
THE NARRATOR



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The Newsletter of the North Olmsted



Knights of Columbus Council #4731



Kevin Sheehan
Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Message

Happy New Year! 2017! . . . Will next year hold as many miracles for us? This year the Cavs won a world Championship, The Indians took the World Series to a seventh nail biting game and the Mighty, Mighty, Cleveland Browns won a game on Christmas Eve! If that don't make you believe in God, I don't know what will . . .

The St. Augustine Christmas Party was well attended by knights as well as neighborhood children. We cannot pull this off alone. Thank you to all 43 brother knights and family members who donated time, money or a product to make this year's party a success! Our Santa, Dick Dennis, was happy and jolly, giving out over 276 gifts to the children, while our volunteers served up 420 meals. Thank you to everyone who helped.

If you missed the Grand Knight's Christmas party, you missed a great time. The company was grand, food was exceptional. Thanks to Nancy Sheehan and Judy Cornelius for decorating the tables and hall. A big Thank You to Bill and Mary Goellner for putting together the basket of cheer. Basket proceeds help us offset the cost of the band and the gratuity. The poinsettias were very nice door prizes, and the Band was great. It was good to see the guys from St. Lads Council and the new faces from their growing new council. We would like to see even more of you next year!

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" program came to a close for this year. Thanks to Kevin Cornelius and Peter Frank we sold the last of our magnets and made a little profit. This money helps offset the cost of the toys for the St. Augustine Party. Thank you again to everyone who sold or purchased a magnet or yard display.

Our First Degree Team held another Degree December 14th. We were happy to welcome several Grand Knights, Officers and Brother Knights who stopped by to witness and support the Degree Team and the new candidates. Six new men and two priests were given the honor of First Degree, and each personally became a Knight Before Christmas! We wish them well as they take on the journey to higher degrees in our Order.

Upcoming events (*details elsewhere in this issue of The Narrator*) . . .

Clergy Night - January 20th. Bar opens at 6:00PM, Dinner at 7:00PM. Tickets are limited, so don't wait too long.

Communion Breakfast and Annual Awards Ceremony - February 19th. Nominations are needed. We need **you** to participate in this process. We'll do the vetting and background write-ups. Please give us a hand with your suggestions.

A final quick note... **St. Augustine Church** is once again selling its **fundraising calendars**. Call the church at (216) 781-5530 or Peter Frank (440) 821-3857

See you at the next meeting!

Kevin Sheehan, Grand Knight, Council #4731

In Memoriam – November and December

Please remember the following deceased members in your prayers . . .

John A Skvarek	01/13/77	Emil Horvath	01/13/12
Wilbur J. Bridegum (PGK)	01/08/83	John F. Maloney	01/25/13
William G. Grayneau	01/31/85	Charles V. Peters	01/29/14
Robert P. Farrell	01/30/87	Vincent E. Moorman	01/13/15
William A. Brehm	01/11/91	Jack H. Doyle	01/13/15
Raymond J. Stanley	01/20/92	Jack J. Luttner	02/07/68
Joseph A. Peterka	01/29/96	Arthur E. Hagan	02/28/83
David E. Wolfe (PGK)	01/02/99	Adam J. Hessert, JR.	02/17/85
Norman J. Mlady	01/05/00	Harry F. Reagan (PGK)	02/26/85
Paul Modock	01/15/00	Joseph J. Schreiber	02/27/89
Robert E. Sullivan	01/07/01	Oscar Moldovan	02/24/98
Patrick A. McGovern	01/16/01	William R. Mullally	02/14/01
John H. Dempsey	01/01/02	Julius S. Bodnar	02/20/01
Michael Lopaz	01/23/02	Ben K. Wright	02/11/05
Joseph Dickey	01/05/06	Paul M. Sunday	02/01/08
Bunny Carter	01/06/06	John C. Hudecek	02/23/08
Elmer R. Chokan	01/17/08	Stanley J. Ryba	02/15/03
George R. Davis (PGK)	01/09/11	Gerald J. Dietrich	02/10/14
Jay B. Ellis	01/21/12	James Sweeny, Sr	02/19/15

Chet Monty 1941-2016

North Olmsted Council #4731 is saddened by the passing of a very active member, Chester “Chet” Monty, who passed away December 11. Chet took his first degree in August 2012 and continued on to become a fourth degree Sir Knight. Chet was an outgoing friendly gentleman who was easy to like. Most recently Chet has served as North Olmsted council’s Warden. Please remember Chet and his family in your prayers. We will miss you, Chet.

