

# *THE* NARRATOR



*The Newsletter of the North Olmsted*



*Knights of Columbus Council #4731*

March, 2007

## **Grand Knight's Report**

As we begin the season of Lent, let us not forget that this is a time of prayer and penance. We are called to imitate Jesus who suffered in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights to prepare for his public life. As Catholic men who are Knights of Columbus, it is our duty and obligation to set this example for our fellow brothers and sisters. We should especially be proud of the visible symbol of our penance that the ashes on our foreheads represent.

The Fish Fries at St. Clarence will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, and continue every Friday of Lent. If you can spare a Friday, come up and help cook. Call FS Henry Kleinhenz to volunteer at 440-235-0675.

The Communion Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 Mass at the Church of St. Clarence with a sit-down, served breakfast at Wagner's Country Inn immediately following the Mass. We will have a couple of pleasant surprises and presentations at the Breakfast. Please make every effort to attend. Scott Metsch is coordinating the sign-up for the Communion Breakfast. Call Scott at 440-646-9362 to make your reservations.

Gayle and I are in Florida on vacation and should be home in early March in time for the Insurance Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Stay warm!! It will be about 75 degrees here on Wednesday. We left Cleveland just in time!!

Ray Metsch  
Grand Knight

## **Nuns Night Dinner**

Greater Cleveland Chapter's Annual Nuns Night Dinner is scheduled for April 15, at 3 P.M. at Gilmour Council.

If you plan on going or if you know of a Nun that you would like to bring, Please contact Tom Kilbane, (440-933-9964). The Kay C Club will pay for the Nun's ticket and 50% of the Knights ticket. Additional information will be in the April Narrator.

## IN MEMORAL:

### February Anniversaries:

Rev. John P. Culliton	03/26/59	Edward J. Krejci	03/14/62
Frank P. Zinser	03/16/70	Gustav Muhihan	03/11/74
John P. Ruscin	03/27/83	Rev. John R. Kenny	06/11/85
William E. Mahoney	03/11/85	Franklin E. Yehlik	03/20/88
John P. McLaughlin PGK	03/08/94	Paul J. Gareau	03/25/95
Joseph F. Kolick	03/24/96	Norman J. Hasek	03/28/96
Edward W. Boyer	03/01/97	Robert C. Hanus	03/11/03

Remember all those whom have died this past year.

### Membership:

The Grand Knight Ray Metsch, has again placed everyone on the Membership Committee. A committees a whole to reach our goal of 35 new members by June 1, 2007.

PICK A MAN NOW THAT YOU WILL BRING INTO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
AT NORTH OLMSTED COUNCIL

**Notice** deadline for the April Narrator is **March 17th**. 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](mailto: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, Gary Nash, 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, Dennis Carlton, Jim Buckley, Jim Allen, Roger McNea, 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 St. Kevin's Chapel. 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: Ray Metsch (440-235-9530)  
"Narrator" Editor: Tom Kilbane (440-933-9964)

## **March — IT TAKES MORE THAN MONEY**

Most commodities can be bought provided you 1) have the money, 2) can find a willing seller, and 3) can agree on a satisfactory price. In like manner, most investments — real estate, stock, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts — require only an arm's length agreement and a deal is struck. All it takes is money.

There is one notable exception to the above statements. The purchase of life insurance. When the purchase of life insurance is considered, in addition to setting aside dollars, the prospective insured must prove that he is in good health. If a man is deemed to be "uninsurable," no amount of money will make this commodity available to him.

The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may prevent you from qualifying — occupation, character, even old age. What would happen if you suddenly woke up and decided to buy life insurance, but had lost your ability to qualify for it? Ever think about that? I can tell you about our guarantee purchase option. Think of that! The ability to secure additional insurance, depending on the amount of your option, on a guarantee basis — without necessarily being in good health. This option can be added at issue of a new certificate up through age 37. Find out at your convenience how little it cost to guarantee the right to increase your protection.

