

January 2015

Grand Knight Letter

Grand Knight Letter January 2015 "What is in it for me?"

is a question that is often asked by those who are asked to become a member of the Knights of Columbus

**Volunteering connects you with others.** One of the better-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on your community. Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds your community together. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people and the Knights of Columbus Council in need.

Volunteering is a two-way street. It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help. Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills.

Volunteering increases your social and relationship skills. While some people are naturally outgoing, others are shy and have a hard time meeting new people. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to practice and develop your social skills. You are meeting regularly with a group of people with common interests. It is easier to branch out and make more friends and contacts once you have momentum.

**Volunteering helps you make new friends and contacts.** One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to commit to a shared activity with them. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. Volunteering also strengthens your ties to your community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with common interests, community resources, and fulfilling activities.

Volunteering helps you stay physically healthy. Volunteering is good for your health at all ages. Studies have found that those who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not, even when considering factors like the health of the participants. Volunteering has also been shown to lessen symptoms of chronic pain or heart disease.

**Volunteering increases self-confidence.** Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. You are doing good for others and your community which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity. And the better you feel about yourself, the more likely you are to have a positive view of your life, future goals, and your community

**Volunteering combats depression.** Reducing the risk of depression is another important benefit of volunteering. A key risk factor for depression is social isolation. Volunteering keeps you in regular contact with others and helps you develop a solid support system, which in turn protects you against stress and depression when you're going through challenging times. Working with others in your community has been shown to improve mood and reduce stress and anxiety.

Whether due to a lack of transportation, time constraints, a disability or other reasons, many people prefer to volunteer via phone or computer. There are many projects where you can help Writing and graphic design lends itself to working at home, and in today's digital age many organizations might also need help with communication by email, postal mail, and telephone.

## **IN MEMORAL:**

# January & February Anniversaries:

John A. Skvarek	01/13/77	Wilbur J. Bridegum, PGK	01/08/83
William G. Grayneau	01/31/85	Robert P. Farrell	01/30/87
William A. Brown	01/11/91	Raymond J. Stanley	01/20/92
Joseph F. 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	01/16/01
John H. Dempsey	01/01/02	Michael Lopaz	01/23/02
Joseph Dickey	01/05/06	Bunny Carter	01/06/06
Elmer R. Chokan	01/17/08	George R. Davis, PGK	01/09/11
Jay B. Ellis	01/21/12	Emil Horvath	01/31/12
John F. Maloney	01/25/13	Charles V. Peters	01/29/14
Jack J. Luttner	02/07/68	Arthur E. Hagan	02/28/83
Adam J. Hessert Jr.	02/17/85	Harry F Reagan, PGK	02/26/85
Joseph J. Schreiber	02/27/89	Oscar Moldovan	02/24/98
William R. Mullally	02/14/01	Julius S. Bodnar	02/20/01
Ben K. Wright	02/11/05	Paul M. Sunday	02/01/08
John C. Hudecek	02/23/08	Stanley J. Ryba	02/15/13
Gerald J. Dietrich	02/10/14		

Remember all those whom have died this past year.

#### Remember the Rosary

On the third Wednesday of each month the Rosary will be said in the Terrace Room. All are welcome to attend at 7:00 P. M. The second meeting of the month will follow the Rosary.

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) ttipkilbane@gmail.com; or Henry Kleinhenz (440-235-0675). We will be setting up an email delivery to let you know when the current NARRATOR is posted.

#### **Notice**

Please review the names of the Knight and their families members, we would like to know those that still need our prayers. So we can keep the list current we will remove any names from the list if you do not call Henry Kleinhenz (440-235-0675, or Tom Kilbane (440-933-9964). Thank you for helping us.

## **KEEP THE SICK IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Tom Kilbane's Brother in Law, Dave, Jim Sanzi Brother, Bill Marquard's Brother in law, Bob & Edith Schmieler, Vince Moorman And his Wife Fran, Joe Burke, Lou Kaszas, Jean Chokan, Norm Musial's wife Pat, Dan Dugan, Kevin Sheehan Mother in-law Jeanne Yanochao, Shirley Wolfe's daughter Denise, Carol Senko wife of Phil, and all the Members of our Council who are in need along with all the victim of the wars in the world.

#### North Olmsted Knights of Columbus

Chaplin: Rev Joseph McNulty (216-781-5530) Grand Knight: Paul Matthieson (440-835-7203)

Financial Secretary: Henry Kleinhenz (440-235-0675)
Narrator" Editor: Tom Kilbane (440-933-9964)

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# 2014 St. Augustine Children's Christmas Party

December 7<sup>th</sup> 2014, was the 41<sup>st</sup> consecutive year, the Brother Knights of North Olmsted council 4731 held their annual Children's Christmas Party at St. Augustine Church. The party is held each year for the mentally and physically challenged served by the St. Augustine ministries, as well as, the inner city youth in the area.

Started in 1972, PGK Dave Wolfe and a small band of brother Knights turned a hope and a prayer, with 47 kids and family members, into the party you see today. As one of our council's largest, most anticipated annual events, turnout among knights is one of our best as well with over 30 knights and their wives.

All food and gifts are provided free of charge to everyone who comes to celebrate with us. Santa chatted with over 225 smiling and wide eyed children. The Knights provided each with their very own gift-wrapped and sometimes only Christmas present; while serving over 390 meals of pizza, hot dogs, chips, pops and plenty of home baked cookie!

Planning begins early in the year to find the funds to put on such a large party. We could never do this without the generous donations by numerous companies and individuals that help us offset our many expenses. The knights work long weekends, often through snow and rain selling Ohio Charity Tickets. This program provides us with the bulk of the monies needed to do the work we do for our council's nine (9) parishes. So it is all hands on deck when that program comes around each year. That fund raising event is backed up with our councils "Keep Christ in Christmas" program where we sell car magnets and yard displays promoting that message! All of the proceeds from these events are ear marked for our charity works.

We also need to recognize and say thank you to some people who make this party a reality. Mrs. Debbie Korce is Dave Wolfe's oldest daughter. Since Dave passed away several years ago, Debbie has maintained Dave's spirit and passion for the children. She keeps us focused on why Dave felt he needed to start such a wonderful program. She also finds us the best deals on toys! Our Music man, Jim Gepperth who once again filled our hall with laughter and Christmas Carols! We also need to say thank you to many brother knights from North Olmsted, West Park, Trinity and Brunswick Council's, who came out to help with crowd control, clowning, balloon animals, cooking, serving and lending their special support for the kids.

And finally, a very special Thank You to a man who walks with a slight limp for a couple of days and spots in his eyes from the camera flash. Our councils very own Santa, Dick Dennis. Dick has an easy manner that makes the kids feel special. With over 200 kids bouncing on your knee, I'm surprised we don't have to carry him to his sleigh!

Thank you to everyone who has helped us offer a small bit of the Christmas spirit to so many this year. Remember to do what YOU can to Keep Christ in your Christmas!

Kevin Sheehan, PGK Christmas Party Chairman

Toys for the Children

Girls ages 1 thru 12 Total 115

Boys ages 1 thru 12

Total 110









St. Augustine Children Christmas Party, Santa with his helpers

# The 2015 Saint Augustine Hunger Center Calendars have arrived!

The Knights of Columbus Council 4731 supports these Saint Augustine calendars.

