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# THE NARRATOR



January/February, 2018

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*The Newsletter of the North Olmsted*



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*Knights of Columbus Council #4731*



**Kevin Cornelius**  
**Grand Knight**

## **Grand Knight's Message . . . . .**

Brother Knights, Welcome to 2018!

We hope you enjoyed a spiritual Christmas season and a renewed energy at the New Year!

This past quarter, we provided over 200 gifts and 400 meals at the St. Augustine Christmas party!. A special thank you to PGK Kevin Sheehan for coordinating this event. I advise all members, that Kevin will not be running this event next year. He will act as an adviser, but we need a Knight to step up and coordinate next year's event. This could be a great family event! Think about taking this over!

This year's Grand Knight's Christmas Party was successful by starting off with a Mass, great food, and karaoke!. Unfortunately, we had planned for a larger number of people to attend based on verbal commitments. But, it seems that extreme cold weather deterred attendance. As such, \$800 was absorbed by the council. Please consider donating any monies to help cover the costs.

Coming up, we will soon be receiving Charity Tickets. I know there are issues with the new councils selling at Giant Eagle, and we are negotiating a resolution.

Our council continues to struggle with volunteers and membership. At this half way point in our fraternal year, we have added only one new member to our council. We are also struggling to have leaders step up and take over coordinating duties for several events.

May God Bless you and your families in 2018!

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

**45<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life** - January 18-19<sup>h</sup>. Bus being coordinated by Father Ragan Council in Avon.

**Communion Breakfast and Annual Awards Ceremony** - February 11th. Location to be determined. Please monitor Council website [www.kofc4731.org](http://www.kofc4731.org) or February issue of The Recorder for details.

**Reverend Neil Kookoothe and His Guest** will address North Olmsted Council on the topic "Save From Death Row" at our February 21 social meeting.

See you at the next meeting!

**Vivat Jesus**

**Kevin Cornelius, Grand Knight, North Olmsted Council #4731**

## In Memoriam – January and February

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

### North Olmsted Council Knights Help Deaf Access Program

Several North Olmsted Council brother knights performed a great service and had a lot of fun when they volunteered to tend bar at the 7th Annual Benefit for Cleveland's Deaf Access Program, which was recently held at the St. Clarence Pavilion. The event raised a large sum of money, which is used to facilitate and enhance communications between Cleveland's medical practitioners and the deaf community

### 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 2018. 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 Carl Zelinski, Sr. (216) 571-5446 or [cskisir@roadrunner.com](mailto:cskisir@roadrunner.com). Checks should 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 (216) 408-7347 or [bgoellner8158@wowway.com](mailto:bgoellner8158@wowway.com).

### Thank You Father Simone

Reverend Anthony Simone, a North Olmsted Council Member who was ordained this past spring, addressed our December social meeting relating his experiences in his first year as a priest. What Father Simone loves best about being a priest is interacting with God's people. He added that his most rewarding experience is celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. "It's awesome!", he says, particularly recalling six hours in the confessional at a recent youth conference. Thank you, Father Simone. We wish you great success as you live out your vocation.

## **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 21 2018**. 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 2019. Coordinating Knight at the Races is a lot of fun. Please consider reaching out to Bill at (216) 408-7347 or [bgoellner8158@wowway.com](mailto:bgoellner8158@wowway.com) or to Kevin at (216) 389-0222 or [sheehan02@aol.com](mailto:sheehan02@aol.com) to learn more about this great opportunity.

### **Communion Breakfast February 11 Spouses to be Honored**

North Olmsted Council's annual spring Communion Mass and Breakfast and Awards Banquet will be held Sunday Morning, February 11. As of the time of preparation of this edition of The Narrator, the time and location had not yet been determined. Please check the council website at [kofc4731.org](http://kofc4731.org) for specifics.

This year recognition will also be given to spouses and significant others. Brother knights are asked to write out and submit a short paragraph of appreciation for their ongoing support.

### **Clergy Night Dinner, January 26**

Cleveland Chapter's 49<sup>th</sup> annual clergy night dinner and social will be held from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday January 26, 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 5.**  
RSVP to Kevin Cornelius (440) 871-4020, Tom Hummer (440) 353-3441 or Ed Chavez (440) 320-2141.

### **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 11 and February 8.

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 at a recent 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](http://www.KofC4731.org)**

Members of North Olmsted Council can stay up to date on all Council activities simply by going to our online North Olmsted Council website at [www.kofc4731.org](http://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 been doing a great job as North Olmsted Council's webmaster.