Call me today to discuss these needs. I want to hear from you.  
Timothy P. Welling Field Agent, Knights of Columbus, 216-218-1838

## **Dues Reminder**

WE are rapidly approaching the Holiday Season, also the end of the 2006 year. Dues notice will be sent out 12/1/2006 for the 2007 year. Please pay your dues in a timely manner. The F. S. has a billing procedure to follow, all of which is a costly item to your council. With your dues notice is a request for a donation to the Measure—Up program, this gives everyone a opportunity to participate. Just add your amount to your dues check and indicate the amount in the memo section of your check. Make all checks out to North Olmsted K of C #4731.

Thanks for your timely returns.

Our council is looking for help in setting up a web site. We need help in the setup and training in maintenance of the site. If you can help please contact Kevin Cornelius (440-871-4020).

## **ATTEND A MEETING AND WIN!**

A attendance prize of \$15.00 will be awarded to a member randomly selected from the current roster of active members. **However the member must be present to win.** If the member is not present, \$5.00 will be added to the next months drawing. We will also draw a name at the second meeting of the month, but the \$5.00 will be added only once per month. The cast amount will continue to accumulate until someone wins. If no winner by the second meeting in June , we will draw until there is a winner.

**The drawing for February was for \$35.00.**

The first meeting, David Gleason, David was not present.

The second meeting , There was no second meeting.

**The March Drawing will be for \$40.00.**

### **New Member Recruitment:**

February and March are the big push months to reach our state and Supreme membership quotas and get candidates to their First Degrees by the April 15, 2007 State reporting deadline.

Yes we have the March Parish blitzes, and yes , our Shining Armor Award program should result in some new men, but for us to guarantee results we need you to ask a Catholic man to join the Knights. Get his form 100 signed and propose him at the February or March meeting and bring him to his First Degree. With your help and recruiting involvement, you can help North Olmsted Council grow, flourish and Prosper.

### **2007 Clergy Night**

Those that endured the bitter cold temperatures and the always exciting I-480 traffic jam, to reach the Solon Party Center, were well rewarded for their efforts. Those of you who have never attended this social gathering; It is a time to talk with our clergy in a less formal and more personal atmosphere. The brother knights and priests get to let their hair down so to speak and just enjoy the social aspect of the evening.

The drinks were strong and the food was delicious, making it a very comfortable and relaxed evening for everyone. The North Olmsted Council was well represented with 2 full tables in attendance, 12 knights. We had the good fortune of being seated with two new seminarians, Franz Dool of St Christopher and Mike McClain. Mike is a member of St Lad's parish in Westlake and is transferring in to be a part of Council 4731. Let us keep them in our prayers as they begin their long journey to the Priesthood. Our council also hosted two priests at our table.

After last years never ending longwinded speeches, the new format kept the speaking on point and brief. A change that was applauded and welcomed by all! Bishop Pilla was in attendance and received a very nice engraved clock and desk set for his many years of devotion to the Cleveland Diocese and his support of the Knights of Columbus.

### **DO YOU REALIZE???**

The knights of Columbus will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary March 29, 2007. From its founding in 1882 by Father McGivney, the Knights of Columbus have grown into the world's largest fraternal organization of Catholic men, over 1 million, 7 hundred thousand Strong.

### **DO YOU KNOW???**

On Jan 01,2007 Supreme listed North Olmsted Council at 258 members. We deduct 23 inactive insurance members who let their Council membership lapse leaving a base of 235 roster members. We take away 19 out of state and 11 Clergy and thus we have a base of 205 local members. Of these 205 Knights, 55 are truly very active. We see them at many meetings and they attend and support just about every K of C activity and event. In additional, another 50 members come to meetings once in a while and attend a few events that appeal to them. Our 105 active members made 4731 an award-winning Council, 4th best in Activity and Programs and membership recruitment in the State. Just think what OUR council could accomplish if we all decided to get involved. Your Officers, Program and event chairmen and all the members want you back active in the Knights.

For the missing 100, here's a deal: Come to one or two of the 4 meetings in March and April, our busiest time of the year. Offer to collect for Measure Up or sign-up for the parish blitzes and attend the Communion Breakfast with your family.

