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PGK Rocco Gannelli
1926-2012
Charter Member
Knight for 64 Years



Br. Paul Macura
1930-2012
Knight for 36 Years



Mrs. Ruth Uszak
1929-2012
Isabella for 29 Years
Widow of Don Uszak

Rest in Peace Dear Friends

Fr. Ragan Council lost three of its most revered members during a single one week period in October.

Past Grand Knight Rocco Gannelli joined the Knights of Columbus in 1948 and was a charter member of Fr. Ragan Council when it was founded in January 1950. Rocco was a member of the "Greatest Generation", serving in the Navy during World War II & again during the Korean Conflict. A life long bricklayer by trade, he literally helped build our hall. A member of the Knights of Columbus for 64 years, Rocco attended our Reunion Picnic this past August and was able to enjoy his old friends and meet many of the new members.

Brother Paul Macura, a member of Fr Ragan for 36 years, was active in many activities throughout the years and was still helping at the Senior's Dinner until just a couple of years ago. Paul enjoyed the after meeting card games that were standard procedure until recently and will be missed by us all.

Ruth Uszak, widow of Brother Don Uszak, was extremely well loved for her friendly helpful attitude and true caring for the welfare of others. Ruth was active in the Isabella Guild, holding many Guild offices, and worked at virtually all of their functions. She freely spent her time helping out at Council events as well. Ruth regularly attended the informal Friday Night Dinner Group and loved and appreciated their friendship. The passing of Paul and Ruth within a week of each other seems more than coincidence as Ruth & Don Uszak, lived directly across the street from Paul & Marge Macura and had many shared many memories of the Knights & Isabellas.

These very special individuals had a combined 129 years of service to our Council. May they rest in peace.

Memorial Mass New Location Holy Trinity Avon

This year our annual **Memorial Mass** for deceased Brother Knights, traditionally held on the First Thursday of November, falls on the **Feast of All Saints, November 1st**.

Our Chaplain Fr. Gerard Gonda OSB has graciously offered to celebrate the **7:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church Avon Ohio**, which will satisfy your obligation for the Holy Day and provide an opportunity to remember All Saints, including those Deceased Brother Knights.

A reading of the names of deceased Knights will follow the Mass with refreshments served in the modular unit following that ceremony.

Plan to join with friends and families in remembering all deceased Knights especially those of Fr. Ragan Council who have gone to their eternal reward.

Important Dates

- **Memorial Mass**—Thursday November 1st 7:00 PM Holy Trinity Avon
- **Date Change—Regular Meeting** Due to the Memorial Mass on the 1st Thursday of November, the Business Meeting will take place on the **2nd Thursday November 8th at 7:30 PM**
- **Quarterly Communion**—Sunday November 4th 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church Avon Ohio
- **Turkey Raffle** Thursday November 15th 6:00 PM Public Welcome
- **2nd Degree 10:30 AM—Day of Recollection Noon** Saturday November 17th
- **Light Up For Christ** Sunday November 25th 5:00 PM with Deacon Bob Walling—The Public is welcome
- **KofC Wrestling Tournament** Avon Lake High School Friday Nov 30th & Saturday December 1st

50th Anniversary News

Congratulations to **John & Louise Schrift** who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 29th. We want to wish them many more happy years together.

Chaplain's Report Follow Up:

In response to questions raised at the September business meeting regarding Catholic organizations that may inadvertently provide healthcare coverage to employees that are contrary to our Catholic principles, chaplain Fr. Gerard, OSB contacted Bishop Lennon personally. Bishop Lennon looked into the matter and confirmed that the Medical Mutual Insurance policy held by diocesan institutions and other Catholic organizations in the diocese, does NOT provide payment for elective abortions, sterilizations, elective contraception, or abortion-inducing medications.

Bishop Lennon said that any Knight who has further questions should call him directly at 216-696-6525, ext. 2030.

The business manager at Benedictine High School also called the Medical Mutual office for information on the school's policy and received the same information about their coverage.