## Get Your *Narrator* Delivered Faster

Did you know that every issue of the *Narrator* is posted to our website ([www.kofc4731.org](http://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](mailto:qbpro@msn.com) or Henry Kleinhenz (440) 235-0675 to set this up. Thanks for your help.

### Membership Dues are Due

If you have not yet paid your 2018 membership dues, you are now past the January 1 due date. Please mail your \$30 check payable to North Olmsted Council #4731, c/o Henry Kleinhenz, 4725 Willow Woods Drive, North Olmsted, OH 44070.

### Great Incentives for Meeting Attendance

North Olmsted Council has great financial membership perks 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 now has two prize winners.

### Consider Becoming a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Member

The Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> degree is considered to be the patriotic degree. It's also the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus, as 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> degree members. Most of our officers, trustees and directors are 4<sup>th</sup> degree members. If you are interested in becoming a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member, please seek out any of these men for more information. The next 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification (degree ceremony) will be held on April 7 in Westlake.

### Children's Christmas Party is Great Success

The Saint Augustine 45th Annual Children's Christmas Party presented by North Olmsted Council was once again a great success. Santa (Dick Dennis) presented individually wrapped gifts to over 300 children. An additional 100 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 and Victoria Korce. Debbie has done a dynamite job leading this program for over 40 years. Also to Kevin Sheehan, PGK, "who ran point for the party, busted through brick walls, and smoothed out snags" to make sure the party came off without a hitch and that all had fun. Additional thanks to brother knights from St. Ladislav, St. Bernadette and St. Charles councils, who also came and helped out. Because of 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:

This month we pray for the repose of the souls of Pat Luke, wife of Bill Luke, PGK, and Bill Doran, both of whom passed away in December and for their families. Also in need of our prayers are Henry Kleinhenz FS.PGK. PFN and his wife Joan, Joe Hoehn, Joan Spakowski (wife of Ace Spakowski, PGK), Carl Zelinski, Sr's wife, Tom Lisy PGK and his wife Janice, Bob & Edith Schmieler, Jim Bailey PGK, Gene Hanzely, Peter Frank, Jim and Gerry Buckley on the loss of their brother, Gayle Metsch, Kevin Cornelius's daughter who is expecting, Kevin Sheehan's wife Nancy, Yvonne Sutowski, Kay Hart, Mary Lou Kiss, the unemployed, all the members of our Council who are in need along with all the victim of the wars in the world and 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. Grand Knight Kevin Cornelius is currently also managing membership.

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 2019.

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 membership chairman, Kevin Cornelius at (440) 871-4020. The recruiting goal for the 2017-2018 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 and relieve Grand Knight Kevin Cornelius who has been doing double duty.. 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 18 March for Life

The 44<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life will be held Friday, January 18 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 18 and return just before midnight on Friday January 19. 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.

## Thank You to Our 2017 *NARRATOR* Patrons – New/Renewal Patrons Needed for 2018

A big *Thank You* to the following council members who have each donated \$10 or more to be *NARRATOR* patrons for the past year:

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**We need more patrons and need our current patrons to renew for 2018.** 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.



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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (More Info Inside):**

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| Jan | 2     | Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm Class Room St. Clarence                               |
| Jan | 3     | Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Before Meeting, 7:15 pm                             |
| Jan | 3     | 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 | 17    | Lecture – Tom Orasco “Resettlement of Refugees”, 5:00 (special time) Terrace Rm |
| Jan | 17    | Rosary Before Meeting, 7:00 pm  |
| Jan | 17    | Social Meeting, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence                               |
| Jan | 18-19 | 45 <sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life, Washington, DC                          |
| Jan | 26    | 49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Clergy Night, 6:00 pm Borromeo Seminary                 |
| Feb | 6     | Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm Class Room St. Clarence                               |
| Feb | 8     | K of C Luncheon Club Fu Ji's Grill and Buffet Parma                             |
| Feb | 7     | Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Before Meeting, 7:15 pm                             |
| Feb | 7     | Business Meeting of Council 4731, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence             |
| Feb | 11    | Annual Spring Communion Mass/Breakfast/Awards, Location TBD                     |
| Feb | 21    | Rosary Before Meeting, 7:00 pm  |
| Feb | 21    | Social Meeting of Council 4731, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence               |
| Feb | 21    | Lecture, 8:00 Terrace Room, Fr. Neil Kookoothe/Guest – “Save From Death Row”    |
| Feb | 28    | Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm Class Room St. Clarence                               |