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301 Grant Street 4th Floor

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Guest Speaker: **Robert “Bob” Cranmer**

Robert “Bob” W. Cranmer is a veteran, businessman and former politician, best known as the last Republican County Commissioner of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, from 1996 to 2000.

In 2014 he published a book titled “The Demon of Brownsville Road” (Penguin Books) which tells the story of how his home in Brentwood was possessed by a “demonic spirit”, (as verified by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh). Bob will relate how his faith in Jesus sustained him during a two year battle to expel the evil entity while working with priests of the Church.

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Bob was born in Pittsburgh and grew up in the suburb of Brentwood where he still resides with his wife Lesa. He graduated from Brentwood High School and Duquesne University and in 1978 was commissioned a second lieutenant of military intelligence in the Regular Army. He served in the 101st Airborne Division and in Washington D.C. Leaving the Army in 1986, Bob went to work for AT&T and returned to Pittsburgh. Entering politics he was elected first to Brentwood Council in 1991 and Allegheny County Commissioner in 1995 eventually serving as chairman of the board. As a commissioner he made significant changes to county government, reducing county taxes by 20 percent, reducing county personnel by 18%, reorganizing county government, creating an integrated 9-1-1 system, and forming a joint city/county economic development organization generating several billion dollars of new projects and related economic development.

He led an effort to establish home rule in Allegheny County and also initiated the creation of the Allegheny County Airport Authority. In 1998-99, working with fellow commissioner Mike Dawida and the mayor of Pittsburgh Tom Murphy he was instrumental in the implementation of a major redevelopment program (Plan B) involving the construction of two new sports stadiums and a new convention center which hosted 2009 G-20 summit.

Bob currently owns a firm providing local, state, and federal government relations. He is also a former president of the Pittsburgh “Sons of the American Revolution.”



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