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

### Church Activities

1. Lent is here. A team of Knights do all the cooking for the St. Clarence Fish Fries every Friday of Lent and Ash Wednesday. Please come by and enjoy a fine meal and support your Brother Knights.

### Community Activities.

1. The yearly Measure-Up collection at the Major Food stores is almost upon us. We are looking for volunteers to sign up to help in the collections. The funds collected are for the retarded children in our Community. This is one of the biggest programs of the year for the Knights of Columbus. Please spare an hour and help out.
2. I received notice from PGK Jerry Nowesnick thanking all our brother knights for their generosity. Thanks goes to brother knights that heard and responded to the call for their old eyeglasses. This ongoing contribution is always appreciated. This time 40 eyeglasses were donated and a representative picked them up at St. Vincent Charity Hospital.

### Council Activities

1. A Degree Team is being formed at our Council. Hopefully we will see our Degree Team enroll our first Degree members soon.

### Family Activities

2. Ohio Charities -- ticket selling campaign. I know you are all looking forward to taking a chance again and helping us reach our goals. Please pick up your tickets March 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Clarence K of C meeting hall between 6-8p.m. We need your help to make this a success. Past Grand Knight Gene Hanzely is the chairman of the campaign again this year. Total money in Prizes this year is \$108,108.00
3. In today's world we should constantly review our financial situation and consider changes in our planning for the future. On March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30P.M. our council is putting on a Financial Planning meeting. Come and listen to the experts. Reservations are a must. Call me, Jim Buckley at 440-235-4311.
4. Like our Grand Knight told in his report last month, we are having our Family Communion Breakfast at Wagner's after Mass at St. Clarence. We need to know who are coming, so please call for a reservation at Scott Metsch, 440-646-9362.

Early this month I went to the hospital for surgery. They told me that I had to have over a foot of my colon removed because I had a growth. At first glance it was not cancerous, but if I ignored it, it would turn cancerous. So they operated and starved me for five days. Hopefully by the time you read this, my mending will be complete. The reason I am telling you all this is that I had received so many promises of prayer to help and support me that I had no worries before, during or after. I knew that Our Blessed Mary and Jesus would take care of me and all will turn out better in the "end". I want to thank all the Knights and their Ladies for the prayers, cards and calls that I received. It is truly "tremendous" to watch and experience the power of prayer.

## Membership Musing.... Chuck Novak, Membership Dir. 440-716-9197

### First Degrees

Thursday Mar. 01 C. C. 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Council.  
Thursday Mar. 15 C. C. 7:30 p.m. North Ridgeville Council  
Tuesday Apr. 03 C. C. 7:00 p.m. Brunswick Council  
Thursday Apr. 19 C. C. 7:30 p.m. North Ridgeville Council

## Financial Planning Night

Mark Wednesday March 14 (the second Wed. in March) on your calendar—7:30 p.m. sharp! In the Terrance Room at St. Clarence. For you and your wife both to attend, you also can bring a friend.

This financial planning seminar is intended to help you attain long range financial security for you, your wife and your family. It's a fast moving hour dedicated to informing you and your spouse about the basics of asset accumulation and asset preservation.

The seminar is also designed to update you on recent changes in tax, probate, and inheritance laws that will affect your financial future. Young, middle aged, and even retired Knights will come away with current information that can affect your present and future well-being.

As a relatively new benefit from the K of C, the meeting is co-sponsored by both North Olmsted and North Ridgeville Councils. The seminar will be conducted by our recently appointed K of C field agent Timothy P Werling and Brother Knight William J. Schulz, attorney, of the law firm of Smith and Condeni, L.L.P., Estate Planning and Asset Protection Group.

This seminar meeting is FREE, NO CHARGE, but reservations are a must since space is limited. Jim Buckley is co-coordinating reservations on a first come, first reserved basis. Call Jim at (440-235-4311) to insure a seat, leave your and your spouses name and Phone No.

Tim Werling plans to call, remind and confirm your attendance.

