

THE NARRATOR



The Newsletter of the North Olmsted



Knights of Columbus Council #4731

January, 2008

Grand Knight's Report

Grand Knights Message

Happy New Year! 2008... was it not just last week we were all gearing up for the Y2K computer collapse! Time is a strange thing... When you're shoe shopping with the wife, time... seems... to... go... so... slow. When you're trying to fill out your 1040 forms for the IRS, there is never enough time! I do hope that this year brings you all the Health, Peace of mind and Prosperity you all deserve.

The St. Augustine Christmas Party was well attended by knights as well as neighborhood children. Our new Santa, Dick Dennis, was happy and jolly, while giving out over 325 gifts to the children. Curly Jack, a brother knight from West Park sang Christmas karaoke, along with the help of Jan Bailey, to keep the Christmas spirits high. Thank you to all the brother knights and everyone who donated time, money or a product to make this year's party a success and believe it or not... on budget!

If you missed the Grand Knights Christmas party, you missed a great time. Not to mention seeing Hank do the Chicken Dance with that lamp shade on! Just kidding... He didn't do the chicken dance. A great job by Jim Sanzi, who organized the event. The company was grand, food was exceptional, very nice poinsettia prizes and the Band was the talk of the other parties in the hall! Over 100 people attended and we would like to see even more of you next year!

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" program came to a close for this year. We sold the last of our magnets at the Christmas party and made a nice little profit; to help offset the cost of the toys for the St. Augustine Party. Thank you again for everyone who sold or purchased a magnet.

Our First Degree Team held another Degree Dec. 13th. We were happy to welcome State Warden Bob Collins who stopped by to witness and support the new Degree Team. Four (4) new men were given the honor of First Degree in our Order. Three (3) were from the new council at St. Mary of the Falls. We wish them well as they take on the task of building a council to help support their parish.

Upcoming events... Clergy Night is coming January 25th, Bar opens at 6:00PM, Dinner at 7:00PM. A donation of \$23 would be gladly accepted by FS Henry Kleinhenz. Tickets are limited, so don't wait too long. Since the change of format has shortened the riveting dialogue, the event is much more enjoyable. If you have not been to one in a while... come give it another try.

The Free Throw Contest is about to begin another exciting tournament. Please help get the word out, so we can assist Chairman Ed Chavez recruit. Ask your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. Just showing up can get you a chance to win your age group! Council tournament will be held on January 12, 2008 2:00PM at North Olmsted Middle School. Districts are scheduled for Feb. 10th, 1-3PM in Amherst and Diocesan are scheduled for Feb 24th, 8 AM at Avon Lake High School.

A final quick note... St. Augustine Church is once again selling its fund raising calendars. They are \$25 and feature photos by our renowned photographer Peter Frank, plus you get 365 chances to win \$25 in a daily drawing. Yes you can win more than once! Call the church at (216) 781-5530.

See you at the next meeting

Kevin Sheehan
Grand Knight

**IN MEMORAL:
May Anniversaries:**

John A. Skvarek	01/31/77	Wilbur J. Bridegum, PGK	01/08/83
William G. Grayneau	01/31/85	Robert P. Farrell	01/30/87
William A. Brehm	01/11/91	Raymond J. Stanley	01/20/92
Joseph A. Peterka	01/29/96	David E. Wolfe, PGK	01/02/99
Norman J. Mlady	01/05/00	Paul Modock	01/15/00
Robert E. Sullivan	01/07/01	Patrick A. McGovern	01/18/01
John H. Dempsey	01/01/02	Michael Lopaz	01/23/02
Joseph Dickey	01/05/06	Bunny Carter	01/06/06

Remember all those whom have died this past year.

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

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

Notice deadline for the Next Narrator is **January 18t**. 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.

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 Do-reenkott, 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)
Financial Secretary: Henry Kleinhenz (440-235-0675)

Grand Knight: Kevin Sheehan (440-333-4445)
"Narrator" Editor: Tom Kilbane (440-933-9964)

At the KofC Christmas party on Dec 8th Scott Metsch and his wife Kristen are accepting an award on behalf of his father Ray Metsch who could not attend due to illness. The award was for Ray's leadership as Grand Knight of the North Olmsted Council from June of 2005 through June of 2007. Ray received a plaque commemorating his service as Grand Knight along with a PGK pin, jewel and patch. Our Council experienced much growth and success under Ray's leadership and we look forward to his continuing contribution. Many thanks and Congratulations to Ray for a job well done!



