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Welcome to our newest members

Three Catholic men joined our ranks at a 1st Degree held on Thursday July 28th. These members were a part of a class honoring our former member & friend, the late William Hricovec. We look forward to seeing them and their families at future council events. If you get a chance, say hello and welcome them:

- Brother Joel Corba of St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake.
- Brother Joe Kurtzwell of St. Mary's Parish in Avon.
- Brother Albert Nugent of Holy Trinity Parish in Avon.

These Brother Knights along with Brother John Wesner then participated in the Exemplification of the 2nd Degree that same evening.

Completing their initial evening as new members was a fantastic food feast presented by PGK Jim Bruder. That alone should get them to come back to our regular meetings.

Supreme Convention Held in Denver Colorado August 2nd through 4th

During his Chaplain's Report, Fr. Gerard Gonda discussed a couple of the speeches presented at the Supreme Convention.

The first item discussed was the Annual Report of Supreme Knight Karl Anderson. We often fixate on our little corner of the world and miss the true scope of the organization we know as the Knights of Columbus. We don't appreciate how much, as an International Organization, we impact the people of the world by the implementation of our principles of CHARITY-UNITY-FRATERNITY. I encourage everyone to review the good works our order has accomplished during the past Fraternal Year.

Karl Anderson's report can be found in its entirety on the "Member's Page" of Fr. Ragan's Website.

<http://frragan.com/members.html> Click on "2011 Annual Report".

The second item was a speech by Archbishop Jose' Gomez from the Diocese of Los Angeles, California about the Catholic View of Immigration. This should be required reading for all Americans. The full text of this speech can also be found on Fr.

Ragan's Website on the "Spirituality Page" <http://frragan.com/spirituality.html> Click on Bishop Gomez' Picture.

Mark Your Calendars

Council Clambake Sunday October 2nd—3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Fr. Ragan Hall

Quarterly Communion Sunday October 9th 9:00 AM Mass Holy Trinity Church Lear & Detroit Rds. Avon, OH

Memorial Mass for Deceased Brother Knights Thursday November 3rd 7:30 PM Holy Spirit **Chapel** Avon Lake

Turkey Raffle Thursday November 17th Fr Ragan Hall—Doors Open 6:00 PM Raffles Start 7:00 PM

Quarterly Communion Sunday November 20th 9:00 AM Mass Holy Spirit Church Lear & Walker Rds. Avon Lake

Father Petcavage Returns to the United States

Many members know Father Petcavage who was a very active member of Father Ragan Council before helping to form Our Lady of Charity Council 14406 when he was assigned to a parish in Broadview Heights. He also remains a member of Lt. McManus Assembly of the Fourth Degree. After a year serving with the Priests of the Congregation of Saint Joseph, including spending several months in Rome, Italy and near the city of Kochi, India, Fr. Petcavage has returned to the Order of Saint Benedict and the Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland. Welcome home.

Father Gerard Gonda OSB Chosen Chaplain of the Year for Cleveland Diocese

At the Ohio State Council's Annual Convention held in Columbus Ohio over Memorial Day Weekend, our Chaplain, Fr. Gerard, was chosen as the **Chaplain of the Year for the Diocese of Cleveland**. At our regular council meeting of August 4th, Grand Knight Fred Metz formally presented the award along with the best wishes of all the members of Father Ragan Council.



Grand Knight Fred Metz Presents Fr. Gerard With His Award

Now the entire State knows what a terrific chaplain we have. In addition to his informative, thought provoking, and spiritually enlightening "Chaplain's Reports" at our meetings, Fr. Gerard has supported the Knights in many ways over the years. He is the Celebrant of our Annual Memorial Mass for deceased brother knights and facilitator at our council retreats. For the past few years, Fr. Gerard has hosted our council retreats at his "place", Benedictine High School and Abbey on Cleveland's east side. Every man who has attended one has raved about his programs and messages.

We congratulate and thank Father Gerard for all he does for us.



