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From the Grand Knight

Happy New Year!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2026

On January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This day closes the Octave of Christmas by honoring Mary's unique role in the mystery of the Incarnation.

The Church's teaching that Mary is the Mother of God was already present in Revelation and was part of doctrinal teaching before it was officially declared a dogma. The child Mary bore, Jesus Christ, is truly both divine and human. By acknowledging that Mary is the Mother of God, the Church safeguards both the divinity and humanity of Christ.

On this day the Catholic Church also celebrates the World Day of Peace, a tradition established by Pope Paul VI and confirmed by Pope John Paul II.



Pope Leo XIV's message for World Day of Peace 2026?

- "Peace be with you all. Towards an unarmed and disarming peace" is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the World Day of Peace 2026 which will be celebrated on January 1, 2026. The Holy Father invites everyone to welcome peace and become witnesses to it because it "exists; it wants to dwell within us."



Brother Knights as we begin the new year and the second half of our fraternal year we continue to need your support in our programs. Please make every effort to attend the business and social meetings, and lend a helping hand where needed. I know that everyone is busy with their personal lives, but we need to be supportive of each other in our order. Be an active Knight not a Silent one. **Charity.....Unity.....Fraternity**

Reminder: Business meeting is on January 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Vivat Jesus,
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In Memoria

Brother Thomas Dunegan

May He Rest in Peace

Attention Third Degree Brother Knights,



Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick on Saturday, Jan. 17. The registration for the Exemplification starts at 10 AM, Exemplification ceremony at 11 AM followed by a luncheon and Mass in the afternoon.

The Fourth Degree is the Degree of Patriotism. As a Fourth Degree Knight you would be called a Sir Knight and become a member of the Lt. McManus Assembly which encompasses members from the Father Ragan Council 3269 (Avon), James L. Martin Council 637 (Lorain), Elyria Council 774 and Amherst Holy Family Council 4891.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending the Exemplification, please contact FN Jim Collins or PFN John Pabin.

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Upcoming Programs:

Rachel Benda, Director of the Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy, will give a presentation on January 15th at 7PM in Ragan Hall. She will share the background and activities of Bethesda House, which offers support to women seeking assistance after an abortion. Bethesda House provides a safe and encouraging space for healing through sacraments, prayer, and scripture. Rachel was recently interviewed on the local TV show "Common Sense." Watch the interview here:
<https://youtu.be/LCeIXxKCfPY>. A special thanks to **Rudy** for coordinating another great program.



Father Ragan Council Presents \$2000 Check to Saint Joseph Parish.

The generosity of the St. Joseph Community and their support in selling Super Cash Bonanza tickets during the Lenten fish fries has made this donation possible. We extend our sincere gratitude to Father Ron and St. Joseph Parish for their continued partnership with the Knights of Columbus.

These funds will be allocated to the purchase and enhancement of electronic devices that serve as educational tools for Catholic Education.

WELCOME TO OUR FELLOW BROTHER KNIGHTS WHO HAVE JOINED OUR COUNCIL IN 2025

Br. Tom Costello
Br. John Herda
Br. Paul Kaschalk
Br. John Opron
Br. James Pinter
Br. Howard Rink
Br. Fares Saab
Br. Al Schiazza
Br. Tom Shepherd

Transfer Members
Br. John Fitzgerald
Br. Domingo Gomez

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Winners

Prize	St. Joseph Name
1st Place Winner =\$100	Juliana Little
2nd Place Winner= \$75	Payton Whittaker
3rd Place Winner= \$50	Ella Rados
Honorable Mention=Gift	Jacob Feczko
Honorable Mention=Gift	Harper Prost
Honorable Mention=Gift	Colin Mackin
Honorable Mention=Gift	Meredith Quinn

Winners for other participating schools will be published in our next newsletter

Meeting Dates Jan-June 30 2026- Ragan Hall, 7PM

Business

January 8, 2026
February 5, 2026
March 5, 2026
April 2, 2026
May 7, 2026
June 4, 2026

Social

January 15, 2026
February 19, 2026
March 19, 2026
April 16, 2026
May 21, 2026
June 18, 2026

Wine Tasting Dinner



Join us on **February 14, 2026**, as the Father Ragan Council hosts a **Romantic Wine Tasting Dinner**. Guests will enjoy a guided tasting of **six specially curated wines**, each paired with complementary small plates selected and prepared by **Grand Knight John Churavy and his Lady, Pat**.

Throughout the evening, you'll learn about the featured wines, take part in a fun trivia contest, and relax to dinner music. If the moment feels right, step onto the dance floor with your special someone for the "sweetheart shuffle."

The event will be held at the **Father Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road**, beginning at **6:00 PM**. Tickets are **\$35 per person**, and seating is limited.

Please use the attached RSVP form to reserve your seats

Thank God It's First Friday – West

Through the Gifts from God, we offer nourishment for the body, mind, and soul. All Knights are invited to participate in our inter-parish men's group, which convenes on the first Friday of each month. Each gathering features opportunities for socializing, a luncheon, a presentation by a priest, and concludes with the Celebration of the Eucharist. We warmly encourage you to join us at our upcoming events.

Upcoming Luncheon Dates and Speakers

- December 5, 2025: Rev. Fr. Robert Ramser
- January 2, 2026: No Luncheon
- February 2, 2026: Rev. Fr. Chris Cotone
- March 1, 2026: Rev. Fr. Vincent Hawk
- April 5, 2026: No Luncheon (Good Friday)
- May 3, 2026: Speaker to be determined

Speakers are as listed above or to be announced at a later date.

Event Details

- Location: St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted
- Cost: \$15.00 per person
- Topic: To be determined
- Schedule:
- Registration and socializing begin at 11:15 AM
- Luncheon starts at 12:05 PM
- Talk at 12:35 PM
- Concludes with Mass

Reservations

To reserve your spot, please call (440) 937-6606 or email gw.pg.perz@outlook.com.

Additional Contributions

We are accepting religious articles for redistribution within the Cleveland Diocese, as well as religious books for our lending library. If you have duplicate items, please bring them to the luncheon so we can ensure they reach inner city parishes in need. Used postage stamps and spent printer cartridges are also accepted; these may be brought to the luncheon or dropped off at the Knights of Columbus hall. George W. Perz Secretary-Treasurer, TGIFF-West