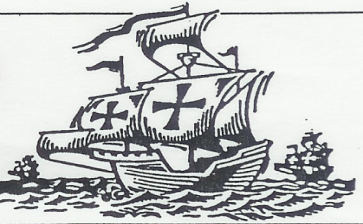


# THE NARRATOR



*The Newsletter of the North Olmsted*



*Knights of Columbus Council #4731*

December, 2007

## Grand Knight's Report

Now that the turkey is gone and we all added another notch to our belts, the busy part of the knights Christmas Season is upon us. I want to thank everyone who helped with the food collections at our Memorial Mass and St. Brendan's Church. Chairman Ray Rowe did an outstanding job. When you see him, give him a Thank You. Fr. Joe was pleased with the collection at our memorial mass at St. Clarence and Sr. Mary Ann is still sorting the goods the Boy Scouts and the Knights collected at St. Brendan's. Great work guys. I would like to also thank the knights who helped out delivering food for Thanksgiving. I know there was a bit of confusion but it was a worthy cause and the families you delivered to, will never forget it.

There are three more events which you as knights can help at this holiday season. The St. Augustine's Children's Christmas Party is Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be there about 10:30AM that Sunday to get the party started. Sr. Corita opens the doors to the families about 12-12:30. The line usually runs pretty steady till 3:00. It is a good time for everyone involved. The next event is the VA Hospital gift shop - Dec. 4, 5, 6, and 7 at 9:00AM. The shop was set up so the vets could shop for loved ones and get the things they need for the holiday season. If you can walk, push a wheelchair, wrap gifts, read or just lend a kind ear, your help will be gratefully appreciated. On top of that, Jim Bailey (235-1216) will even buy you lunch! Honest! The shop is open to all of the vets staying at the facility and some need a little support to get everything done. This is our chance gentlemen to give a little back to those who paid it forward for us. Wives are also welcome to participate in all of these events. The last event is purely social. The Grand Knights Christmas Party Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM at Wagner's Country Inn. Your choice of Beef or Chicken, Open Bar, Awards and plenty of great conversation. Contact Jim Sanzi (427-9693) ASAP to get your reservation in.

As I look back on the first 6 months as Grand Knight, I am humbled by the amount of help and support that my brother knights have shown our programs as well as me. Brother Jim Buckley and Brother Chuck Novak have a special Thank You coming. Like any large organization, they move on paperwork and timing. You two gentlemen have made it that much easier for this entire council to function as a team. THANK YOU! As a knight, it is very rewarding to work with men and families who set a Christian example with actual deeds and not just talk. On behalf of my wife Nancy and all of my officers, we wish all of your families a Happy and Blessed Christmas Season. Be safe and remember to Keep Christ in Christmas!

Merry Christmas to you all  
See you at the next meeting!

Kevin Sheehan  
Grand Knight

The Kay Cee Club held it's quarterly meeting, and election of officers and trustees. The following men were elected to serve.

As Directors: Henry Kleinhenz, Joe Hoehn, Wayne Petre, Gene Hanzely.

Officer's:            President: Henry Kleinhenz, Vice President: Joe Hoehn,  
                          Treasure: John Babington, Secretary: Kevin Sheehan

**IN MEMORAL:**

**May Anniversaries:**

Richard J. Tayfel, Sr.	12/11/75	John A. Freeborn	12/05/76
Norman J. Volk	12/31/81	Leo J. Swietyniowski	12/01/85
Joseph F. Pahl	12/02/86	Richard B. Shannon	12/21/01

Remember all those whom have died this past year.

**K of C 4731 Officer  
for the 2007 / 2008 Fraternal Year**

<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Kevin Sheehan</b>	<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	<b>Jim Sanzi</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Kevin Cornelius</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Scot Metsch</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Wayne Petre</b>	<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Ray Metsch</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Ray Rowe</b>	<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>Rudy Chavez</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Peter Frank</b>	<b>Trustee, One Year</b>	<b>Bill Goellner</b>
<b>Trustee, Two Year</b>	<b>Gene Hanzely</b>	<b>Trustee, Three Year</b>	<b>Ray Metsch</b>

**Notice** deadline for the Next Narrator is **December, 19th**. If you have something that you would like to put in the Narrator check with the Grand Knight, then sent it to me as a attachment in MS Word. My Email address is tkilbane@ameritech.net. Please subject it K of C.

