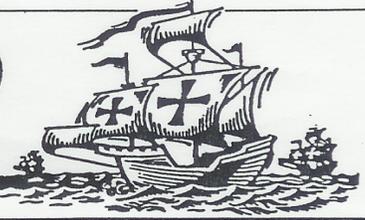


# THE NARRATOR



The Newsletter of the North Olmsted



Knights of Columbus Council #4731

Spring 2021

## Grand Knight's Report

Brothers, I hope this letter finds you well. Happy Easter! He is Risen! Indeed he is Risen! Kristen and I have you all in our prayers. The long Covid winter has finally abated somewhat and we are getting ready to resume normal operations. We will begin in-person meetings on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for our regular social meeting. Meeting will start at 7:30 but join us for the Rosary at 7:15. Our normal schedule will resume after that with our next regular business meeting held on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our first event, appropriately, will be a Memorial Mass to be held at St. Clarence Church on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend. We will have a small reception afterwards. Even though the vaccination program will be well underway by then, please plan on wearing a mask and observing social distancing. We have lost more than our share of members over the last 18 months and it is only fitting that as we come back together finally, we start by honoring those who went before us. Please mark your calendars for our annual family picnic which will be held at St. Clarence Pavilion on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the festivities around 2:00pm. Keep an eye out for more announcements with further information.

Our charity account is critically low on funds. As you know, Covid curtailed our efforts to sell charity raffle tickets at Giant Eagle for two years in a row. We have been relying exclusively on you to make up the difference. The officers have been meeting throughout the pandemic to assess how best to distribute our limited funds and have had to make tough decisions on which donations to suspend. Plus, we chose to respond to critical needs within our brotherhood and the community that were brought on by the Covid19 pandemic such as supplying funds to the Ox Cart hunger center in North Olmsted. It is critical that we continue to meet the challenges that the pandemic has wrought on our community, but we are attempting to do so without a consistent source of revenue. The officers have redirected funds from our general account to our charity account to help sustain our giving but we are now at a critical point. Notice I have included 10 more charity tickets with this newsletter. I know most of you have already sent in your funds from the initial mailing, but we are asking you to do more. This charity campaign is our only source of income and, given the pandemic, you, our membership, are our only source of revenue. Please purchase these additional 10 tickets and send your check (made out to North Olmsted Council 4731) and your ticket stubs to W. Kevin Cornelius FS, 1968 Coes Post Run, Westlake OH 44145. Please get it to the post office by Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Your generosity made our fall Football Craze campaign a success! Recall I told you that a third seminarian from our district had enrolled at the school but given our budget constraints, we didn't have the money for a third scholarship. I turned to you and your delivered. We dedicated the proceeds of the Football Craze to the scholarship fund and because of your generosity, we were able to afford the third scholarship. The name of the seminarians that benefited from your generosity are:

Jim Livingston

Brian Peters

Jeffrey Lindholm

Please keep them and all our seminarian, deacons, brother and sisters and priests and all religious in your prayers. Keep an eye out for Football Craze tickets coming your way again toward the end of summer! Your support does a lot of good.

Due to Covid restrictions we will push back the launching of our annual Jail Ministry Fundraiser to fall of 2022. In the meantime, we will once again be offering our council members the opportunity to participate in this ministry through our "Pass the Hat" campaign. The council will match up to \$200 of the donations we can raise through this campaign. Inmates in our prison system sometimes struggle to get the essentials including even enough food. Your generosity is desperately needed. Last year we raised over \$500 with this matching gift campaign. Let's try to exceed that this year! Fr. Walters and all the incarcerated men at the county jail really could use our help. Given that we haven't been getting together to pass the hat the officers went ahead and sent Fr. Neil Walters \$200 toward his jail ministry. This \$200 (lowered from \$250 due to budget constraints) was set aside in the budget as a matching gift. The officers are banking on your generosity! Please bring a donation to the meeting or send a check (Payable to North Olmsted Council #4731) to W. Kevin Cornelius FS, 1968 Coes Post Run, Westlake OH 44145. Note in the memo field "Jail Ministry" on your check. Let's see if we can match that \$200. This particular corporal work of mercy is among the most difficult in the diocese. Let's continue to partner with Fr. Neil.

Officers elections are coming up. If you are interested in helping us lead our council, please let me or one of the trustees know. All positions are open to any third-degree member. If you would like to be considered, or if you want to nominate someone for consideration, call or email me at [spmettsch@gmail.com](mailto:spmettsch@gmail.com) or 216-978-3813. God Bless you all!

## Memorial Mass

It has been a difficult year for our country. All of us our mourning those we lost. We have not been able to attend, or turn-out for, wakes and funerals. Many of our membership have had to mourn alone. Let's come together finally for mass. We will hold a Memorial Mass on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Clarence Church. Please join us as we celebrate the lives of those we lost over the past 18 months since our last memorial mass. Below is listed the names of the brother knights from our council who have passed away during that time. Thank you to our Worthy FS, Kevin Cornelius for working with Supreme to get us this list. Fr. Joe McNulty will be presiding at Mass. If I missed someone in the list below, please let me know via email or phone at [spmetsch@gmail.com](mailto:spmetsch@gmail.com) or 216-978-3813. See you at mass.

John Babington (2/7/21)	Henry Kleinhenz (12/5/20)	Rev Cornelius Murray (11/01/20)
Francis Yehlik (9/25/20)	Robert Burke (9/6/20)	John Cooney (8/25/20)
Norman Musial (7/14/20)	James Volrell (7/11/20)	Robert Huesman (6/2/20)
Patrick Farrell (3/31/20)	Rpbert Kubinski (4/12/20)	Carmen Mandato (5/7/19)
Robert Klecan (1/1/20)	Robert Weiler (9/28/19)	

## **A Tribute to Henry Kleinhenz, FS, PGK, PFN, FDD**

by Thomas Heim, Council Trustee

I cannot express into words of how much our dear brother Henry Kleinhenz has meant to the North Olmsted Council 4731 and to the Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 816. He was without any doubt an absolute pillar to both. He was a permanent fixture and had a wide wealth of knowledge of the Order. He was as sharp as a tack even in his later years and sharp as a sword as well. Henry was very loved by our council and assembly and was always willing to lend a helping hand when called upon. He was without a doubt a true leader for all of us to follow. A superb mentor, he had great leadership skills. Henry will be sorely missed. He showed an extreme dedication to the Order. At our summer council family picnics Henry was always at home; happy with his peanuts which the council was always happy to provide for him. He was always the source of any information that you did not have. Henry was very thorough in our meetings, giving very precise reports on our expenditures. I always enjoyed helping Henry put stuff in his car. May Henry rest in peace in God's loving arms.. Our deepest condolences to Lady Joan



# N. Olmsted Knights Supporting the Oxcart Pantry



The mission of the North Olmsted Oxcart Pantry is to provide food assistance to families and individuals residing in North Olmsted who are currently experiencing need. The Oxcart Pantry provides food and household items to ease the burden of economic difficulties or catastrophic events affecting individuals and families in our community. It is designed to be a supplemental source of food and household goods to provide added support for these residents to better utilize their personal resources more effectively. Our Council has donated to this effort and is proud to be in partnership with this wonderful organization which is attacking the Covid crisis head-on in our community.





VISIT [CLESCOUTING.ORG](http://CLESCOUTING.ORG) TO JOIN

Packs in your area are now accepting new members.

Our Council is an enthusiastic supporter of scouting in our community and currently actively sponsor our local Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops in the area. For Christmas this past year Cub Scout pack 153 placed stocking filled with treats at each resident's door at the Normandy Care Center in Rocky River. Our Council was pleased to sponsor this event and to partner with scouts whenever we can to support their activities. Maybe you know a young person that would be interested in scouting? Ask them to scan the QR code in the picture above to go to the scouting website to learn more!



## Helping Hands

Our council teams up with the St. Clarence Men's Ministry to assist with Christmas set up and gardening throughout the year at St. Augustine Manor on Detroit Road. There is always plenty to do there! Thanks to Brother Joe Kraft for organizing these events and providing a pathway to our brothers to serve our community.



### Important Dates to Remember:

Apr.	21	7:30pm	Council 4731 Social Meeting	St. Clarence Terrace Room
Apr.	30	5:00pm	Mail in deadline for Charity Ticket Stubs and Checks	Your Local Mail Box
May.	5	7:30pm	Council 4731 Business Meeting	St. Clarence Terrace Room
<b>May.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Memorial Mass</b>	<b>St. Clarence Church</b>
Jun.	2	7:30pm	Council 4731 Business Meeting—Officer Elections	St. Clarence Terrace Room
Jun.	16	7:30pm	Council 4731 Social Meeting	St. Clarence Terrace Room
Jul.	7	7:30pm	Council 4731 Business Meeting	St. Clarence Terrace Room
Jul.	25	2:00pm	Family Picnic	St. Clarence Pavilion

Come 15 minutes early before the meetings to join us in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before all Business Meetings and The Rosary before all Social Meetings. Bring a buck or two to participate in our 50/50 raffle and to donate to our Right to Life fund raising.