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Grand Knight’s Report – Mike Schum

Hoping you and your families are well!! Thank you all for your continued support of the council as we continue to serve the Lord together. Looking back at the last several months, I’m humbled by the wonderful servitude by so many of our brother knights even while dodging the challenges of Covid. Looking forward, I’m encouraged and energized by several opportunities for us to put out faith into action in our parishes and in our community. Finally, please continue to pray for the council, our members and their families, and especially for those we remember for the “Good of the Order.”

Council highlights:

- North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry: the Knights replaced the flooring and painted the walls in the Pantry’s storage room. Special thanks to Pete Serio, Ray Rowe, Kevin Sheehan, Jim Sanzi and Jeff Keeper for their efforts. The room looks great!
- Coats for Kids : In total, we donated 90 brand new coats. Thank you to all who helped or donated!
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest: we had a dozen wonderful submissions from St. Brendan Catholic School in North Olmsted. The council and the school were very happy and impressed with the submissions. The council awarded prizes at a school assembly and sent the winning essay onto the state level competition.
- Ohio Special Olympics: for many years, the Knights of Columbus have supported the Special Olympics financially as well through countless hours of volunteerism. Our council once again participated on March 6 at Bowling Green State University at the men’s and women’s basketball state finals. Knights and their families operated the scoreboard at the arena as well as kept score. Thank you to all who volunteered and looking forward to next year.
- New Members or Transfers: welcome to Mike Tomko, Scott Barrier, Joseph Santoro, Arthur McKenzie, David McConnell, Johannes Benninghoff and Dennis Haas!!!

Upcoming Events:

St. Clarence Fish Fry: a long tradition of our council, the Knights will assist in hosting the Lenten Fish Fries at St. Clarence. We are always looking for more volunteers to help prepare, cook or serve meals. Please contact Jeff Keeper if you are interested in helping. The dinners will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and run through Friday during Lent (except Good Friday). Come join us!

Monthly Adoration: Worthy Chancellor David Arth has organized a monthly, first-Friday of every month, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Kevin’s chapel at St. Clarence from 6PM—7PM. All are welcome to come!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace: we will be scheduling a “bed build” and possibly a delivery/install with this great organization some time after Lent. “SHP” builds beds for children who do not have one. Their workshop is located in North Olmsted. We will looking for build dates after Lent.

Important Dates to Remember:

Mar	16	7:15pm	Rosary and Council 4731 Social Meeting	St. Clarence Terrace Room
Mar	18	4:30-7:00pm	St. Clarence Fish Fry	St. Clarence Gym
Mar	25	4:30-7:00pm	St. Clarence Fish Fry	St. Clarence Gym
Apr	1	4:30-7:00pm	St. Clarence Fish Fry	St. Clarence Gym
Apr	6	7:15pm	Rosary and Council 4731 Social Meeting	St. Clarence Terrace Room
Apr	8	4:30-7:00pm	St. Clarence Fish Fry	St. Clarence Gym
Apr	20	7:15pm	Rosary and Council 4731 Social Meeting	St. Clarence Terrace Room

Bring a buck or two to participate in our 50/50 raffle and to donate to our Right to Life fund raising.



In October, members of the council painted and installed new flooring at the Oxcart Food Pantry in North Olmsted. Special thanks to Brother Pete Serio for arranging donations from the North Olmsted Home Depot for all of the flooring AND for his leadership.

Pictured here are Ray Rowe, Jeff Keeper, Kevin Sheehan (PGK), Pete Serio and Mike Schum. Thanks also to Jim Sanzi (not in picture) who helped!



Pope Francis Encourages Spread of Silent Eucharist Adoration

VATICAN CITY — Immersing oneself in silent Eucharistic adoration is the secret to knowing the Lord, Pope Francis said at Holy Mass in the chapel of his residence at Santa Marta.

The pope based his homily on the reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (3:14-21), in which the Apostle prays that the Holy Spirit may grant them the grace to be strengthened, and that Christ may dwell in their hearts. "Here is the heart and center," Pope Francis said.

Paul, the pope observed, "immerses himself" in the "sea which is the Person of Christ." "How can we come to know Christ," he asked? How can we come to know "the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge" (Eph 3:14-21)?

"One cannot know the Lord without the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence," he said. "I believe that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least. To waste time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ. To adore, there in the silence, in the silence of adoration. He is the Lord and I adore Him."

Come join us on our First Knight, the First Friday of every month in this special prayer from 6 p.m.—7 p.m.

**April 1st
May 6th**

June 3rd

For more information, or to lead an adoration, please contact David Arth @ 440.420.6722



At Sleep in Heavenly Peace, we fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. When it was brought to our attention that the need for beds went far beyond our own neighborhoods, we stepped up and took initiative. We're a national organization answering the call to a national problem.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is where it is today because countless individuals asked the question, "What can I do?" The answer is that there are many ways to get involved! From volunteering your time and energy on a Build Day, to making a donation to a local chapter in need, to sponsoring a local build day; there are countless ways you can help us continue to ensure that "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!"

Our Knights of Columbus Council 4731 is looking to make an impact with every child, every family on the west-side of Cleveland and we need your help through this wonderful organization located in North Olmsted!

If you are interested in building a bed, delivering a bed or providing financial support to this local agency please contact, Grand Knight Mike Schum @ 440.610.4336

For more information on SIHP go to: <https://www.shpbeds.org/>

Council in Action!!!



In November, the council awarded the winner and runner-up prizes for their submissions in our Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The award ceremony was in front of all of the 6th-8th graders and their teachers.

Pictured here are Mike Schum from the council, the winners of the contest, members of their families and the school principal from St. Brendan.

We are looking for a few good Catholic Men!

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the **precepts of the Catholic Church**, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

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