

THE NARRATOR

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Dedicated to the Principles of Columbianism

## STATE YOUTH DRIVE

Just a few days remain before the Annual State Youth Drive reaches its glorious conclusion on Saturday, Nov. 23. The Drawings will be conducted at the Sheraton Hotel in Akron at about 10:00 P.M. during the intermission of the Dance.

A goodly number of us have travelled far and wide over the years to attend these drawings which are really a sight to behold. We've gone to Toledo, Youngstown, Dayton-- and I suspect some of us will be in Akron this year. Generally what we do is get several carloads of people together and leave the area around 6:00 P.M. (the ticket returns have to be turned in as close to 7:00 as possible). We always make it a point to rent a room in the hotel so we can all have someplace to hang our hats and get organized for the evening. We take along our own refreshments. Then we go to dinner before the Dance starts. All in all, it makes for a enjoyable evening--something different for a change. If you'd be interested in joining the gang that evening, call our GK, Joe Kucharik (777-5893) or State Youth Co-Chairman, Joe Skory (267-2729).

This is a reminder that ticket returns should be in no later than Noon on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Please see to it that the returns are made to your Team Captain (again he's the tuy you got them from in the first place). This also is a reminder to the Team Captains to make their calls and ticket pickups. Other years have seen us running all over the countryside making pickups (tickets that is) at the last minute. See if we can make the job a little easier this time.

We might add that we enjoyed a very successful First Phase turn-in on Oct. 26--- the highest number of books in the history of our Council 408 books. We cannot reliably report at this time which Brother Knights are leading the pack in ticket sales--everything is secretive for obvious reasons--no one wishes to tip his hand in advance and each is hoping to win one of the fine prizes available. The only Knight making any statement at all is Dave Wolfe who reportedly alleges he will beat his last year's record number of books sold of 83. This sort of makes a lot of the rest of us look like pikars, doesn't it?

So, men, let's make that last-ditch effort. It's not too late. We would like to see every member of North Olmsted Council turn in at least one (1) book sold. This isn't asking too much really. And who knows but you might be one of the lucky winners.

JOOOOOOOOO, AGAIN

- 1)The State Youth Drive ends Sat., Nov. 23.
- 2)Get your returns in no later than Noon on the 23rd.
- 3)If you wish to attend the Drawing in Akron, let us know.

## COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 18 - Isabella Guild Meeting, 8:00 PM, at Southwestern Savings & Loan.  
 Nov. 20 - Regular Council Meeting, 8:30 PM, at St. Richard Church Hall.  
 Dec. 4 - Regular Council Meeting.  
 Dec. 14 - Annual Potluck Dinner sponsored by the Isabella Guild and Council. Saturday Nite.  
 Dec. 18 - Regular Meeting of the Council. We generally have a very short meeting followed by a Social.  
 Dec. 22 - Annual Children's Xmas Party. Details later  
 Dec. 25 - Our Savior's Birthday.  
 Jan. 31, 1969 - Annual Reunion Dance at Springvale Country Club.

## GERTRUDE'S PROGRESS

The name of our goose, Gertrude, is rapidly becoming a household word in and about North Olmsted. She's getting around more than a tout at a racetrack. Actually, she's known more affectionately as "Dirty Gertie" (at least this is one of her more printable names). It is indeed a sight to behold when she unexpectedly arrives at the home of a Brother Knight. The reaction ranges from one of complete confusion to utter disgust. She is threatened, conjoled, petted, sworn at, loved, teased--you name it. The emotions of the lucky recipients runs the gamut.

I think it best if we officially refer to Gertrude as our Membership Goose. After all, it is getting so that one cannot be sure when a member of the press will show up. It is much more impressive if we call her Gertrude than to refer to her as that so-and-so. Speaking of publicity, did you know the Universe Bulletin of October 18 had a special article on her? And did you see the Sun-Herald article? And best of all, her picture was in the Cleveland Press of October 30 together with Cliff Grady's daughter, Laurie. Somebody has been active in developing this publicity, and we strongly suspect that it is the result of our Publicity Chairman, Vince Bianchi.

Here's the list of Knights who have had lovable Gertrude so far (in the order received): Joe Arnold, Ed Franczak, Ben Lyons, Bill Bonner, Gabe Zsigo, Tony Colnar, Cliff Grady, Fran Yehlik, and Norm Mlady (last report is that Norm still has her). Since Norm lives on Bailey Rd., can she be very far from your area?

Guess there's only one thing to do--get yourself prepared--have a Prospect lined up to sign a Form 100 Membership Application. Take the case of Fran Yehlik. When the goose was brought to his house, she never got out of the car. Fran suspected he might be getting a visit from Gertrude so he wisely had his brother, Bob, all set to sign up. Fran got on the phone, his brother came over and signed up, and Gertrude was on her way elsewhere. The only shame here is that the Yehlik children never got the chance to have Gertie around for a couple days.

There are a couple Brother Knights who should temporarily feel themselves to be lucky or unlucky (depends on how you look at it). They were not home when Gertrude arrived.

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

## PAST GRAND KNIGHT HEPNER'S DINNER

The Peachtree Restaurant on Nov. 2nd was the intimate setting for the Testimonial to honor and thank PGK Hepner and to recognize Lenore for her patience and forbearing during Ray's term in Office.

