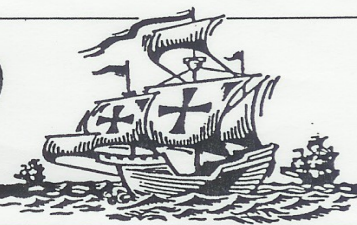


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The Newsletter of the North Olmsted



Knights of Columbus Council #4731

Winter 2019



Welcome New Members!

A First Degree was held at the Terrace Room on Wednesday, October 9th. Four new members joined that night and are already active at meetings and at charitable events. Please help me welcome (left to right) Steve Bennett of St. Clarence, Pete Serio of St. Brendan, Ron Lehmann of St. Clarence, and Clark Gray of St. Clarence. Thanks to all who helped during the fall membership drive. Special thanks to our membership chairman Worthy Chancellor Mike Schum. Also special thanks to Kevin Sheehan PFG, Ray Babinec, Ron Glassco, Joe Kraft, Jim Sobelweski, Jim Sanzi PGK, Tom Vojtek, Henry Kleinhenz PGK, Jeff Keeper, Ralph Kearns, Ray Metsch PGK, Tom Heim DGK and so many other volunteers! Your enthusiastic support of our membership drive has really paid off! Please make a point of coming to the meetings and greeting our new members. Make them feel at home!

Grand Knight's Report – Scott Metsch, Grand Knight

The Annual Grand Knight's Christmas Party is coming! Please plan to attend this year. Friday December 13th at the St. Clarence Pavilion. See the flier for details! This will be a lot of fun! We have had a busy year so now it's time to celebrate! Prizes for the best karaoke so put on your fedora and sing your best Sinatra to your favorite girl and win the adulation of your fellow Knights! Only \$27.50 per person at the door. We need help creating gift baskets for our Chinese Raffle. Please call me or email me if you can help and to make your reservations. 216-978-3813 spmetsch@gmail.com

Our Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign is in full swing. We need volunteers to help at masses in our local parishes to sell the lawn decoration. See the flier attached and contact PGK Kevin Cornelius if you can help.

The St. Augustine Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 8th at St. Augustine Church. This will be our 46th year in supporting this fun event. Under-privileged Children from the area get to see Santa, get Christmas gifts, get pizza and of course get cookies! We need more cookies! Bring cookies to the council meeting on the 4th or drop them off at St. Augustine on the day of the event. Volunteers are still for the event as well.

Thanks to all who are participating in the Football Frenzy! This fundraiser will really help our budget. We sold 87 tickets and so qualify to get \$7.00 back to the council for each ticket netting us \$609.00 plus credit toward our state assessment! There has been one winner already from a ticket sold by Council 4731! Have fun and good luck!

Our Fall Membership Drive was a great success this year thanks to our indomitable Membership Chairman and Worthy Chancellor Michael Schum. We added four new members and they are already pitching in and volunteering: Steven Bennett from St. Clarence; Clark Gray from St. Clarence; Ron Lehmann from St. Clarence; and Pete Serio from St. Brendan. Welcome Brother Knights! Thanks to all who helped at our membership drive especially those who helped cook and serve at the Steak Roast. It was a great night!

We have important business to address at our next business meeting on December 4th. As you know a distinguished brother of our council, Fr. Neil Walters, heads up the Jail Ministry for Cuyahoga County. As part of his ministry, he donates funds to prisoners' commissary accounts so that they can have enough to eat. A lot of times, these funds come out of his own pocket. Yes, feeding the hungry is part of the prison ministry. I will be adding a fund raiser to our annual calendar in the fall to help but there is an urgent need now. The officers of the council have agreed that we can have dollar-for-dollar match of donations from the council up to \$250.00. We will pass the hat at the December 4th council meeting. Please bring a check or some cash so we can reach this short-term fund-raising goal and support this very important ministry of our brother knight Fr. Walters. I know I can count on you to be generous. See you at the meeting.



Our Steak Roast was a huge success with over 45 members and interested men in attendance. What is a Steak Roast without steak! Here manning the grill are Ray Babinec and Ron Glassco! Thanks very much to these great chefs!



As part of the membership information night at the Steak Roast, our distinguished Worthy Past Grand Knight Kevin Sheehan gave a talk on his experience in joining the Knights of Columbus. These kinds of witnesses are key to growing our membership. Telling our stories to interested men and relaying how your knighthood has formed you into a Christian at the service of the poor really helps spread the word on the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Pull a buddy aside and tell him YOUR story! Great Job Brother Kevin!





Once again, our council, led by our Measure Up Chairman Ray Rowe was able to present a check to Mayor Kevin M. Kennedy of the City of North Olmsted. This year, because of Ray's efforts in leading the team, we raised over \$1,200.00 which will be used by the city to assist those with developmental disabilities.



Congratulations to these Knights in Action!



Partnering with the St. Clarence Charity in Action Committee, our council is assisting in renovating a homeless shelter in the West Boulevard neighborhood of Cleveland. The goal is to improve the facilities and increase the capacity to house the homeless. Clark Gray, Mike Schum, Ron Lehmann and Peter Serio of our council have been on-site at the shelter putting up drywall, installing electric and washers and dryers. Great job men!





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Important Dates to Remember:

Dec.	4	7:30pm	Council 4731 Business Meeting	St. Clarence Terrace Room
Dec.	8	9:00am	St. Augustine Christmas Party	St. Augustine Church
Dec.	13	5:45pm	Christmas Party	St. Clarence Pavilion
Dec.	18	7:30pm	Council 4731 Social Meeting—Bob Duda featured speaker	St. Clarence Terrace Room
Jan.	1		NO MEETING ON NEW YEAR'S DAY	
Jan.	15	7:30pm	Council 4731 Social Meeting—Fr. Walters featured speaker	St. Clarence Terrace Room
Jan	31	5:30pm	Clergy Night	Center for Pastoral Leadership
Feb.	5	7:30pm	Council 4731 Business Meeting	St. Clarence Terrace Room

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.