Fr. Gerard reiterates his counsel to all Knights to be aware of positions in the Democratic Party platform adopted in August that directly oppose the teachings of the Catholic Church on three moral issues: unrestricted access to abortion including federal funding if needed, the promotion of the legalization of same sex marriage, and the mandate that all insurance coverage include contraception, sterilization, and abortifacient drugs. An informed conscience is needed when deliberating how to vote for such an influential position as president of the country.

Annual Day of Recollection

This year's annual Day of Recollection with our Chaplain Fr. Gerard Gonda OSB, will be held in Council Chambers on Saturday November 17th. As always we will open with lunch at Noon followed by the always informative, enlightening and entertaining presentation by Fr. Gerard. We will conclude at approximately 3:30 PM to allow those in attendance to attend the vigil Mass at their respective parishes.

This event is open to ALL CATHOLIC MEN, whether they are brother knights or not and is absolutely free. Bring a friend and join us. Those attending previous sessions are unanimous in their praise for Fr. Gerard and his presentation of the subject matter.

This year's theme: "Ever Ancient / Ever New" - Tradition and Change since Vatican II.



FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Turkey Raffle 2012

ADMISSION \$3.00



TICKETS 50¢
Each Winner
Gets a Turkey
or Ham and
10 lbs of Potatoes

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2012

DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM

DRAWINGS BEGIN 7:00 PM

**Next to B.J.'s 1783 Moore Rd
Avon, OH 44011**

Door Prizes

Beverages Will Be Available



Light Up For Christ

Everyone is invited to join us for the annual Light up for Christ ceremony on Sunday November 25th 5:00 PM at Fr Ragan Hall. Deacon Bob Walling will lead us in various readings, prayers, and songs to officially start the Christmas season in the manner it is supposed to be, in prayerful reflection.

Refreshments will be served following the lighting of the Christmas Tree.



Quarterly Communion

Our second Quarterly Communion of the Fraternal Year will be held on Sunday November 4th - 9:00 AM at Holy Trinity Church Lear & Detroit Roads Avon, Ohio.

We are fortunate to have our Chaplain, Fr. Gerard, as celebrant. Bring your family and friends as we demonstrate our Unity and Fraternity in our profession of faith.

Refreshments will follow Mass.

Knights of Columbus Wrestling Tournament at Avon Lake High School

This will be the 31st year (I think) that Fr. Ragan Council has sponsored the Knights of Columbus Wrestling Tournament at Avon Lake High School. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate publicly how the Knights support youth programs and at the same time, help out in the community.

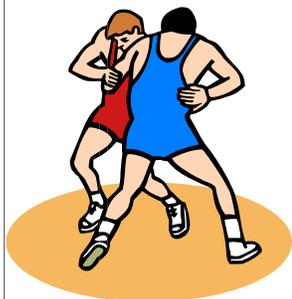
Volunteers are needed to score, run the clock, and perform other tasks during the tournament that features wrestlers from twenty different schools. No experience is necessary.

Workers are needed 15 minutes prior to the start of the daily activities listed below.

Sir Knights of Lt. McManus Assembly will present the Colors and lead the Parade of Champions on Saturday Night.

Friday Nov 30th 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM
Saturday Dec 1st 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM
Saturday Dec 1st 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM

Contact Bob Cobos for more details or to volunteer (440-396-8594)



Thanks to All Who Participated

The volunteers and organizers of the Annual Tim Bruder Golf Outing want to thank all those individuals and corporations who contributed to the success of this years event. Once again a record amount (\$6155.00) was donated to the Crohn's & Colitis Patients at the Cleveland Clinic Digestive Disease Institute.

During the 10 years that this event has been held, over \$52,000.00 has been donated to support those suffering with these diseases.

Grand Knight's Report

The month of November always has a cornucopia of events for the Knights to participate in, but first let us remember those friends we have lost in the last month. Paul Macura and PGK Rocco Gannelli, a charter member, both served their country and were Knights for many years. Also, Ruth Uszak, a member of the Isabella's, volunteered at many events. We thank their families for their many years of service toward the Catholic faith. PGK Mike Moore will have a tribute to them in this report.