Knights of Columbus Day at Sorrowful Mother Shrine



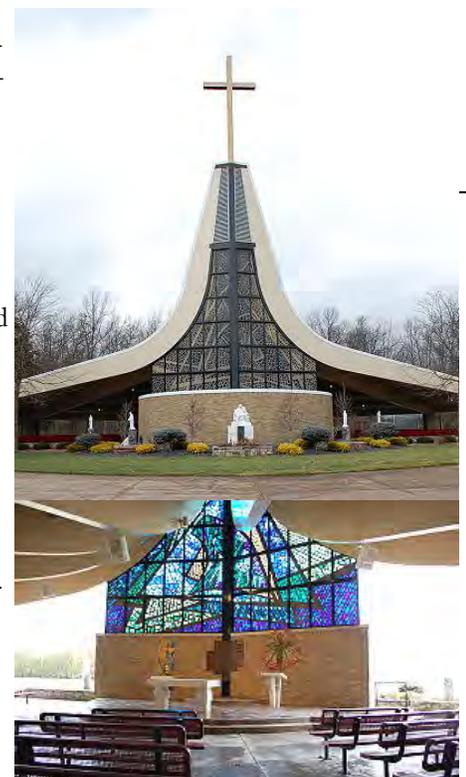
Sorrowful Mother Shrine Chapel

Brother Knights, their families and friends are invited to join in the celebration of the **11 a.m. Mass** in the on Sunday Sept. 25th 2011 in the Pieta Chapel at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine near Bellevue Ohio. The Shrine is located at 4106 SR 269 north, Bellevue, OH 44811 (419) 483-3435.

The Sorrowful Mother Shrine is an inspiring place of prayer where God and nature touch. Wild flowers and planted flower beds mingle in the 120 acres of woods and lawns. The center of the Shrine is the Sorrowful Mother Chapel (pictured to the left).

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood have operated the Shrine since its founding in 1850. On Sundays and Holy Days priests and religious lead devotional services and processions; they visit with people sharing their joys and sorrows or walk with them praying at one of the many grottoes, gardens or Stations of the Cross in the woods.

If you feel the need to get in tune with yourself and with God's universe, you'll find that a day or even a few hours spent at Sorrowful Mother Shrine will bring you rich personal and spiritual rewards.



Pieta Chapel

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I was reading a book about John Wooden, legendary basketball coach at UCLA. He had an interesting rule for his team. Whenever a player scored, he was to acknowledge the person who had assisted on the play. His players asked if doing this wouldn't take too much time. Coach Wooden responded that yes, a big hug would take too long, but a nod would do just as well.

Wooden wanted to teach his players that they were a team, and not just a bunch of independent operators. Each person on the team contributed to the success of everyone else. This story reminded me that our council is not based solely on one person's accomplishments. The whole council needs to make a contribution in some way for the council's smooth operation.

Right now, our council is facing a serious financial problem. To have only a few council members working to make financial decisions for the whole council is not what we need. Our council owes over \$39,000 to our line-of-credit. To keep the council hall running, we have been borrowing money from the charitable part of BINGO to pay for the running of the hall. By the end of October when we make our charitable distributions, we will have to borrow over \$7,000 more from our line-of-credit to make these charity payments. Bingo is not doing the job right now to support the hall. We have a small group that is meeting to implement ideas to help solve this problem. If any member of the council has suggestions on what we can do to raise money to offset this debt, please let me know. My home phone number is 963-0747.

Our council hall was built through unity and teamwork back in the 1950's. To keep this hall running, we need unity once again. The Kelly Miller Circus was a great idea. We cleared close to \$2250 from this event. My question is did everyone come that day and talk it up to their friends? We have two halls – the large Bingo hall and the small council meeting hall- that could be rented every weekend. Are we talking about it enough to people we know who are getting married, holding baby showers, or having graduation parties? An empty hall generates no income. An active hall creates money that helps pay for its operation. PGK John Hricovec is the hall manager. You can get in touch with him at 242-7894.

I would hate to add an assessment to next year's dues to help take care of this problem. We will be talking about cutbacks in expenses in running the hall at our next foundation meeting on the 2nd Thursday in September at 7:30pm. Once again, if you know how to cut back on hall operation expenses, let me know. Support this hall as much as you can through word and deed. Show me that you are part of the Father Ragan Council team and then I will not only nod at you for your support, but I will give you a big hug when I know that you have helped our council pull through a tough financial problem.

Council Picnic Lots of Fun

Our special guest speaker Garry Roggenburk tells members about his experiences as a Major League Baseball pitcher. Playing with the Minnesota Twins, Boston Red Sox, and the original MLB baseball team in Seattle, the Pilots, Garry enthralled the crowd with interesting "inside" information. Garry also played for St. Ignatius High School before a stint as an All-American basketball player for the University of Dayton. While at UD he led the Flyers to the NIT basketball tournament three times and one national championship. While he chose to play baseball the San Francisco Warriors drafted him for his basketball skills. Our thanks to Garry for sharing his stories with us.