Win Cash Prizes With St. Augustine Calendars

The Knights of Columbus North Olmsted Council 4731 supports the annual Saint Augustine calendar fundraiser. These beautiful calendars feature photos by our renowned photographer Peter Frank, will look great in your home and will make wonderful gifts. Most of all, they provide needed support for the Saint Augustine Hunger Center.

The calendars are \$25.00 each. Each numbered calendar has a chance to match a number drawn for each day for the year 2016. That will give all participants 365 chances to win \$25.00 (and you can win more than once). There will also be \$100 prizes associated with special holidays.

North Olmsted Council’s contact to purchase calendars is Peter Frank (440) 779-9725 or peterfrank@ameritech.net. Checks can be made out to “Saint Augustine” (not Knights of Columbus). Cash is also welcome. We encourage you to support this worthy charity.

Council Shirts and Jackets Available

Advocate Bill Goellner, PGK has order forms for monogrammed North Olmsted Council shirts and jackets. Both long sleeve and short sleeve shirts are available. To order contact Bill at (440) 427-0439 or goellner8158@wowway.com.

Council Receives Columbian Award

North Olmsted Council has been awarded the prestigious Columbian Award for fraternal year 2015-2016. The Columbian Award is given to councils who conduct at least four qualified activities in each area of Church Activities, Community Activities, Council Activities, Culture of Life Activities, Family Activities and Youth Activities and who have met certain other requirements. Congratulations to all council members who helped make this award possible. Congratulations to PGK Paul C. Mathieson for your council leadership during this time.

Knight at the Races Will be Here Soon Leadership Help Needed

North Olmsted Council's annual Knight at the Races major fundraiser will be held **Saturday, April 29, 2017**. However, co-chairmen of the event, Bill Goellner and Kevin Sheehan, are looking for a couple of men to be chairmen-in-training this year toward to goal of turning over the reins in 2018. Coordinating Knight at the Races is a lot of fun. Please consider reaching out to Bill at (440) 427-0439 or goellner8158@wowway.com or Kevin at (216) 389-0222 or kofc4731@aol.com to learn more about this great opportunity.

Communion Breakfast February 19 Community Awards Nominations Needed

North Olmsted Council's annual spring Communion Mass and Breakfast and Awards Banquet will be held Sunday Morning, February 19 at Saint Angela Merici Parish. Awards will be given for Religious of the Year, Lady of the Year, Catholic Family of the Year, Blue Coat of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Knight of the year. Nominees are needed for these awards. To nominate someone, please talk with any officer or submit your nomination on the "Contact Us" page on our council's website (kofc4731.org).

Clergy Night Dinner, January 20

Cleveland Chapter's 48th annual clergy night dinner and social will be held from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday January 20, 2017 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe. This dinner and lively evening honor our diocesan clergy and seminarians.

All who have attended this event in the past have thoroughly enjoyed their time. The cost for the dinner is only \$13 per person, as the Kay Cee Club will pay \$12 of the \$25 total cost.

Reservations and money are due by January 17.
RSVP to Kevin Sheehan (216) 389-0222 or Jim Szcublewski (440) 801-1308.

K of C Luncheon Club

The K of C Luncheon Club meets at 11:30 am on the second Thursday of every month at Fuji's Grill & Buffet, 1930 Snow Road in Parma.

All K of C members, clergy and lady guests are welcome to attend. The next two luncheon club meetings are January 12 and February 9.

Be sure to attend for good fellowship with your brother Knights from around the Cleveland area.



Knights and their spouses from around the Greater Cleveland area had a great time December's K of C Luncheon Club meeting, this one with a Christmas theme. Come on out next month and enjoy the fun!

Follow Our Website www.KofC4731.org

Members of North Olmsted Council can now stay up to date on all Council activities simply by going to our online North Olmsted Council website at www.kofc4731.org.

A wealth of information is available on our website, including a calendar of upcoming meetings and events, photos from recent council activities, current and past issues of our council's newsletter The Narrator, links to state and national K of C and other Catholic websites, contact information for council officers and more. Many thanks to Trustee Paul C. Mathieson, who has stepped up to become our new webmaster.

Get Your *Narrator* Delivered Faster

Did you know that every issue of the *Narrator* is posted to our website (www.kofc4731.org) well before it is mailed to your home? Also, printing, folding, sealing and mailing are both costly and time consuming. It would help our budget and get information to you faster if you convert to web-based delivery of your *Narrator*. Just let us know, and we will send you an email each time that we post a new issue to the website. Contact Ed Kiss (440) 781-8943 qbpro@msn.com or Henry Kleinhenz (440) 235-0675 to set this up. Thanks for your help.

Council Member to be Ordained

Anthony Simone, a member of our council, was recently ordained as a transitional deacon of the Catholic Church. In May of this year Deacon Simone will be ordained as a priest at the Cathedral of St. John in Cleveland.

Great Incentives for Meeting Attendance

North Olmsted Council has instituted a new membership perk for those who attend our meetings. At each meeting there will be a \$10 door prize for some lucky member in attendance. Additionally, the split pot drawing at each meeting will now have two prize winners. Odds are good. Be sure to show up!

Consider Becoming a 4th Degree Member

The Knights of Columbus 4th degree is considered to be the patriotic degree. It's also the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus, as 4th degree members participate in many public events wearing their colorful regalia and carrying shiny swords.

North Olmsted Council is blessed to have a large number of 4th degree members. Most of our officers, trustees and directors are 4th degree members. If you are interested in becoming a 4th degree member, please seek out any of these men for more information. The next 4th degree exemplification (degree ceremony) will be held on April 29 in Westlake.

Children's Christmas Party is Great Success

The Saint Augustine 44th Annual Children's Christmas Party presented by North Olmsted Council was once again a great success. Santa (Dick Dennis) presented individually wrapped gifts to 298 children. An additional 182 gifts were donated to Sister Corita Ambro for her children's gift shop, where the children can purchase gifts for their siblings for \$1 each. 220 gifts were put into storage for next year's party.

Thanks to all the members and their spouses who helped wrap a total of 700 gifts the day after Thanksgiving. Thanks to the 30 knights and 30 family members who helped coordinate the party, including serving 425 meals. Special thanks to Debbie Korce, who has done a dynamite job leading this program for over 40 years. Thanks to all of you the children had a great time and a wonderful start to the holiday season.

Please Keep These Folks in Your Prayers

Over the past couple of months we have prayed at our meetings for the following people. We ask all of you and your families to keep these people in your prayers:

Henry Kleinhenz FS.PGK. PFN, Tom Lisy PGK and his wife Janice, Ruth McNamara, Bill Norris, Bob & Edith Schmieler, Lou Kaszas, Kevin Sheehan's Mother, Father and Mother in-law Jeanne Yanochao, Ralph Kearns, Bill Luke PGK, Paul Mathieson PGK, Jim Bailey PFN, Tony and Marilyn Colnar, Tom and Jan Lisy, Francis Moran, Peg Warden, Ray Metsch's wife Gayle, Dennis Carlton, Ed Chavez, Rudy Chavez, Tom Kilbane PGK, Peter Frank, and for the repose of the souls of Gregory Klimczyk PGK of West Park Council and Chet Monty. Please also pray for the unemployed, all the Members of our Council who are in need, families in Haiti, Christians in the Middle East and all the victim of the wars in the world.