Scott & Kristen Metsch Receive Past Grand Knight Plaque for his Father Ray



G K Kevin Sheehan presents Chuck & Monica Novak receive proclamation From Supreme on their 50th Wedding Anniversary



Fr Joe leads all in saying Grace



Sr. Corita enjoys the festivities.

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.

Visit our WEB SITE at 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.

Knight at the Races:

Keep April 6th open for Council 4731's annual Knight at the Races to benefit St. Augustine, Rainbow Camp

Free Throw Contest:

To be held at North Olmsted Middle School on Butternut Ridge Rd.

When: January 12

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Who: All Boys and Girls Ages 10 thru 14.

Each age group will have a winner, so check your school or Church bulletin for more information.

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 November for \$100.00

The only meeting, Jim Bailey, was present & won \$100.00.

The second meeting in December Joe Marita, was not present

The January Drawing will be for \$100.00**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.

Membership Musings -- Chuck Novak -- 440-716-9197

HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Not only did we gain two new Knights before Thanksgiving in November, we repeated the feat in December by bringing into Council 4731 two new Knights before Christmas. When next you see them at a Knights' meeting or a Knights' event, please extend a hearty welcome to Paul Mathieson, proposed by Mark Cunningham and Kevin Amburgy sponsored by our Web Master Don Lloyd.

Both new Knights made their First Degree conducted by North Olmsted Council 4731's First Degree team on December 13th. In addition, two men from the new St. Mary of the Falls Council #14416 in Olmsted Falls were conferred their first degrees in the First Degree Ceremonial by our team. The Knights of Columbus continues to grow and prosper thanks to the recruiting efforts of those members who have asked Catholic men to join the K. of C.

The holiday membership drive continues thru January under this month's theme, "Bring in a Happy New Knight in the Happy New Year of 2008." Now that Christmas festivities are past, January becomes a K. of C. month of opportunities during which you can and should recruit new members.

RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES

Think about it! There are thousands of men who; are not Knights in the 8 parishes we are supposed to primarily serve--St. Clarence, St. Richard, and St. Brendan in North Olmsted; St. Bernadette and St. Lad's in Westlake; St. Raphael in Bay Village; St. Angela in Fairview Park; St. Christopher in Rocky River. Council 4731 is at present the only K. of C. Council in the West Suburbs. We are now the only Council in the vast geographical area from the Rocky River to the Lorain County line, bordered by I-480 to the South and Lake Erie to the North.

Thousands of Catholic men are out there to whom the invitation to join the Knights of Columbus should be extended. Thousands of men who could substantially assist the K. of C. and increase the good works that the Knights perform. Thousands of men who have been bypassed in the past when we failed to tell them about the Knights of Columbus--the good that we do and the fun that we have doing the good works that are the centerpiece of our order.

Is it too much to expect that you select a few men out of the thousands and ask and invite them to become members of North Olmsted Council 4731?

RECRUITMENT SUCCESS

Recruitment success can only happen if you and a goodly number of your brother Knights at #4731 pick and choose Catholic men from your parish, tell them about the Knights of Columbus, what good works we do and what fun we have in doing it at North Olmsted Council. Ask your Catholic friends to join the Knights. Give them Form 100's. Ask them to fill out and sign their Form 100. Bring the signed Form 100's to a regular meeting for the approval vote and accompany your prospect to his First Degree and subsequent Degrees.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING DEGREES

We, your 1st Degree prospects, and candidates for higher degrees are fortunate that upcoming degrees at nearby locations are set for January and February. Sponsors, and 2nd and 3rd degree candidates, you need to call Chuck Novak--440-716-9197 so we can register candidates at the host council for the specific Jan. and Feb. degrees. We need to set up the transport car pool in which you will be included. Car pools will be assembled as needed about ½ hour before Candidate Call.

