

Spring 2020



We are blessed to have so many priests in our council. Our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Joe McNulty was honored this year as Clergy of the Year by the Cleveland Chapter at the annual Clergy Night celebration at Borromeo Seminary. Fr. Joe will be retiring this year as pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Tremont.

Fr. Neil Walters, chaplain of the Cuyahoga County Jail, recently spoke to our council about his ministry. Our council was able to raise over \$500 to support him in his tireless work.

Please keep both of these men and all of our priests in your prayers



Grand Knight's Report – Scott Metsch, Grand Knight

Notice the shepherd does not lead his sheep around the valley of darkness, he leads them right through it. (Psalm 23:4) And how fortunate for that shepherd that he leads not just sheep but Knights as well. We must persevere in our charity brothers; first and foremost in our prayers. Kristen and I are keeping all of you and your families in our prayers during these difficult times. We pray for your safety and health. May God continue in His protection of you and bestow on you His peace and grace in Jesus name.

Ohio Cash Bonanza Charity Ticket Turn-in deadline has been extended into June. Please put your tickets (postmarked) in the mail by Wednesday, June 3rd so that our Worthy Treasurer has time to mail the tickets into the State Council in time for the drawing which has been rescheduled to the District Deputies meeting later in June. While most if not all of our meetings and charity events are cancelled one thing continues: The Cash Bonanza State Charity Ticket Sale. Our inability to sell tickets at grocery stores due to the pandemic has severely impacted our total ticket sales. With the proceeds from this ticket drive, Council 4731 has been able to fund significant charity events from St. Augustine's Christmas Party to many Catholic causes and non-profit organizations throughout our seven parishes including youth choir, pro-life and various programs to help the needy. All of this work is now in jeopardy. We need your help! Please turn-in your tickets. If you are not able to sell them yourselves then please buy as many as you can afford. We need to make a quota of at least 5 tickets per man to preserve at least some of our charity goals and we are about 300 tickets short of that. Hopefully quarantine measures will end soon and our council can supplement the ticket sales with other charity events later in the year. But we can't count on that. We are counting on you instead. Please Please be as generous as you can. If you have already sold tickets and would like to be sent more tickets to sell or to purchase yourselves, please contact our Worthy Treasurer Tom Vojtek at 440-382-4471 or tvojtek@wowway.com Mail your tickets and checks (payable to North Olmsted Council 4731) to Tom Vojtek at 6654 Louann Drive, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Thank you!

The election for Council Officers will take place in June. See the last page of this newsletter for details.

Congratulations to Paul Mathieson, PGK North Olmsted Council Knight of the Year!



Paul has truly distinguished himself. First as council membership chairman, then up through the ranks as council Grand Knight, then up through the ranks as President of the Cleveland Chapter, and now as Faithful Navigator of the Bishop O'Reilly assembly and as council Trustee. But he has distinguished himself not so much by the positions he has held but by the passion and dedication with which he serves. Continuously and tirelessly serves: Whether it is coordinating veteran events, overseeing clergy events, managing the council website or simply helping the officers with council-wide email communications; it is his attention to detail, his passion for his duty and his love for our order that makes us want to salute him. And it's not just our order. Ask any member of St. Augustine parish where he spends long hours feeding the hungry about Paul Mathieson. Ask any of his fellow veterans whom Paul serves through our chapter for Christmas and other events at the VA about Paul Mathieson. Ask his family, his grandchildren and all he cares for about Paul Mathieson. Ask and they will tell you. Ask me. And I will tell you this: Paul is always last: Last to eat. Last to be served. And certainly last to be recognized. The lessons he teaches me are all about servant leadership. All about the other. All about putting oneself third. Part of serving Christ is to empty ourselves to become transparent so that only Christ can be seen. Paul distinguished himself: As a husband, father, grandfather, brother Knight, patriot and Christian man. But his singular distinction is that we see Christ in him. It is not Paul who lives but Christ. Congratulations Paul!

Good of the Order Please keep these members and their families and friends in your prayers:

Corinne Schilens who passed away (wife of Richard Schilens) and Robert Kubinski who passed away. Also remember those who are sick and in distress: Ed Chavez, Rudy Chavez, Ray and Gayle Metsch, Kevin Sheehan's father, Bill Luke, Bob Schmieler, John Cooney, Jim Buckley, Ralph Kearns and his daughter and granddaughter, Henry and Joan Kleinhenz, Tom and Jan Lisy, Fr Joe's family, Judy Cornelius and her mother, Brett Hazen's wife Joannie and Brett's Father, Wayne Petre, Ron Glassco and his wife Donna, Tom Hart's wife Kay, Bill Morgan, Dennis Talenski, Ed Paulus, Jim Bartlebaugh, Mark Maichrie, Mark Campola, Joe Biel, Dennis Carlton, Ken Benya Judy Cornelius brother, John Samos, Gene and Betty Hanzely, Sister Corita, John Cooney and his sister Peggy, Carl and Jennie Zelinski, Wilbur Hayes, Pete Serio's daughter, the unemployed, the homeless, those impacted by the Coronavirus and all Council members and families who need prayers.







Spring Communion Breakfast

Our Annual Communion Mass and Awards Breakfast was held on March 1st at St. Clarence Church in North Olmsted. Congratulations to **Pete Serio**, Volunteer of the Year, **Sara Pekar**, Woman of the Year and **Ray and Bernadine Babinec** Family of the Year. Clergy and Youth will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter. The event was well-attended and was a joyful occasion! Glad to see so many of you there. Looking forward to next year!





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Important Dates to Remember:

TBD TBD TBD Jun 3 5:00pm Knight at the Races Council 4731 Business Meeting Council 4731 Social Meeting **Deadline to mail-in your Charity Tickets** St. Clarence Church St. Clarence Terrace Room St. Clarence Terrace Room Your Local Post Office

Slate of Candidates for the upcoming election for Council Officers:

Chaplain: Rev. Joseph D. McNulty Recorder: Peter Serio Grand Knight: Scott Metsch Warden: Jeff Keeper Deputy Grand Knight:Carl Zelinsi Inside Guard: John Samos Thomas Vojtek Outside Guard Dave Dvlvn Treasurer **Financial Secretary** Kevin Cornelius, PGK Trustee - 3 Year Thomas Heim* Michael Schum Trustee - 1 Year Chancellor Paul Mathieson, PGK Lecturer: **Ray Babinec** Trustee –2 Year Kevin Sheehan, PFK Larry Miller/Dave Dylyn Asst. Lecturer Advocate Bill Goellner, PGK

Each office (except for Financial Secretary) is open to any 3rd degree member. If you would like to run for any office or you would like to nominate someone for any office, contact Kevin Sheehan, PGK at 216-389-0222. Additional information will be forthcoming on how the election will be conducted on account of the coronavirus.

*Note that PGK is not a requirement for Trustee.