
THE NARRATOR



The Newsletter of the North Olmsted



Knights of Columbus Council #4731

November/December, 2016



Kevin Sheehan
Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Message

First, let me say thank you for your vote of confidence to be your Grand Knight for the remainder of PGK Bill Luke's term. I have spoken with him, and he is waiting impatiently for the doctors to give him the go ahead for his surgery. Please keep him in your prayers. While you are praying, don't forget Tom Kilbane. Tom had a stroke in early October but is recovering nicely. He will need some therapy but he is in good spirits.

Another holiday season is almost upon us and it seems like the last one was only a couple months ago. For many Knights and their families we count our blessings. The year has been good to us. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is a time for us to reflect upon the good things that make our day to day lives comfortable and/or blessed and for us to think about those who have not been as fortunate. With the abundance we surround ourselves with during the holiday season, can we find it in our hearts to help someone in need. Please help out at your local parish's food drives. At our council's Memorial Mass on November 2, we will be collecting donations and non-perishables food for the St. Augustine Food Bank and the North Olmsted Food Bank. I ask that you bring an item or two for the cause. Fr. Joe McNulty has mentioned that while the number of persons who come to the food bank and kitchen grows every year, the number of volunteers and donations are shrinking, so you can see the need is great.

The Knights have always been a group that steps up to meet those challenges. We pride ourselves on making things happen. Fr. Joe & Sr. Corita also need volunteers to help at the kitchen and shredding Turkey to get ready for Thanksgiving. It is something your whole family can do. Helping those in need will affect your entire family in a profound way. The feelings of giving, joy, gratitude and humility will truly let you say Thank You to God for the blessings he has given us throughout the year.

Please look for articles elsewhere in this issue Narrator for details on the December 16 Grand Knight's Christmas Party, Keep Christ in Christmas yard displays and the December 4 St. Augustine Children's Christmas Party.

Now a personal note: With the re-organizing of the councils. We are in real need for members that may not have had time in the past, with kids and other obligations, to come back into the fold and help us. We are working very hard to keep everything going but, we need your help. There are just not enough guys to get everything done. I am asking each of you to please give an hour to help your Parish, your council and your fellow Knights. That is why we signed up. Come to a meeting and get involved. Without your help we cannot do all of the things or help all of the people we would like. This is still your council. Help us make it shine! 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 . . .

William T. Vasey	11/26/63	Robert C. Schlemmer	11/18/10
Sam Aquino	11/30/76	Charles A. Hassing	11/24/10
Hubert T. Patton, PGK	11/01/85	Joseph Arnold, PGK	11/19/11
William J. McCrone	11/11/87	Gerald Howell	11/05/12
Clare T. Tyler, PGK	11/16/88	Dr. Richard J. Stanco	11/16/13
Joseph W. Rozek	11/11/89	Timothy L. McKay	11/18/14
Frank J. Kagel	11/23/89	Scott Bliss	11/10/15
Rev. Peter J. Lenahan	11/17/91	Richard J. Tayfel, Sr.	12/11/75
Andrew J. Radai	11/10/93	John A. Freeborn	12/05/76
Charles J. Szabo	11/16/93	Norman J. Volk	12/31/81
Arthur G. Schmotzer	11/27/94	Leo J. Swietyniowski	12/01/85
George J. Peterman	11/29/96	Joseph F. Pahl	12/02/86
Albert J. Novotny	11/01/00	Richard B. Shannon	12/21/01
Maxwell V. Wilson	11/11/01	Roy Seitz	12/19/07
Charles J. Deegan, Sr	11/07/02	Charles J. Halpin	12/21/10
Donald Boll	11/05/09	Thomas H. Wolff	12/29/14
Howard J. Schmieler	11/10/10		

Grand Knight's Christmas Party – December 16

North Olmsted Council's Grand Knight's Christmas Party has been scheduled for December 16th, 6:30 at Wagner's of Westlake. We will be combining with the new councils of St. Lad's parish and St. Bernadette's parish for this year's event.

We will have a band, raffles, and drink tickets are included with your meal. Cash Bar will be available if you run out of tickets. Meal tickets are \$30.00 apiece and we are taking reservations now. We hope to make this an annual event so please come and help us celebrate.

Keep Christ in Christmas Yard Displays Available

This year's Keep Christ in Christmas campaign is in full swing again. These yard displays help us promote a special message that seems to get lost during the Christmas season.