<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>C. C.</u>	<u>HOST COUNCIL</u>
1 st	Thurs. Jan. 17	7:30 pm	North Ridgeville Council
1 st /2 nd	Tues. Jan. 22	6:30 pm	Garfield Council
1 st	Thurs. Jan. 24	7:00 pm	Avon Council
3 rd	Sun. Jan. 27	1:30 pm	Garfield Council

1 st /2 nd	Sun. Feb. 3	1:30 pm	Avon Council
3 rd	Sun. Feb. 17	1:30 pm	Avon Council
1 st	Thurs. Feb. 21	7:30 pm	North Ridgeville

We tried and found successful the concept of having 2nd degree candidates attend the 1st degree by observation and then make their 2nd degree following the first that same date, so we are pushing the 1st/2nd at Garfield and Avon .

4th (PATRIOTIC) DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Attention all 3rd Degree and soon-to-be 3rd Degree members who have entered the Knights by 1st Degree prior to October, 2007.

1. Mark your calendar for the Dates of Friday April 4th (Hospitality Night) and Saturday April 5th (Exemplification) at the Cleveland Diocese/North Eastern Ohio Annual 4th Degree Ceremonial which will be held at the Akron Radisson.

2. You need to be buying your tuxedo as the basic 4th Degree uniform, assembling the tuxedo accessories: One Button Tuxedo Jacket; white pleated tuxedo shirt with lay-down collar; cummerbund, black bow tie, black studs and cufflinks, etc.

In January and February, most tuxedo retailers have clearance sales. For a first tux, Value City and K & G Men's Wearhouse offer economical tux and accessory buys, including % off coupons. For those interested in better quality tuxes, the K. of C. has package deals available.

3. You should be talking to Bishop O'Reilly Assembly #816 Faithful Navigator Ralph Kearnes -- 440-748-3627--to express your interest in becoming a 4th degree **Knight**.

Ralph will cheerfully tell you the duties of the Patriotic Degree:

1. Provide an honor guard to escort the bishops when they visit parishes for Confirmations, liturgies, building dedications, parish anniversaries, etc.

2. March in parish processions especially in nationality neighborhoods and for parish celebrations on feasts and saint's name days.

3. Participate in parades and festivals in full regalia as the most visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

4. Engage in the Assembly's program of patriotic activities in honor of God, Flag and Country.

5. Serve as honor guards at the wakes of deceased 4th degree Knights, including the Farewell Sir Knight Ceremonial and the Chalice Fund.

Ralph will answer your questions on the costs of procuring the Sword and the full regalia and provide you with a Form 4, the 4th degree Membership Application.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

We are up to 16 new and re-admitted members thru Dec. 31st, three above our quota and just about 16 to 19 new faces away from repeating as a double Star Council (provided our retention committee doesn't lose any existing members for non-payment of 2008 dues.)

Will you take upon yourself the duty of bringing in at least one new face into your Council 4731 in 2008? Won't it be GREAT to transform that Catholic friend you know into a happy new 2008 Knight in your and his Happy New Year!

Annual Grand Knight's Christmas Party

Last night December 8, 2007, 107 people, Grand Knights and their wives or significant other came together at Wagner's Country Party Center in Westlake, Ohio for the Knights of Columbus Council 4731 Christmas Party. Dignitaries in attendance were our council Chaplain Father Joseph McNulty with Sister Corita from St. Augustine Parish in Cleveland, Ohio, District Deputy Joe Solomon, PGK and Mayor of North Olmsted Tom O'Grady.

In the absence of our most immediate Past Grand Knight, Ray Metsch, our Grand Knight, Kevin Sheehan asked Ray's son PGK Scott Metsch to accept awards being presented to PGK Ray Metsch. Grand Knight Kevin Sheehan gave Scott a sew-on patch, a lapel pin and a medallion honoring Ray as a Past Grand Knight.

Then our Grand Knight Kevin Sheehan called up to the speaker's stand, Chuck Novak and his wife Monica. Chuck was given an award of Wedding Anniversary Certificate of Commendation signed by KofC Supreme Officers including Deputy Carl Anderson and Master Joseph Schutz. The award gave attention to the efforts and fine examples of Chuck Novak and his wife Monica on their 50th anniversary of marriage.

Fr. McNulty led us in prayer and we all enjoyed a fabulous meal and social evening with Brother Knights and their wives. Of course the open bar helped many of us to enjoy the evening even more. The band played music for the remainder of the evening and many danced the night away.