Dignataries attending were our Chaplain, Fr. John Lesniak; District Deputy, Bob Hanchette and his wife, Ann; William Schmidt, representing the Greater Cleveland Chapter and his wife, Dorothy; Mayor Ralph Christman and his wife, Dee, representing the City; and Tom Sheehan, the Guest Speaker, and his wife, Nancy.

We are all aware of PGK Hepner's magnanimous spirit-he asks nothing in return for work with the Council. It is traditional for the Council to present the immediate Past Grand Knight with a gift-a token of remembrance for his time and efforts. True to his nature, Ray did not wish for anything and did not want anything, preferring that the Council spend the money elsewhere. It was felt that this was not necessarily the right thing to do, so the Council instead presented a check in Ray's name to the Little Brothers of the Holy Family Cancer Home.

Ray's brother, Leo Hepner, has devoted many hours of service to the Cancer Home together with the other Little Brothers. PGK Hepner was visibly shaken over this thoughtful gesture when GK Kucharik made the presentation. Lenore was presented with the new, Daily Missal.

In addition, Ray received from the Chapter a plaque in recognition. Fr. Lesniak spoke his usual words of wisdom, reflecting exactly what it means to be called Grand in the sense that it applies to a Grand Knight.

Yours Truly had the distinct pleasure of serving as Toastmaster

## NEW MEMBERS

We congratulate and extend a warm welcome to the following men who were initiated in the First Degree on October 16. Kindly add these names to your Roster: If married, the wife's name appears in brackets.

- 1 Daniel E. Butkiewicz (Joanne), 5972 Barton Rd., N. Olmsted. 777-8520
- 2 David P. Fallaro (Laverne), 4561 Michael Ave., N. Olmsted. 777-8193
- 3 Michael L. Kagel (Jeannie), 25420 Clubside Dr.-12, N. Olmsted. 777-3829
- 4 Patrick J. McCafferty, 9818 Gambier Ave., Cleveland, O. 44102 631-5776
- 5 Joseph E. McCauley (Janet), 27351 Nantucket Dr., N. Olmsted. 777-7632
- 6 Garmen G. Savarino (Josephine) 14021 Cayuga Ct., Cleveland, O. 44111 941-7318
- 7 William L. Skory (Romaine), 3968 W. 151 St., Cleveland, O. 44111 671-6582
- 8 Dale L. Walters (Kathy), 5719 Decker Rd., N. Olmsted, O. 777-6739

It is generally a difficult thing for new people to get acquainted. It is perhaps best that the men attend the meetings, so they can get their feet wet in Council affairs, and thusly get to know their fellow Brothers. As to the Ladies, you will most likely be contacted by the Isabella Guild concerning our Annual Potluck Dinner on Dec. 14. This affords you an excellent opportunity to become acquainted.

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## COUNCIL RAMBLINGS

We don't seem to have an abundance of personal news this time. One would suspect that everyone is staying out of trouble, sitting close by the fireside every night, and otherwise doing absolutely nothing. We know this is not true, so let's hear it from you folks out there. Keep those cards and letters coming in.

After careful deliberation, it has been decided to return to the former format for the Narrator--now most people feel that this format is not quite classy enough. This will be accomplished as soon as we get our Advertisers squared away. In the last issue of the Narrator I asked for some help with the solicitation of new ads--the response was underwhelming.

Many thanks to Fraternal Activity Chmn. Ray Lieb and wife, Gladys, and to PGK Hugh Patton for their work on the PGK's Dinner. A mighty fine job.

Congratulations to Bro. Russell J. Glorioso who recently passed the Bar and is now associated with a downtown Law Firm. We were wondering what Russ was doing with his time as we hadn't seen him around for a long time.

On the other hand, we know some guys who never pass a bar.

What do you think of a Bro. Knight(who shall be nameless but his initials are J.P.G.) who got his name in one of the local papers recently but is puzzled as to the reason why? Can't figure out if it was good or bad. Rest assured, J.P.G., it was not bad.

GK Joe Kucharik has two (2) Applications for Full Tuition Knights of Columbus Scholarships. These are sponsored by the Ohio State Council K of C Youth Foundation, Inc. These scholarships concern those who wish to become teachers with the stipulation that upon completion of the two-year course, the recipient teach in a Catholic Elementary School for a period of two years. We understand the Scholarships are renewable to those who wish to go beyond the 2-year requirement for a Teacher's Certificate and to get a full Degree. Anyone knowing of a qualified applicant should contact our Grand Knight as the deadline for filing is Dec. 31, 1968. Any of our Applicants should be given first crack as the Council has contributed \$500.00 to the Fund. Any high school graduate of the June, 1969 class, or prior, may apply.

We had a wonderful fine time the other night at our Annual Fall Dance at Springvale. Could use a bigger crowd, however. Perhaps a little more push, publicity, and just plain "talking it up" would help swell the crowd at our affairs.

Some of us attended the Columbus Day Dinner Dance at the Statler. The Program and Presentation of Prizes for the Parade was kept to a minimum of time, and we danced to the best band music we've heard in a long time. We don't expect to miss this affair in the future.

REMEMBER, DON'T KEEP THE FAITH-SPREAD IT AROUND.!!!

Be sure to read the back page of the Universe Bulletin on the third Friday of each month - it has the Diocesan K of C news.

One more thing-have a nice Thanksgiving and be truly thankful-you've got to admit that most of us have it pretty good.

Of interest to new members and also the entire membership; The Degree Ceremonials are being updated by the Supreme Council to be effective no later than March 31, 1969.

To you guys who haven't done anything-shame on you