Our supplier has made it easier for us this year and have actually set up a web site for us to order from.

You can order them right online at
[\(https://www.nativitytree.com/kofc-4731-n-olmstead/\)](https://www.nativitytree.com/kofc-4731-n-olmstead/)

If you would like, you can also purchase one at a meeting. Contact Kevin Cornelius at (440) 871-4020, or they will soon be available on our website as well.

Council Shirts Available

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

Kevin Sheehan Becomes Interim Grand Knight

North Olmsted Council Grand Knight Bill Luke has reluctantly resigned as Grand Knight due to health reasons. Bill underwent surgery on Saturday, October 8, so please keep him in your prayers. In a special election held at the council's October business meeting, Kevin Sheehan, PGK, was unanimously elected to the position of Interim Grand Knight. Kevin will serve through the remainder of Bill's term until the council's general elections next June. Thank you. Kevin, for stepping up.

Knight at the Races (Already?)

Well, not really. North Olmsted Council's annual Knight at the Races major fundraiser will not be held until 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 or Kevin to learn more about this great opportunity.

November 16 Social Meeting KofC Insurance "Benefits Night"

The guest lecturer following our November 16 Meeting will be Knights of Columbus Insurance field agent, Bill Marks. Bill will describe all of the various programs available through our fraternal insurance agency and present an opportunity for you to ask questions. For a private consultation, contact Bill directly at:

Bill Marks, Field Agent
(216) 236-3920
william.marks@kofc.org

Remember The Rosary

On the third Wednesday of each month (except July and August) the Rosary will be said.

Join us at 7:00 pm in the Terrace Room.

The second meeting of the month (social meeting) will follow the Rosary.

Memorial Mass – November 2

Our regular November monthly business meeting will be a Memorial Mass for deceased members of North Olmsted Council. Mass will begin at 7:00 pm at St. Clarence Church.

Following Mass the council will hold a reception with refreshments in the St. Clarence Gathering Room. Be sure to attend and pray for our deceased members. More info in the November issue of The *NARRATOR*.

First Degree – December 14

North Olmsted Council's First Degree Team will be conducting a First Degree on Wednesday December 14 in the Terrace Room at St. Clarence Church. Candidate Call is at 7:00 pm, and the First Degree begins at 7:30.

All degreed members are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend, observe and support the candidates.

If you would like to become part of our First Degree Team, please contact Jim Sanzi at (440) 465-6743.

Please Pray for Stroke Victims

Please pray for two long term and very active members who have both recently suffered strokes. In August brother Peter Frank suffered a stroke in his right eye, which affected his lower field of vision. Peter has received injections into his eye and will receive additional injections over the next year in hopes of restoring his vision. In September Tom Kilbane, PGK, also suffered a stroke with severe bleeding on his brain. Our prayers are with these fine men and their families.

Prayers For Father Tom Woost's Brother

Father David Woost, brother of St. Brendan Parish Pastor, Father Tom Woost, has been diagnosed with cancer and has had to give up his parish for the time being. As he deals with this health issue, Father David has taken up residence with Father Tom.

Please keep both of these fine men in your prayers.

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.

Members Attend Lifeworks Ohio Event

Jim Soltis and his wife Mary Ann along with Pete Frank and his wife Donna attended the LifeWorks Ohio Fundraising event at Windows On The River Friday October 14th. LifeWorks Ohio is a non-profit, non-partisan organization devoted entirely to education which affirms the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. LifeWorks Ohio was very popular before Brother Scott Bliss passed away about a year ago. LifeWorks Ohio has done presentations at our meetings in the past.

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.

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

VA Medical Center Christmas Gift Shop....December 5th thru 8th

At the Wade Park VA Medical Center, the Gift Shop was formed to bring cheers to Veterans hospitalized during Christmas season. The Gift Distribution is sponsored and operated by 41 veterans, civic, welfare, and fraternal organizations, including Ohio District 1 Knights of Columbus, comprising the VA Voluntary Services (VAVS) committee.

This year the Christmas Gift Shop will be held Monday December 5th thru Thursday the 8th. Volunteers are needed all 4 days. Monday is setup day with the next three days to hand out the gift bags to the Veterans. Any time from 9am to 2pm each day at the Recreation Hall. The smiles and Thank You's are priceless.

To support this worthy effort, either by volunteering or donating, please contact David Bowling, Jr, (216) 299-2057 or Brian Shollenberger (440) 773-3599 or Email bnsholly@gmail.com or Norm Klein (440) 463-1868 or Email njkleinjr@sbcglobal.net

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:

Ron Glassco, Father Ols, Father Tom Flynn, Father Cornelius Murry, Henry Kleinhenz FS.PGK. PFN, Tom Lisy PGK and his wife Janice, Bill Marquard's Brother in law, Bob & Edith Schmieler, Lou Kaszas, Kevin Sheehan's Mother, Father and Mother in-law Jeanne Yanochao, Shirley Wolfe's daughter Denise, Leo Smith's wife and family, Ralph Kearns' daughter, Bill Luke GK, Paul Mathieson PGK, Don Lloyd's son Casey, Jim Bailey PGN, Tony and Marilyn Colnar, Gene Hanzely. Ray Metsch's wife Gayle, Dennis Carlton, Rudy Chavez, Tom Kilbane PGK, Peter Frank, 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.

Novena Prayer Before Elections Letter From Supreme Knight

Dear Brother Knight,

In preparation for Election Day, the Knights of Columbus is calling its members and all the faithful to join together in a novena to the Holy Trinity through the maternal intercession of the Blessed Mother, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States.

On the nine days leading up to Election Day – beginning on Sunday, Oct. 30 and concluding on Monday, Nov. 7 – please join me and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori in invoking the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, for our country.

In 1791, America's first bishop, John Carroll, entrusted the country to the Blessed Mother, and in 1846 the bishops of the United States reaffirmed that dedication, declaring Mary as patroness of the United States under her title of the Immaculate Conception. The novena prayer can be found at kofc.org.

I ask that you promote this national novena widely through the ranks of our Brother Knights and their families, as well as at parishes in consultation with your local pastor.

Thank you,
Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Please Help at St. Augustine's Children's Christmas Party

Special request from Grand Knight Kevin Sheehan

The annual St. Augustine Children's Christmas Party is very special to me. This year's party (the 44th annual) will take place Sunday December 4th.

Since there will not be another issue of The *Narrator* before the party, I need to ask for your help for a couple of things.

First is Cookies! We need approx. 1,500 to 2,000 cookies that we hand out to the kids and the families at the party. Please ask your lovely wives if they can help us out. They do not necessarily have to be Christmas decorated cookies. If they can bake them and freeze them; we can get a jump on this and not have to scramble the week before.

The second thing is moving the toys and setting up the hall Saturday Dec 1st. If you have an SUV, truck or van and/or can give us a hand, give me a call at (216) 389-0222. With about 10-15 guys, we can get everything done in about an hour or so.

The party will run from noon until 4:00 at OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2646 West 14th at Kenilworth. 10:00 Mass will be celebrated just up the street at St. Augustine's prior to the party.

Thank You to Our *NARRATOR* Patrons

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

JOHN GILL

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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 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.



George McNulty presented a lively History of Playhouse Square at our September social meeting.



All who attended North Olmsted Council's 44th annual steak roast and recruiting event in September had a great time. Special thanks to our "Master Chefs", Dennis Carlton, Joe Hoehn and Tim Kilbane.



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (More Info Inside):

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| Nov | 1 | Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm Class Room St. Clarence |
| Nov | 2 | Memorial Mass – St. Clarence, 7:00 pm; Refreshments Follow |
| Nov | 16 | Rosary Before Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| Nov | 16 | Social Meeting, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence - Insurance “Benefit Night” |
| Nov | 25 | 44 th Annual Gift Wrapping for St. Augustine Children; 5pm – 7pm Terrace Room |
| Dec | 4 | Mass Before St. Augustine Children’s Christmas Party, 10:00 am; St. Augustine |
| Dec | 4 | St. Augustine Children’s Christmas Party, OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2436 West 14th |
| Dec | 6 | Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm Class Room St. Clarence |
| Dec | 7 | Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Before Meeting, 7:15 pm |
| Dec | 7 | Business Meeting of Council 4731, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence |
| Dec | 14 | First Degree, 7:30 pm Terrace Room; Candidates Need Your Support; Please Attend |
| Dec | 16 | Grand Knight’s Christmas Ball; Wagner’s Country Inn; 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm |
| Dec | 21 | Rosary Before Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| Dec | 21 | Social Meeting of Council 4731, 7:30 pm Terrace Room St. Clarence |
| Dec | 25 | Keep Christ in Christmas; A Blessed Christmas to All |