Visit our WEB SITE at [www.kofc4731.org](http://www.kofc4731.org) . If you would like to view the NARRATOR on the web site and not receive a mailed copy please contact Tom Kilbane, (440-933-9964) tkilbane@ameritech.net; or Henry Kleinhenz (440-235-0675). We will be setting up an email delivery to let you know when the current NARRATOR is posted.

**KEEP THE SICK IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Gerald Dietrich & his wife Kay, Elmer Choken and his wife Jean, Norm Musial’s wife Pat, Ray Babinec’s Brother in law Ron Westbrook, Bill Beyer’s wife Phyllis, Jay Ellis, Gab Zsigo, Dan Dugan, Tom Groff’s wife Alice, Ed O’Brien (is at Wellington Place), Kevin Sheehan Mother in-law Jeanne Yanochao, Phil Senko, Jim Buckley, Jim Allen, Roger McNea, Joe Arnold’s wife Mary, Charles Halpin, Shirley Wolfe, Howard Schmieler, Bob Klecan’s wife Louise, Ed Frindt’s wife Carol, Bob Doorenkott, and all the Members of our Council who are in need along with all the victim of the wars in the world.

***Remember the Rosary***

On the third Wednesday of each month the Rosary will be said in **Terrace Room**. All are welcome to attend at 7:00 pm,. The second meeting of the month will be held following the Rosary.

**North Olmsted Knights of Columbus**

Chaplin: Rev Joseph McNulty (216-781-5530)	Grand Knight: Kevin Sheehan (440-333-4445)
Financial Secretary: Henry Kleinhenz (440-235-0675)	“Narrator” Editor: Tom Kilbane (440-933-9964)

## Membership Musing—Chuck Novak—440-716-9197

### HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

You should be aware by now that there is a new member recruitment drive going on during the holiday months of November, December, and January. Your Council 4731 welcomed two new Knights before Thanksgiving who made their First Degree at North Ridgeville Council on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Joining us is Tom R. Werling, brother of our K of C field Insurance agent Tim Werling. Tom is a member of St. Christopher Parish, lives in Westlake and works for Lesco.

Also inducted into the Knights is Miguel A. Cora of St. Richards, a Realtor with Russell Realtors. Miguel is active in North Olmsted's Youth Soccer program and was recruited by Eddie Chavez during the First Annual K of C Soccer Challenge.

### BRING IN A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

The big challenge now facing Council 4731 is the Bring in a Knight Before Christmas recruitment effort during December. Three simple steps are involved:

- 1) Invite a Catholic friend to become a Knight before Christmas! Don't hesitate to use this humorous play on words to tell your friend (s) how much he is needed to Assist on K of C projects and programs during 2008. Your man will become a Happy New Knight in the Happy New Year as he becomes busy and active in the K of C (That's the January part of the recruitment Drive!).
- 2) Bring your prospect to arrive at 7:00pm at our next regular meeting Wed. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. While members meet in the Terrace Room, we will hold an Open House for potential Knights before Christmas. They will view a video on the K of C, hear a presentation on what Council 4731 Knights do locally, and they have the opportunity to meet many of our members when we reassemble at the good order portion of the K of C meeting.
- 3) To make it easy for men to become Knights before Christmas, we have scheduled a First Degree on Thursday December 13 in the Terrace Room, conducted by our own Council 4731 Degree Team. Candidate call is at 6:30pm, the Degree begins at 7:00pm, and sponsors and North Olmsted Council members are encouraged to attend and especially to bring in a candidate to join the others and become a Knight before Christmas.

In Summary, Invite the man to join; get his Form 100 signed; bring the prospect to the Open House Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>; accompany him to his First Degree on Thurs. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't say you can't do it! Just do it!!

### OF DEEP CONCERN:

It bothers your officers and program/membership leadership that so few of our loyal brother Knights have so far invited Catholic men to become new Knights of Columbus. We are grateful to the 30 or so proposers and sponsors who have brought in new, younger, productive, active Knights over the past 2 ½ years to strengthen North Olmsted Council 4731 and its future.

But it puzzles and perplexes us why so many long term Knights who tell us they enjoy Knighthood—the good works that we do—the new activities and events that your leadership has introduced—the social fun that comes with including wives and families in many programs and K of C happenings—the accomplishments and future accomplishments we talk about during our regular meetings—the feel good contentment and peace that comes to all of us who actively participate in the K of C. Resulting in doing a great job individually and doing a great unified good through the Unity of the K of C.

Then why oh why oh why—haven't you, an active Knight, sought out a friend, a relative, a co-worker, a fellow parishioner whom the Knights would be good for, and a man who would be good for the Knights of Council 4731???

You really owe it to yourself, to your Council and to the Catholic men you know to invite them to become a Knight. Supreme says we should invite every Catholic man to join the Knights. For starters, how about You asking at least one Catholic man to join our Council and become a Knight before Christmas.

### THIRD DEGREE: SUNDAY DEC. 2<sup>ND</sup> AT WEST PARK COUNCIL

Part of my duty as Membership Director is to encourage new Knights to make their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees.

The next THIRD DEGREE (where Knights are Knighted to complete the journey toward full Knighthood) is on the same Sunday as the St. Augustine Kid's Christmas Party Sunday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We have a car pool leaving St. Brendan's at 9:30 am to go to St. Augustine for interested candidates to join in the 10:00 am Deaf Mass, proceed to O.L.A. Hall to prepare for the Kid's Party, spend about an hour with the kids and leave about 1:10 pm to get to the Third Degree candidate call at West Park Council at 1:30 pm.

There will also be car pooling leaving St. Clarence and St. Brendan's at 1:00 pm since we have so many 3<sup>rd</sup> degree candidates going direct to West Park.

The Degree will last until about 4:15/4:30 followed by the Knighting and a light pasta supper at West Park. It will be a busy Sunday!

I will be calling all 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Knights to register you for your 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and arrange for your transportation

The **DOUBLE STAR** Council Award

Through the Supreme Council awards program, K of C Councils each year qualify for awards by excelling in quality service programs (Columbian Award), insurance membership growth (Founders' Award) and membership growth (Father McGivney Award).

For Councils that attain all three Awards, the Supreme Council offers the most prestigious award that a Council can achieve --- The Star Council Award.

Last year, North Olmsted Council #4731 was one of only 36 Councils out of the 375 Councils in the State of Ohio to achieve the Star Council Award. And, because we more than doubled our new member quota of 13, Council #4731 earned the

**DOUBLE STAR** Council Award.

Thanks to Jim Buckley, program chairman and all the events and activities chairmen.

Thanks to Chuck Novak, membership chairman and all the new member recruiters and sponsors. And thanks to immediate past Grand Knight Ray Metsch and all the officers and members who helped achieve **DOUBLE STAR COUNCIL** – Fantastic!

**ATTEND A MEETING AND WIN!**

Each month until the end of this year a prize of \$100.00 per month will be awarded to the lucky Knight whose name is drawn, and is present at the meeting. **GOOD LUCK!**

**The drawing for October for \$100.00**

The first meeting, Jerry Nowesnick, was present & won \$100.00.

The second meeting, Edmundo Cruz, was not present

**The November Drawing will be for \$100.00**

**There was no drawing for the first meeting in Nov., because of the Memorial Mass.**

**Membership:**

Our grand Knight Kevin Sheehan has appointed every 4731 Knight (yes that means you) to serve on the membership Recruitment Committee...A committee as a whole to reach our stretch goal of 35 new members by June 30, 2008. Pick a Catholic man that you know and invite him to become a knight of Columbus.

Our Next big membership push will be during November & December when we need to bring a Knight before Christmas—or two knights—or more!!! The push even runs thru January 31. (Bring in a Happy New Knight this Happy New Year.)

Don't say you can't—Just do it.

**Volunteering Contacts:**

Agency or Institution	Contact	Phone
North Olmsted Meals on Wheels	Tiffany Hunt	440-716-4264
Westlake Meals on Wheels	Donna Terepka	440-871-2251
Fairview Meals on Wheels	Karen Dorow	440-331-3842
Rocky River Meals on Wheels	Jeanette Friederich	440-333-6298

**Volunteering at Hospitals:**

Call Chuck Novak - 440-716-9197 for the proper application forms.

Fairview Hospital	Pamela Bruce	216-476-7212
St. John's West Shore	Roberta Jones	440-827-5042
Brecksville and Wade Park Veterans Hosp.	Jackie Reed	440-5236-3030 Ext. 3030
Cleveland Clinic	Contact Chuck for a post card to sent. 440-716-9197	

Volunteering in your Parish: Call your Pastor, tell him you're a Knight of Columbus and you want to help.

## A Few Words From The Program Director - Jim Buckley

### Church Activities

### Community Activities

1. Once again this year Jim and Janet Bailey will be chairing the VA Hospital Gift Shop for the Veterans program. They are asking for help in the week of Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, especially Dec 4, 5 & 6. If you can spare the time to help out, please talk to Jim at the meetings before then or call him at 440-235-1216. He is also looking for a volunteer to learn the ropes and take over the project next year.
2. To advise you of happenings- Our council officers have arrived again at their goal every two years to arrange to give an emergency defibrillator to a Catholic Church or school in one of our parish of our council. St. Brendan's Church has agreed to accept this gift and allow us to install one this year. With the cooperation and financial assistance of the Holy Name of St. Brendan's parish it has been awarded. See the picture elsewhere in this newsletter.

### Council Activities

1. Don't forget the Christmas Party, December 8<sup>th</sup>. All the Knights of our Council are invited to join us with their wives and celebrate the Christmas season and another great KofC year. The cost of a fine dinner and open bar is \$51.00 a couple. Merry Christmas to all.
2. Double Star Council Award – Our Council #4731 was one of 18 in the state to achieve the Single Star Council Award and one of only two councils to receive the Double Star Council Award. The award for last year was presented to us by our District Deputy Joe Solomon at the meeting in October.

### Family Activities

1. Mark your calendars to attend and help at the St. Augustine Children's Christmas Party. It is scheduled again for the first Saturday in December, the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone interested in attending the 10:00 Mass for the deaf at St. Augustine Church on the day of the party is welcome. This has become a tradition to many of the Knights that have been helping with the party for years and it is the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the KofC children's Christmas party. Some help is needed as well at the gift wrapping event a week before the party on the day after Thanksgiving. Please ask for time, date and directions from GK Kevin Sheehan. The committee is asking our knights and their ladies to cook some small cookies of any kind for the party at St. Augustine.

### Youth Activities

1. The Basketball Free Throw competition for young boys and girls is scheduled for Jan 12, 2008.

Farther Joseph McNulty receives the Archbishop Hobin Award for Distinguish Service to the Diocese of Cleveland. Look in Catholic Universe Bulletin for a complete story.

### **Grand Knight's Christmas Party:**

The Grand Knight's Christmas will be held on December 8th, 2007, at Wagner's Country Inn. The party starts at 6:30 P.M. and the cost is just \$51.00 per couple. There will be music, great food, friendship and good cheer. The cost includes an open bar. The grand Knight hopes that everyone will be able to attend. Call Jim Sanzi PGK, (440-427-9693) with your reservation as soon as possible. You will not want to miss this social.



Knight of the Month Don Lloyd



Communion Breakfast at the North Olmsted Party Center



The Boy Scouts help the Knights with a food collection at St Brendan's



FR. Joe McNulty at the Memorial Mass With the Fourth Degree Knights




Fr. Murray looks over his plaque as Pastor of St. Brendan's, Father is retiring as Pastor.



Fr. Murray receives a defibrillator from Jim Plantner, President of the Holy Name Society & Kevin Sheehan Grand Knight of Council 4731.

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**Paul D. Miller**  
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 Brother Knight #4731

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*Next Meeting: December 5th  
MEETINGS ARE ON THE FIRST AND THIRD  
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM  
CALL 440-235-0675 FOR MORE INFORMATION*

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Dec 2 St Augustine Christmas Party  
Dec 4 Officers meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Dec 5 Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence  
Dec 8 Grand Knight's Christmas party @ Wagner's Country Inn  
Dec 19 Rosary 7:00p.m. Terrace room  
Dec 19 Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence  
Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY —KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS —  
Jan 1 New Years Day  
Jan 2 Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence  
Jan 16 Rosary 7:00p.m. Terrace room  
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