## Knights of Columbus "Free-Throw" Contest

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, the North Olmsted Knights of Columbus held its annual Basketball "Free-Throw" Contest at North Olmsted Middle School. There were was a crowd of young people vying for different Championships. The Knights of Columbus sponsored ten individual Champions in five different age groups for boys and girls. The individual Champions for this year are:

Boys	Zack Jones	age 10	Girls	Emma Kessler	age 10
	Beau Bilinsky	age 11			
	Tom Briggs	age 12		Emma Gallagher	age 11
	Matt Seeholzer	age 13		Jane Dickey	age 13
	Brendan Crowley	age 14			

These Champions will be trying to earn the District Championship honors on February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 inside the St. Ignatius Grade School Gym located at the Southwest corner of West Blvd. and Lorain Road in Cleveland.

Many Knights were on hand to help run the contest. They helped as Scorers, Rebounders and Presenters. Thank you for your help and support!! Those Knights helping were:

Dan O'Grady

Wayne Petre	Rudy Chavez, Sr.	Phil Senko
Bob Schmieler	Rudy Chavez, Jr.	John Lieb
Chuck Novak	Edward Chavez, Sr.	Bill Goellner
Scott Metsch	Robert F. Fischer	Francis Murray

This was the last year that Brother Dan O'Grady was in charge of organizing the event. Brother Dan was in charge of the contest for many years. He is still involved in many activities with young people and is actively coaching this basketball season. Dan has always been a gracious organizer of the Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest and its best cheerleader. We would like to thank Brother Dan for the many years of service to the Knights and for his continued involvement in the future.

THANKS DAN!!

I need to let you know that only 22 children participated in the event. Dan was very surprised that more did not show. He had asked his basketball team to show up but none did. I don't think it was because of the promotion as all churches (Angela, Clarence, Bernadette, Brendan, Richard, and North Olmsted Middle School) and N.O. Middle were invited. Posters were placed in the gyms, announcements were read during the week at schools, and coaches were given forms. We followed the formula and came up short. Next year we will review and make revisions and see if we can get higher numbers



This year's Charity Ticket Campaign is called "SUPER CASH BONANZA". All proceeds will be given to charity as before. The format of the campaign is almost the same with rebates for the Council for certain totals sold by certain dates. The first turn in for tickets sold is the most important for the rebates and the date for that will be Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The second turn in will be Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Your help is needed again for success. Please help by picking up your tickets and by selling them. We need to save money at the Council level as well. Not having to mail the tickets will save us money.

**COUNCIL #4731 CHAIRMAN : GENE HANZELY (440) 930-0732**  
**CO-CHAIRMAN: RUDY CHAVEZ (440) 748-0106**

First Pickup of tickets will be Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>-----  
6:00 – 8:00 in the Terrace Room at St. Clarence Church.

Ticket prices are \$5.00 each.

The combined value of prizes this year is \$ 108,180.00

(Checks are made out to Knights of Columbus or North Olmsted K of C only)

Prizes are as follows:

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. \$414.00 A Month for 10 Years (\$49,680) | 6. \$2,000.00     |
| 2. \$313.00 A Month for 5 Years (\$18,780)  | 7. \$2,000.00     |
| 3. \$212.00 A Month for 5 Years (\$12,720)  | 8-11. \$1,500.00  |
| 4. \$4,000.00                               | 12-15. \$1,250.00 |
| 5. \$3,000.00                               | 16-20. \$1,000.00 |

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CALL 440-235-0675 FOR MORE INFORMATION*

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Mar 1	Ohio Charities ticket pick up Terrace Room 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.
Mar 7	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence
Mar 14	Financial Planning Night, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence
Mar 21	Rosary, 7:00 p.m. St Kevin's Chapel
Mar 21	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence
Mar 25	Quarterly Mass and Communion Breakfast 10:00 a.m. St Clarence
Apr 3	Officer's meeting 7:30 p.m.
Apr 4	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence
Apr 6	Good Friday
Apr 8	Easter Sunday
Apr 18	Rosary, 7:00 p.m. St Kevin's Chapel
Apr 18	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence

