

# Ragan Report



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## Grand Knight Report...

In September one of the Council's major works of charity came to fruition as a result of the time and effort spent with the Spring Measure Up campaign. We presented a check to the Lucy Idol Center in the amount of \$2676 and to Family Haven and Murray Ridge Center we gave checks in the amount of \$1338 to each of these facilities. A special thanks to Dan Pulit and his team of volunteers that collected at the Churches and Walmart in the spirit of helping the mentally challenged.

In this past month, the Council supported the annual Tim Bruder Memorial

Golf Outing with hole sponsorship and by several members participating in this charitable cause for the Cleveland Clinic Crohn's & Colitis Helping Hands Fund. On September 21, we had the Quarterly Communion at Holy Spirit and helped sponsor the parish's Doughnut Sunday along with a K of C membership drive. At the September 18 Social Meeting, Laurie Coughlin spoke about the Gabriel Project which is a resource center for helping woman who are having a difficult pregnancy.

We are kicking off the Fall season with the Annual Clambake on Sunday, Oct. 5.

This will be followed by a busy month of October. On October 12 there is a Second Degree Ceremony at St. Julie Billiart; on October 19 the Council will sponsor a Third Degree Ceremony at the Hall; on October 14 members of the Council are invited to pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood in Rocky River; on October 15 the Isabella Guild will have their annual Tea Party at the Hall; on October 16 the Social Meeting will have an Estate Planning professional as a

speaker; on October 25 members are invited to attend a Day of Recollection at the Benedictine Abbey; on October 26 there will be a Catholic Movie Night and on November 1 we will have the Memorial Mass followed by dinner at the Hall. Hope to see a good attendance at these events.

Vivat Jesus,  
GK - John Pabin



## Day of Recollection

The Council's annual Day of Reflection retreat is Saturday, October 25th from 9:00AM-3:30PM at the St. Andrew Abbey at Benedictine High School. Members who are interested in attending this event should contact GK John Pabin. The Council's chaplain Fr. Gerard Gonda will conduct the retreat and the Servants of Mary will also be attending. The theme will focus on St. John Paul II's apostolic letter on "Redemptive Suffering".



Pope Saint John Paul II



St. Andrew Abbey—one of 45 Benedictine monasteries in the U.S.



**K of C Father Ragan Council #3269**  
 1783 Moore Rd. off 611 in Avon, next to BJ's  
 Presents.....



## **ANNUAL CLAMBAKE**

**Sunday October 5, 2014 2:00-6:00 PM**



### **Clambake \$25.00(\$23.00 Pre-Sale) - Includes:**

1 Dozen clams, Buffet Dinner with Steak, Chicken Breast, Chowder, Bouillon, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes, Salad, Roll & Butter, and Cookies  
 Additional Dozen Clams \$7.00

### **CARRY OUT AVAILABLE**

Buffet Dinner without Clams \$20.00

Kids 12 & Under Buffet without Clams \$10.00

(Kids Pre-Sale \$8.00)

Coffee - Hot Tea -Soda Pop- Included

Beer and Wine available for Purchase

### **Reservations Appreciated/Walk-Ins Accepted**

Call - Rob Garrett 440.930.7898 or  
 John Pabin 440.725.7369

## **October Social Meeting**

On Thursday, October 16th at our Social Meeting, our guest speaker will be Brother Knight Matt Delebrato who is an Estate Planning professional. The public is welcome to this meeting which begins at 7:30 PM.

## **Right to Life Corner**

**Bob Trunk, RTL Chairman**



**Tues. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**

*The Holy Rosary will be prayed in front of the Rocky River Planned Parenthood facility 20800 Center Ridge Rd. Rocky River (across from Westgate). This is a council program with good attendance the last three years. Planned Parenthood is closing clinics around the country, but they are far from dead! A social will follow immediately after at Applebee's located directly across the street.*

*VIVAT JESUS!*

*Contact Bob Trunk for more info.  
 (440) 477-2721*

*Jesus protect and save the unborn*

## **Isabella News**



**Isabella  
 Guild**

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

The Isabella's annual Tea Party will be on Wednesday October 15, 2014, at 6:00PM at the Hall. This is their major fundraiser for the year. The menu includes chicken salad sandwiches, fruit, pastry and tea for \$15. Tickets are advanced sales only. For tickets and information call Pat at 440-933-8986. Entertainment will feature raffles, door prizes, and an appearance by the Steppin' Out Women's Show Choir.

The monthly Isabella Guild meeting will be October 14th after 1pm and ladies will be setting up for the Tea Party through their normal meeting at 7pm.

The Isabellas are selling Entertainment coupon books. Cost of "Our Town" is \$28 and Entertainment Coupons is \$30 this year. Call Betty at 440-934-0346, Jan at 440-933-8550, or Simi at 440-934-5766. These make wonderful gifts and are a big savings on restaurants and entertainment.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Clambake Set-up**

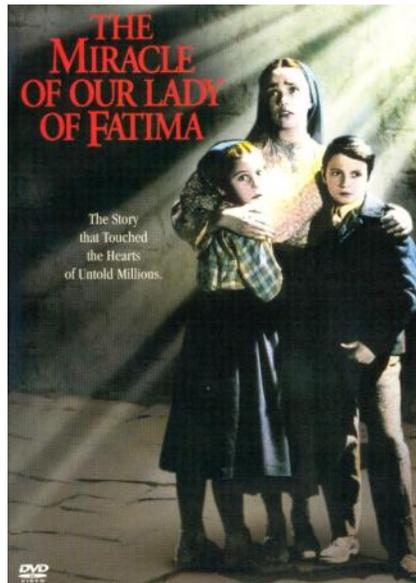
10:00AM on Saturday, Oct 4th

**Clambake Clean-up**

6:00PM-9:00PM on Sunday, Oct 5th

## Council Movie Night

On Sunday, October 26th the Council will host it's third Night at the Movies with Fr. Gerard Gonda. The movie is *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima* (1952). Pizza, snacks and soft drinks will be offered starting at 4:30 PM and the movie will begin at 5:00 PM. Fr. Gerard will also lead a discussion about the themes in the movie and a presentation on Sister Lucy and the 3rd Secret. All family and friends are invited. For RSVP contact GK John Pabin.



### The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima

Each year Christian believers from around the world throng the Portuguese village of Fatima. Here they worship God—and remember the children who first heralded The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima.

This much-loved movie thoughtfully recreates the 1917 events that brought hope and new religious fervor to a war-ravaged world. Three peasant youths see a vision: a woman in a cloud of light offering words of faith and prophecy. They face skepticism and torture—but are soon embraced by faithful masses drawn by the promise of a miracle.

## Parish / Local Events

**Empty Bowls by the Lake**—Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at Bleser Park. The premise is simple: Potters, crafters, educators, students and volunteers work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Local restaurants donate soup and bread to serve. Guests are invited on October 4th, to a simple meal of soup and bread served at Bleser Park in Avon Lake from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the 'empty bowls' in the world. Empty Bowls by the Lake will benefit Second Harvest Food Bank and Community Resource Services (CRS).

## Memorial Mass

The Council Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, November 1st at 4:30PM in the Knights' Hall. The Mass will be followed by a meal sponsored by Brother Bill Greaney.



## Foundation Letter

Brother Knights: The time has come for a look at how much time and effort you have put forth to help keep the Father Ragan Council Hall afloat. The only activity that helps the daily running of this hall is Monday night and Friday night BINGO. At one point, bingo only brought in a couple hundred dollars a month. It is to the point that bingo now provides between eight hundred to twelve hundred dollars a week. The daily cost of running this hall with all the expenses such as utilities, insurances, and other sundry expenses is about one hundred dollars or seven hundred dollars a week. Bingo now provides enough money to keep the hall running and money for charitable purposes.

However, the number of Knights that volunteer for this very important activity is between fifteen and twenty. To expect this small number of men to do everything to provide the money to keep the hall running is not fair to them. I would like to thank each and every knight that works tirelessly at bingo for their effort.

Bingo is only a four hour activity each night it runs. We need more volunteers for bingo or other ideas on how to raise money to pay the expenses for the hall. If you feel you can spare one four hour block of time each month on either Monday from 6pm to 10 pm or Friday from 6:30pm to 10:30pm your charitable time of volunteering would be appreciated. If you can only volunteer once every two months come and give it your best effort.

You might be asking, who do I call to volunteer for bingo. You can call PGK Fred Metz at (440) 9630747, or PGK John Wesner at (440) 6548961, or PGK Rob Garrett at (440) 9337898. Once a list of volunteers is gathered, we can let you know when we can hope to see you at bingo. Please provide us with information such as your name, telephone number, and day of the week that is suitable to you.

If we do not have volunteers by the end of October, the fate of Father Ragan Hall does not look good.

Sincerely yours,  
Frederick Metz  
Father Ragan Charitable Foundation President

Vivat Jesus

### In Uncertain Times, Put First Things First

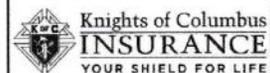
Don't forget to put first things first, your family's financial future. We have safe, stable & secure life insurance, long-term care, disability income & annuity products.

Contact me today:

JOHN ZAJAC

440-497-0485

JOHN.ZAJAC@KOFCC.ORG



## Fatima Rosary

**America Needs Fatima**—On Saturday, October 11 at 12 noon, a Public Rosary will be held commemorating the 97th Anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. Join others at the South-East corner of Detroit and Crocker Rd. in front of the Gemini Buildings in Westlake. Call Al Nugent (440-835-8995).

# Surge... With Service

Together as Knights we are a “Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization.” This theme permeates the Knights of Columbus Service Program which promotes activities in the areas of Church, community, council, family, culture of life and youth.

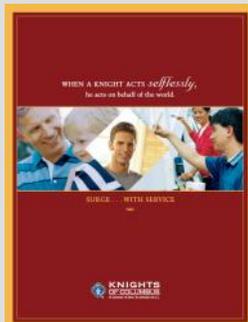
Each month the Ragan Report will highlight a collection of activity ideas in one of the six program areas. Supreme encourages each council to evaluate the needs of their community and determine which programs and activities are best.

Listed below are program and activity ideas under the Community category...

## HUMAN NEEDS

Housing, food and health all have two things in common, they represent human needs and they offer a fertile field for community service projects. Among ways to address those needs are:

- Donating council services to food banks and soup kitchens that rely on volunteers not only to collect food but also to prepare and deliver it.
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- Conducting food drives in your council and community or starting a community garden with all the produce grown to be donated to local community groups or agencies helping the needy.
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- Supporting groups that deliver meals to homebound people such as Meals on Wheels programs (for more information contact the group providing the service in your local community) — Remember, people are hungry every day of the year; not only at Thanksgiving and Christmas;
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- Helping meet the psychological and recreational needs of the aged by visiting and offering encouragement to residents of homes for the elderly. Get commitments from your council members to make regular visits to elderly people in rest and long-term care centers or sponsor recreational, social or religious events for older people at your council home;
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- Working with groups that give people with disabilities the ability to live independently;



# THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

This inter-parish men's group meets on First Friday for the celebration of the Eucharist, a luncheon and talk by a priest.

Upcoming luncheons:

**DATE:** October 3, 2014

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Fr. Allan R. Laubenthal, retired St. Mary Seminary

**TOPIC:** “In pursuit of Caring Capitalism - Pope Francis & the Global Economy. Some Reflections.”

**DATE:** November 7, 2014

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB

**TOPIC:** “Beyond the Universe Bulletin. Catholic Communication in Cyber Space”

**DATE:** December 5, 2014

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Fr. Michael Gurnick, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

**TOPIC:** “Priesthood and the Call for a Fatherly Heart: A Message for all Catholics”

**LOCATION:** St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

**COST:** \$10.00

**TIME:** Socializing 11:30AM - 12:00PM; luncheon followed by talk, concluding with Mass.

**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:** Call George at (440) 937-6606 by the Tuesday before the scheduled talk.

## CALENDAR



Thur, Oct 2	Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Oct 5	Clambake (2:00-6:00PM, Knights Hall)
Thur, Oct 16	Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sun, Oct 19	Third Degree Ceremony (Knights Hall)
Sat, Oct 25	Council Retreat / Day of Recollection (Benedictine)
Sun, Oct 26	Night at the Movies (4:30PM, Knights Hall)
Sat, Nov 1	Memorial Mass (4:30PM, Knights Hall)