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### HOLY, HAPPY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL 1966 COUNCIL YEAR REVIEWED

#### COUNCIL GREETINGS

The Officers and Chairman of North Olmsted Council No. 4731 extend to all Members and their Families best wishes and continued Blessedness in the year of our Lord, 1967. May those who have received and benefited by God's many gifts continue under His care and generosity; and to those who have been less fortunate, we pray that you too may also be showered with His graces.

#### PAST COUNCIL YEAR IN REVIEW

All in all, this past year has been another good one for our Council. The Officers and Chairmen started out by renewing their pledge of devotion and of service to the Knights of Columbus and to our Council in particular. With this proper spirit of Fraternism prevailing, our Council went forward to new goals and achievements. For the most part, the general membership picked up this spirit and cooperated wherever and whenever asked to do so.

The requirements of the Supreme and State Councils were fulfilled; and Council No. 4731 went forward in many areas — religious, civic, social, and Youth work. It is with sincere gratitude that thanks go out to all who in any way contributed their time, talents, and efforts to the Council. A special note of thanks is extended to the Ladies of the Isabella Guild, who through their renewed spirit, have made it all worth while.

At this point, we would like to briefly review some of the highlights of this past year.

Religious: We attended four Quarterly Communion in the area Parishes; attended our Annual Retreat in February at St. Star's Retreat House; participated in the recitation of the Rosary at five wakes; participated in the Living Rosary in November; and continued to furnish Confraternity Class instructors and Mass Lecturers. We also had a District Communion and Awards Breakfast in August.

Social: We started out the year with our annual Post New Year's-Reunion Dance fol-

lowed in May by our Bowlamama Party. We again put on our dancing shoes in November when we went to the Fall Costume Dance. This was followed by the best cotton-picking Pot-Luck Dinner we ever had. For Family fun, we went to Melody Grove in July for the yearly basket picnic. We had other social activities also, but these are the big ones.

Recreation: Again we sponsored a bowling team at Buckeye Lanes composed of Bro. Knights. We entered a team in the North Olmsted Slow-Pitch League coming out with a 6 to 5 won-loss record. Our golf team enjoyed many fine hours at Creekwood Golf Club.

Youth: First and foremost, we continued in our Scholarship programs in all areas. Four Scholarships were awarded on a renewal or new basis to area students for attendance at a Parochial High School of their choosing. Next, we contributed to the State Program for Teaching Scholarships. A percentage of our money went to the support of the Diocesan CYO Program.

The Anti-Smug Campaign deserved and got our attention and assistance. For the first time we sponsored a contest in the area elementary Catholic schools for essays on "What My Faith Means to Me." Winners received "Excellence in Religion" plaques in each school with the runners-up receiving uniform medals. We presented our annual trophy "Outstanding Student Athlete" at the St. Richards Booster Club sports banquet. At North Olmsted High School the outstanding back on the football team was the recipient of the annual K of C trophy.

We again sponsored a team in the local "Pony" baseball league, and this team won all the honors.

Our Columbian Squires Circle, Fr. Culliton No. 1390, was reactivated with 26 boys being invested on December 11.

Last but not least, our 6th Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on December 18.

Fraternism: Our First-Degree Team initiated candidates on nine separate occasions either for our own or at other Councils.

In April our Second Degree Team made its first appearance and appeared a total of four times. We continued to recognize outstanding men and honor them as Knights of the Month. We were pleased to honor our Council's first Honorary Member, Bro. Steve Shakin. The first Experience Night in a long time was held for Third Degree Members in May.

All Past Grand Knights of the Council were honored in May at which time they were presented with ribboned jewels.

We paid special tribute to the Knight of the Year, Bro. Joe Kucharik; and to PGK Ted Mack at the Testimonial Banquet held in his honor. We took time out in May to honor and thank our wonderful Chaplain, Fr. Wagner.

We were particularly pleased and the Council itself honored when one of our "own", Bro. Martyn Thomas, was selected by the State Council as the "Catholic Man of the Year" for the State of Ohio.

Civic and General: We again held our "Festival" at the Great Northern Shopping Center with many Knights and Ladies working long and diligently to make this year's festival a success.

We joined with other organizations in August to make North Olmsted's Homecoming the biggest and best ever.

We came within a cat's whisker of obtaining the coveted rating of "Star Council" within the State.

There were many more activities and programs in which we had a part during the year; but we thought you Members might like a brief recitation of the major items, and it is nearly impossible to list everything. If you helped in any way at all in enabling us to achieve this quite remarkable record, then you can stick out your chest in justifiable pride that you are a member of "The strong right arm of the Church."

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY APPOINTMENT

Treasurer, Bro. Jim Wilkins, has been appointed by the Supreme Council to fill the vacant Financial Secretary's post. We extend our heartiest congratulations to you, Jim, and know that you will vigorously give of yourself in this most important of positions as you have always done in all other Council matters. And, Brothers, we can be mighty thankful that a man of Jim's devotion and thoroughness has been named to this most demanding and tedious job. We can make his lot easier by cooperating with him.

#### NEW ROSTER

The new Roster, effective January 1, 1967, will be in your hands shortly. You will find it to be shorter and easier to read. Current Council membership is 219. During the 1966 year, there were 61 changes in the roster involving additions, deletions, transfers, or what have

#### COMING EVENTS

- January 4—Regular Meeting; 8:30 P.M.
- January 9—Narrator Deadline.
- January 16—Isabella Guild Meeting; 8:00 P.M. Southwestern Savings and Loan.
- January 18—Regular Meeting; Memorial Services.
- January 21—Post New Year-Reunion Dance at Melody Grove.
- January 29—Quarterly Communion; 8:30 Mass; St. Raphael's, Bay Village.
- February 1—Regular Meeting; Chaplain's Nite.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

The following Resolution presented at the December 7 meeting will be voted on at the meeting of January 4, 1967. To wit: Be it resolved that the Council pay for the plaques from the Greater Cleveland Chapter to honor those Past Grand Knights who have not received one in the past. Presented by PGK Ted Mack.

#### SPECIAL TREASURER'S ELECTION

Rules of the Order state that no Officer can assume two posts. Now that Jim Wilkins is the new Financial Secretary, the post of Treasurer is now open. The only requirement is that a nominee must be an Insurance Member.

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Deputy Grand Knight Ray Hepner, has recommended Bro. Don Kobak to fill the Treasurer's post. Don currently is serving as Inside Guard. Keep in mind that nominations can be made from the floor prior to the special election on January 4, 1967.

#### FOURTH DEGREE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bishop O'Reilly, General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, is presently considering applications for membership in the April 30, 1967 Class. Any Third Degree Bro. Knight, in good standing, wishing information about membership, is asked to please contact Membership Chairman, Sir Knight Don Kobak or Council Marshal, Sir Knight Henry Kleinhenz. Don't wait ACT NOW!!!

Editor's Note: We are again sorry that space limitations do not permit publishing the more personal items under our Council Ramblings column. We promise that next issue will contain many such items because after all, who's more interesting than people!

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