Our first event is our annual Memorial Mass on All Saints Day, November 1st, at Holy Trinity Church at 7 PM. Our Chaplain, Fr. Gerard will be the celebrant, and the Memorial for the Deceased will be after the Mass. Refreshments will be in the modular afterwards. We will be back again at Holy Trinity on Sunday for Quarterly Communion.

The Officer's meeting is on Tuesday Nov-6th at 7 PM. That is Election Day, don't forget to vote! Many people in the world do not have the freedoms that we enjoy. On Thursday Nov. 8th we will conduct our Business meeting.

On Saturday Nov. 17 at 1:00, Fr. Gerard will lead our Fall Retreat with "Ever Ancient, Ever New, The Teachings Of The Church Since Vatican II". It will be preceded at noon with lunch. Also, if we have enough new members sign up for the 2nd Degree, that will be at 11:00 AM, Candidate Call at 10:30, right before the lunch. New members please sign up for the Degree, and for all Catholic men we have the Retreat.

Thursday Nov. 15 is our Turkey Raffle, Light Up for Christ is Sun. Nov. 25 and Friday Nov. 30 begins the K of C Wrestling Tournament. PGK Mike Moore will print details and we'll mention these events at our Nov. 8 meeting.

On Monday Oct. 15 we held a Steak Fry before our 1st Degree. We would like to welcome our 12 new members. Dave Kilgore, Tim Maxey, Jim Streenstra, James Bohnert, James Roach, Michael Budinger, Michael Niederst, Michael Walther, Val Janicek, Thomas Schather, Mario Singleton and Lance Ference. Tim Maxey, a transfer, brought several of these men into our Council- thank you Tim. Since Lance is a big guy, I asked him if he was a football player. He said he was a swimmer. I'm not buying that but I hope you all will get your feet wet and make a splash in Fr. Ragan Council. This Council has a lot to offer for Catholic men and you can bring your ideas to help foster charity, unity and fraternalism to us.

Lastly, on Nov. 22 we celebrate that unique American tradition of Thanksgiving. Those hardy Pilgrims led by William Bradford, upon the death of their Governor John Carver in their first year here, celebrated a feast of plenty, which became known as Thanksgiving. We offer our thanks to their efforts as we enjoy the warmth and comforts of being with family and friends on this holiday.

Vivat Jesus, Grand Knight Robert Garrett Jr.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

October 17, 2012

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

The specifics for this coming luncheon are:

DATE: November 2nd

MAKE RESERVATIONS: Call George at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, October 30th

SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Edward Luca

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY (IES): Retired Pastor

TOPIC: Year of Grace

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

TIME: Socializing 11:00 AM; luncheon at 12:00 PM; and, Mass at 1:30 PM

Please use this information and insert an announcement in you Sunday's parish bulletin as space permits, but no later than for Sunday, October 28th.

Thank you for your help. If you should have any questions, please call me at (440) 937-6606.

George W. Perz
Secretary-Treasurer
TGIF-West



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM LORAIN COUNTY

November 2, 2012 11:30am – 1:00pm



Most Rev. Richard G. Lennon
Bishop, Diocese of Cleveland

**“Year of Faith: Living Our Relationship with
Jesus Christ”**

Pope Benedict XVI declared a “Year of Faith” beginning October 11, 2012, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This Year of Faith is a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world” (Porta Fidei 6). The “door of faith” is opened at one’s baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

Bishop Lennon was born in Arlington, Massachusetts in 1947. He was ordained to the priesthood in May, 1973 and as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Boston on September 14, 2001. Bishop Lennon served as Apostolic Administrator for the Archdiocese from December, 2002 to July, 2003. On May 15, 2006 the Most Rev. Richard Gerard Lennon was installed as the 10th Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, a month after Pope Benedict XVI had named him to lead Northeast Ohio’s nearly 800,000 Catholics.

**Lorain County Community College
Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio**

Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 am • Speaker: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
\$17.00 per reservation

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 3:00 pm, Friday, October 26th!

Please mail your \$17 check to:

First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035
or call the reservation line at 440-244-0643 or e-mail fflorain@gmail.com