Our Council Picnic activities on August 18th included GK Fred Metz presenting the Measure Up Proceeds Check to Dave Schindler representing the Positive Education Foundation. Other recipients were Julie Billiard School and Family Haven Inc. (Fontbonne Home)



PGK Bob Cobos presents the check from this year's Measure Up Campaign to Brother Ted Kocab and the Board of Directors of Family Haven Inc. (Fontbonne Home) at their annual summer picnic.

Brother Ted is a valuable member of our council and we appreciate the many good works done by this dedicated group.

Rally for the Heartbeat Bill

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

The Ohio Statehouse Atrium at 11:00 A.M.
(1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH 43215)

The Heartbeat Bill was passed by the Ohio House of Representatives 54-44 on June 28, 2011. It will ensure that "once a heartbeat is detected, the baby is protected."

Confirmed Speakers:

- ▼ Dr. Jack Wilke, Founder of National Right to Life & Ohio RTL
- ▼ Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue
- ▼ Wendy Wright, Former President, Concerned Women for America
- ▼ Jill Staneik, Activist & Journalist
- ▼ Dr. Rick Scarborough, President of Vision America
- ▼ Joe Scheidler, National Director of the Pro-Life Action League
- ▼ Dutch Sheets, Author, Pastor, and Prayer Warrior
- ▼ Rick Joyner, President of The Oak Initiative



Wear **RED** to show your support for the Heartbeat Bill!

RSVP to 614-395-8404

Send a Balloon to Your Senator at www.HeartBeatBill.com

OHIO'S 13TH SENATE DISTRICT Gayle Manning (R) Senator
Counties: Huron, Lorain, Seneca (part)
Hometown: North Ridgeville
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
Phone: (614) 644-7613
Email: SD13@senate.state.oh.us

Call or Write your State Senator in Support of this important bill and if able join the rally in Columbus



**FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL 3269
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

ANNUAL

Clambake/Steak Fry SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011

1783 Moore Road Off Route 611 in Avon Next to B.J.'s

Serving From 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Cost — Adults \$21 — Seniors \$19.00

For Either a Bake or Steak Dinner

\$7.00 For Extra Dozen Clams



CLAM BAKE

- 1 Dozen Clams
- 1/2 Chicken
- Corn on the Cob
- Salad
- Clam Chowder
- Bouillon
- French Bread
- Fresh Vegetables
- Sweet Potato
- Dessert



STEAK FRY

- Steak
- Corn on the Cob
- Salad
- Clam Chowder
- Bouillon
- French Bread
- Fresh Vegetables
- Baked Potato
- Dessert



CHILDREN'S MENU AVAILABLE - \$5.00

- Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Hot Dog
- Chips
- Candy



Coffee—Hot Tea—Soda Pop are included in the price of the meal

Beer will be available for Purchase

RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED / WALK-INS ACCEPTED

Call John Hricovec 242-7894 or Rob Garrett 933-7898

**Lt. McManus 4th Degree Assembly
Clambake**

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011

3rd Degree Knights looking for information about the 4th Degree are welcome

The 2011 Lt. McManus Clambake will be held in the barn of
PFN Cy Bliss':
33275 Detroit Rd.
Avon, Ohio 44011
(tel. 440-937-5242)

The Social will begin at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Tom's County Place will provide the Bake except beverages, appetizers and desserts. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer or a dessert. The "Assembly" will provide the beverages (coffee, tea, water, beer, wine, hard liquor and wash).

You may choose to have the Bake or The Steak Dinner **(Cost=\$20, Extra Clams-\$6.50)**

The Bake will include:

1 doz. Clams
Tossed Salad
1/4 Chicken
Sweet Potato
Corn on the Cob
Broth
Rolls & butter.

The Steak Dinner will include:

Steak
Tossed Salad
Baked Potato
Corn of the Cob
Broth
Rolls & butter

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE "BEFORE" SEPT. 19. To make reservations, please call the Bliss' at (440) 937-5242.

You are encouraged to bring any potential 4th Degree Knight.

[A Bonfire, Hayride (????) and idle "chatter" will be available!!! And (Lady Marilyn take note) maybe some music (?) on an off-key broken down piano!]