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Grand Knight Report...

BLESSED EASTER TO ALL OF OUR BROTHERS AND FAMILY!

Easter has come and gone by the time you read this. I hope that Lent was a time to reflect on how we are blessed in so many ways. I, myself, had time to look deep and reflect upon how to improve all of our lives. I pray each day for guidance from the Holy Spirit, Father, and Jesus on how to lead my life in this fast pace world we live in.

Well... we are getting ready for SPRING SALES time of the year!! I love that in my job I can see so many of God's works; that He lets me see, each year, the renewal of plants. WE

have our seeds sowed and many are coming to life. Makes you get a thrill to handle so many living items for sale and find new homes for them!! I also loved the time to look through catalogs to plan my family garden. New kinds of vegetables that we try each year, so many are so rewarding and others I dismiss because they do not measure up to the sales information. That is GROWING, NEXT YEAR WILL BE BETTER!!!

As we get into April, we will have a 2nd Degree at the Lorain council hall on Sunday, April 8th at 1:00pm. I have emailed all of our members that are ready for advancement and have several members signed up as of today. I would like the congratulate Ru-

dolph Breglia, Robert Mayer, and Frederick Wolff who completed the 2nd Degree at Elyria council in March. This is done by a team of fellow Knights from Elyria, Lorain, and Grafton councils. We are trying to have a 3rd Degree in May at our council hall. Stay tuned to future notices. These 3rd Degrees only come around once a year to the area. You will hear about it through email or here in my newsletter. Charity is the 1st Degree, Unity is the 2nd Degree, Fraternity is the 3rd Degree and some go on to the Patriotism Degree which is the 4th. Each level teaches us a different aspect of our religion and how we, as the Knights, handle life. Earning your degrees are a step forward to making this council a better group. Step up and move forward - I challenge you!

On Saturday, March 10th we had a blood drive with Lifeshare at our hall. We tried a weekend for something different and had 16 people give blood. A total of 20 people showed up, but all were not able to give at the time. We will try for a drive next year with more advertisement in papers and Facebook!!

St. Mary's had a Quarterly Communion on Sunday, March 18th. Sir Knights of the fourth degree were there also. We had form 100's and free coffee & donuts for those after the 12:00 Mass. Though the donuts and drinks were welcomed by the parish, we did not sign any new members. We need to address this way of recruiting new members; it has not proven to be a good way to get new

members. If you have ideas or some thoughts on this, drop me a line, call or email. I am looking into several new ways to recruit.

On March 25th, Palm Sunday, we had a movie with food at the hall. We had 52 people come and watch a movie about Jesus of Nazareth. This was a long two-disc movie; we watched the last 1.5 hours of the total movie. Father Gonda, our chaplain, added comments at the end for all to think about. THANK YOU, FATHER! What a great event! We also had fruit, vegetables, sandwiches, and cake for Father's Birthday along with pizza that Brother Bill Greaney brought to the fest. Thanks.

I heard that the floors at the hall are to get polished and waxed to make ready for the Ladies of the Isabella's tea party coming in April. See one of the ladies about tickets, times, and cost to come to this fun event. Watch emails to clear out the hall to get the floors done soon, also.

The Foundation Scholarships are coming soon. Applications are due April 6th to PGK Fred Metz. The scholarships will be given out at the social meeting on May 17th. Get moving if your children are in need.

One last thing... have you sent in your Super Cash Bonanza tickets that you have sold?? We have the schools helping us this year again and of course, SUPER SALEMAN George Perz is on his way to selling 200 plus tickets!!! Come on and help sell those tickets guys. This is the best way to help support our charities that we give money to. Please get them

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through mail or in person to me before the first turn in by April 12th/13th. We will get the best return if we can send them in at that time. After that we have one more time to turn in by May 8th. WE are looking for someone to head up the Measure up campaign, for the end of April at Walmart and then to the parishes in May. Call me or see me at meetings to help out please.

Vivat Jesus
GK Jim Brady

Tea Party Set For April

The Isabella's will be hosting their annual tea party on Monday April 23, 2018. This years 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**

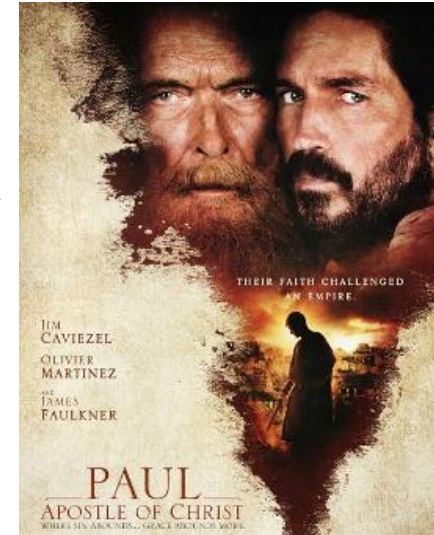
Doors open: 6:00 p.m.

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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.



Ragan Hall Rentals Available

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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. Richard Gonza
CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Retired Pastor
TOPIC: "Opportunities for a Retired Priest"

DATE: May 4, 2018
SPEAKER: "Rev. Fr. Michael Stalla
CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Pastor, Sts. Cosmos & Damian Parish, Twinsburgh
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 April 3rd for the April luncheon and May 1st for the May 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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Winners & Losers Corner

Winners and Losers // March's Two-bit Drawing winner of \$9.00 was PGK John Pabin, he donated it to SOS fund// Pot of Gold Loser was \$35, Patrick Walsh, come to the meetings and be a winner!!!!



Knights Video Series Begins

{KofC.org} In our new series "Everyday Heroes" we focus the spotlight on these remarkable Knights whose courage, faith and commitment to charity embody the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Each week through May a new video will be made available. Please join us in this journey of hope and inspiration, and discover how the betterment of our world ultimately begins with the individual human heart.

<https://kofceverydayheroes.org/>

CALENDAR



Thur, Apr 5 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)

Thur, Apr 19 Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)



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