Our immediate Past Grand Knight Bill Luke also requests prayers for all family members who have fallen away from the Church. And be sure to keep all the members of our country's military services and our safety forces in your prayers as well.

Opportunities to Get a Little More Involved

There are presently two committee positions open for members who wish to have a little more formal involvement with the council.

We are in need of someone to step up and become the council's Membership Director. The Membership Director coordinates the admission of new members, accepting applications, submitting for their approval and guiding new members to their first degree ceremonies. This is a great way to make new friends.

Co-chairmen of our annual Knight at the Races event, Bill Goellner and Kevin Sheehan, are looking for a couple of men to be chairmen-in-training this year toward goal of turning over the reins in 2018.

Coordinating Knight at the Races is a lot of fun. Please consider reaching out to Bill or Kevin to learn more about this great opportunity.

You Are the Key to Our Growth

Do you have a form 100 in your pocket? All Knights of Columbus are encouraged to actively recruit new members. The future of our council hinges on growth in membership.

Ask all Catholic men to consider joining our charitable, social, fraternal and patriotic organization. If someone expresses interest, and you do not have a membership application, you can obtain one by contacting our temporary membership chairman, Paul C. Mathieson at (440) 835-7203. The recruiting goal for the 2016-2017 fraternal year is one new member per council per month. Recruiting is especially crucial at this time as we have lost some members to newly-formed councils in neighboring parishes.

Additionally, we are looking for someone to step up and be North Olmsted Council's membership chairman for the remainder of the fraternal year. This is a rewarding position, and you will meet some good people along the way. Contact Paul at the number listed above if you would like to help out.

Buses Set to Take You to January 27 March for Life

The 44th annual March for Life will be held Friday, January 27 in Washington, DC. Avon's Knights of Columbus Father Ragan Council #3269 will be coordinating bus travel to this event, which is a peaceful demonstration to share the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand.

Buses will leave Avon at 8:00 pm on Thursday, January 26 and return just before midnight on Friday January 27. Cost is \$80 per person. Contact North Olmsted Council's Culture of Life Chairman John Mazur or his wife Judy at (440) 892-0270 for more information, or check North Olmsted Council's website.

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We need more patrons. Each time the *NARRATOR* is produced, over 200 copies have to be printed by a professional printing company and then mailed out. This results in a significant expense for printing and postage. We are working toward migrating much of the *NARRATOR* distribution to the internet, but there are a number of members who do not have internet access.

Last year we had nearly 50 patrons, which was a great help. All patrons will have their names published in each future issue of the *NARRATOR*. To participate please make your \$10.00 check payable to North Olmsted Council 4731, and mail it to Henry Kleinhenz, 7425 Willow Woods Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070.



Santa (Dick Dennis) brought smiles to the children's faces at the annual children's Christmas party, talking with them and giving out nearly 300 gifts.



Donna Frank and Clown Tom Lisy radiate Christmas cheer at the annual Children's Christmas party.



The children and their families all had a great time at the annual Children's Christmas party at St. Augustine.



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Jan	3	Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm Class Room St. Clarence
Jan	4	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Before Meeting, 7:15 pm
Jan	4	Business Meeting of Council 4731, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence
Jan	11	K of C Luncheon Club Fu Ji's Grill and Buffet Parma
Jan	18	Rosary Before Meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan	18	Social Meeting, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence
Jan	20	44 th Annual Clergy Night Borromeo Seminary
Jan	26-27	44 th Annual March for Life, Washington, DC
Jan	31	Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm Class Room St. Clarence
Feb	1	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Before Meeting, 7:15 pm
Feb	1	Business Meeting of Council 4731, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence
Feb	15	Rosary Before Meeting, 7:00 pm
Feb	15	Social Meeting of Council 4731, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence
Feb	19	Annual Spring Communion Mass/Breakfast/Awards Banquet St. Angela Merici
Feb	28	Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm Class Room St. Clarence