These calendars are beautifully made and you will enjoy having them in your homes. **They also make wonderful gifts,** giving others a chance also to win as well as to enjoy this calendar. Most of all, the calendars provide needed support for the Hunger Center. The

calendars are \$25 each. Each calendar has a number, drawn for each day for the year 2015 that will give all participants 363 chances to win \$25.00, and on a few days, even more than that. Calendars are available in the rectory after the masses. As in the past, we appreciate

parishioners who have been able to take them and sell them to their neighbors, or the places where they work, or to other family members. **Please contact: Peter Frank** for more information at 440-779-

9725/ peterfrank@ameritech.net or **Paul C. Mathieson GK** 440-835-7203/ <u>paulmathieson@msn.com</u>, **Checks can be made out to "Saint. Augustine"** (not Knights of Columbus)
Cash is welcomed.



Knights of Columbus at the Cleveland VA

Grand Knight Paul Mathieson & FS Henry Kleinhenz present Past Grand Knight Edward Cha'vez Sr. with his plaque.



Lecture Speaker for January 21, 20015 meeting:

Dennis McNulty and Marilyn Scott, Catholic Charities Disability Services for the Dioceses of Cleveland.

Timothy L. McKay (57) passed away on November 18, 2014. Tim was the son of Dean and Margaret McKay. Dean McKay is a Past Grand Knight.

## Just a few social media guidelines

Knights of Columbus members are personally responsible for the content they publish on-lins, whether in a blog, social computing site or any other form of user-generated media. Be mindful that what you publish will be public for a long time. Protect your privacy and take care to understand a site's terms of service.

Identify yourself by name when relevant, role as a Knight of Columbus when you discuss K of C related matters such as K of C charities, services or activities. You must make it clear that you are speaking for yourself and not on behalf of Knight of Columbus

### ATTEND A MEETING AND WIN!

Each Month until the end of this year a prize of \$5.00 per month will be awarded to the lucky Knight whose name is drawn, and is present at the meeting. GOOD LUCK!

The drawing for Nov was for \$10.00

The First meeting in November was the Memorial Mass

The second meeting for Nov. James Imbrogno was not present

The Dec drawing was be for \$15.00.

The first meeting of Dec Rev. Leonard Chuwa Was not present.

The second meeting of Dec winner was Gene Hanzeely PGK

The January meeting will be foe \$5.00

#### Patron for Narrator

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We all should be assisting you planning and finalizing the details

46th Annual Clergy Night Dinner

Friday, January 30, 2015, 6pm - 9pm

Knights of Columbus Garfield Heights Party Center 10808 Granger Road Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Contact: Steve Basch, Chancellor Phone: 440-292-6968 E-mail 4731knight@gmail.com

Second Annual Family Winter Picnic and Corn hole Tournament

Saturday, February 7, 2015, 1pm - 4pm

Saint Clarence Pavilion 30106 Lorain Road North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

Contact Tom Vojtek at Phone 440-382-4471 or at E-Mail tvojtek@wowway.com.

Spring Communion Mass Awards Banquet Breakfast

Sunday, February 22, 2015, 9:00am

St. Richard Parish. 26855 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, Ohio

Contact: Scott Metsch, Deputy Grand Knight Phone: 216-978-3813 E-Mail:

Scott.metsch@timkensteel.com

Our web site has once again been expanded website...with new and expanded information created by our Webmaster

http://www.kofc4731.org/

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http://www.kofc4731.org/those-we-remember.html

The following Brother Knights have been elected for North Olmsted, Ohio Council 4731 officer positions for the 2014-2015 year

- Grand Knight: Paul C. Mathieson

- Deputy Grand Knight: Scott Metsch

- Recorder: Mike Okoniewski

Treasurer: Thomas Vojtek

- Chancellor: Steve Basch - Inside Guard: John McQuillen

Outside Guard: Mike Čipriano, Steve Gonosey

-Warden: Bill Luke

-Trustee 1st year: Jim Sanzi, PGK

-Trustee 2nd year: Kevin Cornelius, PGK

-Trustee 3rd year: Ed Chavez, PGK

Memorial Mass for Deceased members of North Olmsted Council.







North Olmsted Memorial Board, list the Names and Dates of the Knight who have passed away.







# Saint Brendan 4242 Brendan Lane North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 (440) 777-7222

# www.stbrendannortholmsted.org

Pastor: Reverend. Thomas G. Woost

**Mission Statement:** The members of the Catholic community of St. Brendan seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ by continuing his mission of building God's kingdom of love, peace, and justice in our world. We commit ourselves to being the Body of Christ for others through our participation in the Sacramental life of the Church, especially the Eucharist, openness to God's Word, and service to God's people. In the imitation of our patron, St. Brendan, there will be no barrier to our loving outreach in Christ's name.

**Saint Brendan is called "The Navigators.**" St. Brendan of Clonfert was himself a navigator, a sailor, a traveler. He was all this because of his own search for God and his desire to help others discover God. The saint we are named for, stands with us today, as a role model and witness to determination, courage, initiative, and fearlessness.

**See the parish community on the website www.stbrendannortholmsted.org/.** Experience Saint Brendan's community at Eucharist, Adoration, Generations of Faith or the many other ways in which Saint Brendan, to this very day, search for and discover our God as well.

**A "BUSY PERSON'S Retreat Experience"** It is the perfect solution.(1) Live your life day by day(2) Receive resources for daily prayer (3) Participate in a weekly meeting to "check in" with Fr. Tom or Sr. Judy (your choice) & a small group of about 6-8 people.

The retreat experience is guaranteed to ENRICH your: (1) personal life,

- (2) your marriage . . . your family life (3) your connection and participation in Sunday Mass
- (4) your relationship with God\*\*\*

**Encountering Christ Together by Encounter Christ in Prayer**...one way that we will make our parish theme for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary come alive is to encourage every parishioner to go on retreat this year. Opportunities are all around.

The retreat experience that Saint Brendan will coordinate at the parish involves the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius of Loyola. There will actually be several opportunities over the course of the year to participate. The parish staff will be the initial facilitators of these small groups of about 6-8 parishioners. The "Spiritual Exercises" focus on encountering Christ through prayer, scripture, and reflection. If you have a hunger to come closer to Christ, to learn more or even grow more in prayer, if you think that you are not holy or just too busy, well then, this experience is exactly for you.

It will happen over the course of eight weeks. After those eight weeks are complete, our facilitators will start up a new group of parishioners to lead them through the prayer experiences. This will be a prayerful way to encounter Christ together.

# St. Brendan's Holy Name Society & The Diocesan Union

Lenten Retreat Day - Directed by: Fr. Walter J. Hyclak

# Saturday March 14, 2015

St Brendan Church, 4242 Brendan Lane, North Olmsted, OH 44070 Mass at 8:30 AM - Breakfast after Mass - Lunch at noon - Dismissal at 3:00 PM The retreat is open to both men & women from any parish. A free will donation (i.e. \$10) will be accepted.

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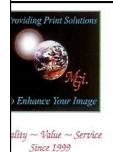
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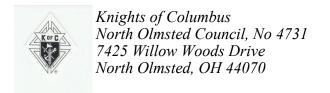
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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# Next Meeting: January 7th 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 30 Feb 3 Feb 4 Feb 7 Feb 18 Feb 18 Feb 18 Feb 22	Officers meeting, Class Room St. Clarence Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m., Terrace Room St. Clarence Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m., Terrace Room St. Clarence 42nd Annual March for life Washington, D.C. 46th annual Clergy Night Dinner, Garfield Hts. Council Officers meeting, Class Room St. Clarence Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m., Terrace Room St. Clarence Second Annual Family Winter Picnic and Corn hole Tournament St Clarence. Ash Wednesday Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m., Terrace Room St. Clarence 40 Day for Life Spring Campaign starts Spring Communion Mass and Breakfast, St Richard Church
Feb 22	
Mar 3	Officers meeting, Class Room St. Clarence
Mar 4	Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m., Terrace Room St. Clarence

Reminder: the Tuesday before the first regular meeting each month we have a officers mtg.