m. to 2 p.m.

All donors will receive a LifeShare cell phone wallet!!

Snacks will be provided with a beverage.

Sign up online at [www.lifesharedonor.org](http://www.lifesharedonor.org),

Sponsor code: avonknights.

Please bring your photo ID and donor card.



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## Social Speakers Scheduled at St. Joseph

In the weeks to come, St. Joseph Parish, Avon Lake, will host two people who will speak on matters that have been generating a lot of heat for quite some time: the place of both Muslims and immigrants in our country. At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, Isam Zaiem will speak on the topic, Know Your Muslim Neighbor. Islam: Reality vs. Myth. Isam is a co-founder of the Cleveland Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. A week later, on March 21 at 7 p.m., Tom Mrosko will share with us from his bountiful store of experience with immigrants. Tom serves as the director of the Office of Migration and Refugee Services for the Diocese of Cleveland. As such he has gained a unique perspective on the challenges that immigrants face when they come to the U.S. and how we, as followers of Jesus, can honor his command in Matthew 25:35 to welcome the stranger. These conversations will be held in the social hall at St. Joseph which is accessible from the church entrance. St. Joseph Parish is located at 32929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake. For further information, contact Fr. Dan Fickes.

## Tea Party Set For April

The Isabella's will be hosting their annual tea party on Monday April 23, 2018. This year's theme is "Let Yourself Bloom". Entertainment by Petitti Garden Centers. Tickets are \$18 and must be reserved in advance. Please call Colleen @ 440.930.4740 or Debbie @ 440.937.6603.



**Annual Isabella Ladies Guild  
Tea Party**

**Let Yourself Bloom**

By  **Petitti  
Garden Centers**

**Monday  
April 23**

**Doors open: 6:00 p.m.**

**K of C Hall  
1783 Moore Road,  
Avon**

The flyer features a central graphic of a woman's face with a large, colorful floral crown in shades of red, blue, yellow, and pink. A purple butterfly is positioned at the bottom right of the floral arrangement.



## Shroud of Turin Exhibit – Cleveland

Ever wondered what happened to the burial cloth of Jesus? The Shroud of Turin is believed by many to be this very cloth as it shows an image of a flogged and crucified Jewish man in his 30s from ancient times. "The mysterious fascination of the Shroud forces questions to be raised about the sacred Linen and the historical life of Jesus." Lecturer David Onysko, who has extensively studied the Shroud, will raise those questions during his traveling Man of the Shroud exhibit March 7-9 at St. Ignatius Breen Center in Cleveland and March 14-16 at Grace Church in Middleburg Heights.

It's free to tour the exhibit, but there is a fee to hear his presentation. The presentations will be on the final days of each exhibit, beginning at 7 p.m. The dates are March 9 at the Cleveland location and March 16 at Grace Church. Ticket proceeds will go to Cleveland Right to Life, Voice of the Martyrs and others. Tickets will be available at both venues.

## Ragan Hall Rentals Available

Planning a wedding, graduation, first communion, shower, family reunion or corporate luncheon? Ragan Hall is your perfect location! Located just off I-90 in Avon. We have 2 indoor rooms: the Large Hall accommodates 200 people, Small Room 75 people. Commercial kitchen on site with all dishes, silverware. Large outdoor area w/pavilion. 1 story location, handicap accessible. Plenty of parking. Call today for a quote. 440-934-4253.



## 8th Annual Wine Tasting Photos



## 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 high school. 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 [fred-metz23@yahoo.com](mailto:fred-metz23@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.

## Paul, Apostle of Christ | In Theaters March 23

PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST is the story of two men. Luke, as a friend and physician, risks his life when he ventures into the city of Rome to visit Paul, who is held captive in Nero's darkest, bleakest prison cell. But Nero is determined to rid Rome of Christians, and does not flinch from executing them in the grisliest ways possible. Before Paul's death sentence can be enacted, Luke resolves to write another book, one that details the beginnings of "The Way" and the birth of what will come to be known as the church.



## RISE up and be a man - 30 day challenge builds masculine and Catholic habits

Denver, Colo., Feb 6, 2018 / 05:00 am (CNA/EWTN News).- A new 30-day challenge maps out daily actions for men hoping to live authentic masculine Catholicism by reclaiming the identities of sons, brothers, fathers, and spouses, its creators say.

"This program is rooted in four primary identities that sum up masculinity ... that all men share in the call to fatherhood, all men are sons, all men are brothers, and all men are spouses," said Chris Stefanick, host of EWTN's "Real Life Catholic" and co-creator of RISE.

"Not that [men] are all married and have kids, but those are the ways that we love, the ways that we follow Christ, relate to the Trinity, and serve the Church," he told CNA.

RISE is co-created by Bill Donaghy, a curriculum specialist at Theology of the Body Institute.

Each week of the challenge is themed: fatherhood, sonship, brotherhood, and spousal masculinity. Every day offers reflections and daily video challenges, which are tailored to participants' states in life: single, married with or without children at home, divorced, separated, or widowed.

For more information go to: [www.menriseup.org](http://www.menriseup.org)

### Join us for a Fish Fry

Everyone welcome!

Fr Fridays in Lent: February 16th, 23rd, and March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd  
4:30pm - 7:00pm

Join us for Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:15 pm

St. Joseph Parish and School  
32946 Electric Blvd. • Avon Lake, OH 440.933.3152 • [StJosephAvonLake.org](http://StJosephAvonLake.org)



### Fish Fry



Every Friday during Lent -  
Including Good Friday  
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Lake Perch Dinner \$11  
Baked Fish Dinner \$10  
Pierogi Dinner \$8  
Perch & Pierogi Combo \$13  
Shrimp \$11  
Kids Menu Available

In Holy Trinity's Gym  
Dine-in or Carry-out

# 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: April 6, 2018

SPEAKER: "Rev. Fr, Ronald Wearsch"

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish

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 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



## Ragan Report – Mail copies

For those members who do not have access to a computer/email and are interested in receiving the Ragan Report via U.S. Mail, please contact George Perz (440) 937-6606 or the Ragan Report at [frragan@gmail.com](mailto:frragan@gmail.com)

## Winners & Losers Corner

Winners and Losers // February's Two-bit Drawing winner was Br. Frank Szendry, \$18 - donated to SOS Pot of Gold- Loser was Br. Charles Murphy (\$30).



## CALENDAR



Thur, Mar 1	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sat, Mar 10	Blood Drive (10AM-2PM, Knights Hall)
Thur, Mar 15	Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Mar 18	Quarterly Communion (12:00 Mass, St. Mary)
Wed, Mar 21	First Degree Ceremony (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Mar 25	Movie Night (details TBD)



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