Before the evening was completed, our Grand Knight sold all the remaining stock of the magnets expressing our desire to "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Brecksville VA Christmas Shop Veterans Hospital Dec 3rd thru 7th 2007

A total of 435 Veterans were serviced with gifts of: Duffle Bag packed with Jeans or sweats for Nursing home Vets, Jacket, Shirt, T-shirt, Underwear, socks, hat and gloves. The Veterans were then able to pick out something for their wives and children under 18 living at home. These were gift wrapped and packaged to send home.

On Tuesday there were 19 Brother knights. Wednesday there were 6 Brother Knights and Thursday there were 5 Brother Knights. Some of the Knights brought their wives to help out, all putting in 8 hrs each.

A total of \$3,000.00 was collected as donations for the Christmas Gift Shop. There were many Knights from a number of councils in our area. There were eight knights from our council that helped at different times all week:

PGK Tom Lisy, Chuck & Monica Novak, Dick Schilens, PGK Gene and Betty, Hansley, Ralph & Mary Ellen Kearns GK Kevin Sheehan, Lou Kaszas and, of course PGK Jim Bailey and his wife who chaired the entire week's event.

Special Notice:

Remember to sent your dues for 2008 to Henry Kleinhenz. Also make your check payable to:

North Olmsted Knights of Columbus Council #4731, or North Olmsted K of C Council #4731.

Thank you for your prompt return of your dues, & "Gimme Five".

A Few Words From The Program Director - Jim Buckley

Church Activities

1. Once again starting Feb 6, 2008, a few good men, Knights of Columbus, council 4731 are going to be helping the staff at our St. Clarence with the Fish Fry offered on Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent. Come one. Come all to a well cooked delicious meal and help support our home parish, St. Clarence. Ask Henry Kleinhenz if he has a full crew. He may need help on certain days. He told us at the last meeting that he did not have a full crew yet. Please help.
2. On Friday, January 25, 2008, Clergy Night is taking place. This is an event offered by the KofC Chapter to honor the clergy of our Diocese. There are usually two full tables reserved for our council. Many of the priests in our council neighborhood are asked to join us at this event. This year's dinner costs \$23.00
Make your reservation early and join us this year. The event is going to be held at the Sherwood Party Center, 5947 Mayfield Rd. Mayfield, Ohio- Open Bar at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Also mark your calendars for Nuns night out on April 20th.

Community Activities

1. Last year we honored one of our North Olmsted Firemen with the KofC Bluecoat of the Year award. This year we are going to be honoring another Blue Coat. The award will be given out at our Communion Breakfast on March 16, 2008 at North Olmsted Party Center. More about this event in later newsletters.

Council Activities

Family Activities

1. The annual ticket selling campaign will be starting again soon. Please start thinking about how and where and to whom you will be selling your tickets. We need another successful year.


Youth Activities

1. The Basketball Free Throw competition for young boys and girls, ages 10-14, is scheduled for Jan 12, 2008. Sign up you child or grandchild today.
2. The Youth Program Director Ed Chavez told us that they are going to be asking a number of the Schools in the area to participate in the KofC Essay Contest. Watch for more later.

Recently our Grand Knight has been throwing accolades in my direction. I enjoy the job of Program Director, but ever since I asked for this job, the reason has been to give praise to all the Knights that find it in their hearts to do so much as to warrant the praise and recognition for being as we have seen the last couple of years, one of the best Councils in the State. Recently the many events that were scheduled in the council 4731 calendar have been successfully completed due to the hard work of many courageous and hard working Knights and most of the reporting to the state programming offices and to the Narrator has been written by one of the Knights or their families that attended or chaired the event. I want to thank all of those who have helped to make this another great year. Thank you Sir Grand Knight. I want to turn your thanks around and pass it to everyone doing all the work for all the events and those writing the reports. Your number 1 in my book.

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*Next Meeting: January 2nd
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:

Jan 1	New Years Day
Jan 2	Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence
Jan 8	Officers Meeting, Class Room St. Clarence
Jan 16	Rosary 7:00p.m. Terrace room
Jan 16	Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence
Jan 12	Free Throw Contest, North Olmsted Middle School 2:00 P.M.
Jan 25	Clergy Nite Sherwood—Gilmore Party Center, Doors open at 6:00 P.M.
Feb 5	Officers Meeting, Class Room St. Clarence
Feb 6	Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence
Feb 20	Rosary 7:00p.m. Terrace room
Feb 20	Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence