

# THE NARRATOR



*The Newsletter of the North Olmsted*



*Knights of Columbus Council #4731*

June, 2008

## Grand Knight's Report

Business First... Please remember that on June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 there is a flag retirement ceremony by the pavilion at St. Clarence. If you have not seen one before, it is well worth the time. Wives and children are welcome. Secondly, there will be a special prayer service before our June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. North Olmsted Council is blessed with the Icon of Our lady of charity. See the article in the Narrator.

After a year of working with some of the finest and most talented people in the Knights of Columbus and with a bit of sorrow, I will formally become a Past Grand Knight.

I am now and will always remain grateful, and humbled by the opportunity you gave me, to work with and guide what I consider to be the Best council in the order. My thanks to all who made this council flourish as it has, especially to Hank Kleinhenz, Jim Sanzi, Chuck Novak and Jim Buckley for their ideas, generosity of time and leadership. It has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience to be a Grand Knight.

We had many firsts and broke a few records this year. None of which could have happened without the assistance of all our brother knights. We had our first Steak Roast Membership Drive, got our First Degree Team back up and running, started working with the Boy Scouts to collect food for the needy, gave away another life saving Heart Defibrillator to St Brendan Church, collected several thousand dollars for mentally retarded in North Olmsted, raised several thousand dollars to support St. Augustine Rainbow camp and just recently sold our largest total of Charity tickets ever, Thanks to the efforts of many brother but especially Jim Buckley, Gene Hanzely and Rudy Chavez for all of the extra effort they put into reaching our ticket goals.

While I am on the subject, I want to give a special thanks to Shirley Wolfe, who sold over 40 tickets for our cause. As well as all of the widows of deceased knights for their support and encouragement they have given me and this council. Your husbands would be proud of your support and will always be appreciated for all they did to help this council grow to be one of the best in the state.

Speaking of best in state... We have qualified for Double Star Council for a second year in a row! That only comes from team work gentlemen and you should be proud of your accomplishments. The business of this council will continue as usual, but you will no longer be required to laugh at my bad jokes. You WILL be required to give our new Grand Knight all of your cooperation and prayers.

Before I close my last message to you I want to give a special THANK YOU to a lady who is my best friend, confidant and my voice of reason when I need someone to keep me focused... my wife Nancy. Thank you for your patience, your love and your support. I promise to spend more time at home this year!

Thank You Brothers for all of your prayers, encouragement and a successful and memorable year. May God bless you and your families.

Kevin Sheehan  
Grand Knight

**IN MEMORAL:**

**May Anniversaries:**

Louis B. Markling	06/23/62	George A. Gross	06/23/72
Edward J. Zarn, Sr.	06/08/74	Melvin J. O'Hara	06/20/87
Bernard M. Lyons, PGK	06/28/93	John W. Lesick	06/19/96
Frank Fanta	06/20/97	Leonard S. Emery	06/13/03

Remember all those whom have died this past year.

**K of C 4731 Officer  
for the 2007 / 2008 Fraternal Year**

<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Kevin Sheehan</b>	<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	<b>Jim Sanzi</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Kevin Cornelius</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Scot Metsch</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Wayne Petre</b>	<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Ray Metsch</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Ray Rowe</b>	<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>Rudy Chavez</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Peter Frank</b>	<b>Trustee, One Year</b>	<b>Bill Goellner</b>
<b>Trustee, Two Year</b>	<b>Gene Hanzely</b>	<b>Trustee, Three Year</b>	<b>Ray Metsch</b>

**K of C Golf**, We are looking for men who would like to play. Contact Tom Kilbane (440-933-9964) or Joe Hoehn (440-235-4332) if you are interested in playing. We play on Wednesday's, tee off at 4:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

**Notice** deadline for the Next Narrator is **June 20**. If you have something that you would like to put in the Narrator check with the Grand Knight, then sent it to me as a attachment in MS Word. My Email address is tkilbane@ameritech.net. Please subject it K of C.

**KEEP THE SICK IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Gerald Dietrich & his wife Kay, Jean Chokan, Norm Musial's wife Pat, Ray Babinec's Brother in law Ron Westbrook, Bill Beyer's wife Phyllis, Jay Ellis, Gab Zsigo, Dan Dugan, Kevin Sheehan Mother in-law Jeanne Yanocho, Jim Buckley, Jim Allen, Roger McNea, Joe Arnold's wife Mary, Charles Halpin, Shirley Wolfe, Howard Schmieler, Bob Klecan's wife Louise, Ed Frindt's wife Carol, Bob Doreenkott, and all the Members of our Council who are in need along with all the victim of the wars in the world.

***Remember the Rosary***

On the third Wednesday of each month the Rosary will be said in **Terrace Room**. All are welcome to attend at 7:00 pm,. The second meeting of the month will be held following the Rosary.

**North Olmsted Knights of Columbus**

Chaplin: Rev Joseph McNulty (216-781-5530)  
Financial Secretary: Henry Kleinhenz (440-235-0675)

Grand Knight: Kevin Sheehan (440-333-4445)  
"Narrator" Editor: Tom Kilbane (440-933-9964)



**Our Lady of Charity Icon and a  
prayer service at 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in the  
Terrace Room**

**Plan on attending this service**

### **Our Lady of Charity Prayer Program**

A new Marian Prayer Program in honor of Our Lady of Charity began Order-wide on September 8th, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This program features an image of Our Lady of Charity, the patroness of Cuba.

Our Lady of Charity has special significance to the Knights of Columbus, given the Order's first principle of Charity, which was also the theme of Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*. Therefore, although the Virgin of Charity has her origins in Cuba, devotion to her is altogether appropriate for Knights of Columbus everywhere.

### **Nominating Committee Recommendation For Officers**

**For Fraternal Year 2008-2009**

Grand Knight – Jim Sanzi	Warden – Ray Rowe
DGK – Kevin Cornelius	Inside Guard – Rudy Chavez
Chancellor – Scott Metsch	Outside Guard – Peter Frank
Recorder – Mark Cunningham	Trustee 1 year – Gene Hanzely
Treasurer – Wayne Petre	Trustee 2 year – Ray Metsch
Advocate – Bill Goellner	Trustee 3 year – Kevin Sheehan

The election will be held at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor for all of the above positions.

Respectfully Submitted, Ray Metsch, PGK Chairman, Nominating Committee

### **ATTEND A MEETING AND WIN!**

Each month until the end of this year a prize of \$25 per month will be awarded to the lucky Knight whose name is drawn, and is present at the meeting. **GOOD LUCK!**

**The drawing for May for \$45.00**

The first meeting, ED Frindt was not present .

The second meeting in Joe McAuliffe, was not present

**The June Drawing will be for \$50.00**

Visit our **WEB SITE** at [www.kofc4731.org](http://www.kofc4731.org) . If you would like to view the **NARRATOR** on the web site and not receive a mailed copy please contact Tom Kilbane, (440-933-9964) [tkilbane@ameritech.net](mailto:tkilbane@ameritech.net); or Henry Kleinhenz (440-235-0675). We will be setting up an email delivery to let you know when the current **NARRATOR** is posted.

## **K. of C. OFFICERS'S INSTALLATION LITURGY AND CEREMONIAL**

**Attention All Members**, especially newly exemplified members, and our wives, and our children (over six years).....

It has become a Council 4731 tradition for many members and their families to attend the K. of C. Officers' Installation Mass, with our chaplain, Fr. Joe McNulty, and the Officers' Installation Ceremonial, as conducted by our District Deputy. Last year we had just a couple shy of 100 on hand to start the new Knights' year and to show our support of our newly elected officers.

The Liturgy will be at St. Clarence followed by a cake and coffee reception. At this writing, the date is yet to be determined, but do make a commitment and intention now to attend, and bring your spouse and family to this dignified ceremonial.

The Officers' Installation is the only K. of C. Ceremonial that is open to viewing by non-Knights, and Supreme encourages councils to promote it as a family event for 2008-2009 and beyond.

If listened to intently, the District Deputy's charge to each new officer is a wonderful message to Brother Knights, as well as an instruction to wives and families as to what the Knights of Columbus is all about.

Non officer 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights are encouraged to attend in full regalia, other members in tie and jacket to add to the dignity of this event.

When the date is announced, come and bring your families.

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS – Chuck Novak 440-716-9197

This Is The Last, Lengthy, Long-rambling membership musings report I expect you to read. After spending 8 years as a Membership Director, I am stepping down to assume other K. of C. duties and I will be turning over Membership Recruiting to younger men with fresh new ideas. I am sure that their goal will be similar to mine since I came to North Olmsted Council 3 years ago: to increase Council membership in all of our 3 core North Olmsted parishes and to improve, as well, the K. of C. presence in the other Western Suburban parishes from which our Council draws some of its present, and expectedly future Knights.

DURING OUR BUSY SPRING, 11 new members joined our Council. When you see them at a K. of C. meeting or event, introduce yourself and give them a hearty welcome!

On Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Terrace Room, Our North Olmsted First Degree Team conferred 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees on EDWARD CHAVEZ, JR., son of Eddie Chavez, Sr.; JOHN R. CRANE, of St. Clarence, sponsored by Jim Buckley; and JAMES SOLTIS of St. Richard, proposed by Paul Mathieson.

JOHN CRANE and JAMES SOLTIS proceeded to Garfield Council on Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, along with KEVIN AMBURGY, sponsored by Don Lloyd to observe RYAN GOELLNER from St. Richard, and a graduating senior from St. Ignatius High School, proposed by his dad, Bill Goellner, make his First Degree. Ryan is the first juvenile insurance member in a long while to turn 18

and rapidly join our Council thereafter. All four men proceeded to complete their Second Degree at Garfield Council later that same evening.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> at North Ridgeville, 7 more men joined the # 4731 Council by making their First Degree. Long time brother Knight Brian McMahon of St. Bernadette proposed his 3 sons, triplets CRAIG R., MATTHEW G., and JOHN F. MCMAHON. All three held juvenile insurance. As was the case with Ryan Goellner, the McMahon triplets just turned 18, and all three are also graduating seniors at St. Ignatius High School and are college bound. Rounding out the First Degree participants from # 4731 were VAN C. PEPLIN, from St. Angela, sponsored by Paul Mathieson; LOUIS F. VINOVERSKI of St. Mary, Elyria sponsored by Dick Schilens; DAVID P. DYLAN of St. Augustine Parish sponsored by its pastor, and our Council Chaplain, Fr. Joe McNulty; and North Olmsted police officer WILLIAM M. SARINGER of St. Richard, our 2007-2008 BLUECOAT OF THE YEAR, recruited by our soon to be Past Grand Knight Kevin Sheehan.

Congratulations to “the Mighty Four” and to the “Magnificent Seven” and welcome all to Council 4731.

CONGRATULATIONS TOO to Third Degree Brother Knight JAMES V. SOLTIS, who was the only North Olmsted Council member to make his Third Degree at the West Park Council Chamber on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Jim became a full Knight of the Third Degree and was Knighted among a Class of 45 Candidates coming from all over Greater Cleveland and Northeastern Ohio. James commented how he was struck by the fraternity shown, and impressed by the Knights being an organization so much larger than just our local North Olmsted Council 4731. Jim.... wait until you attend your Fourth Degree Exemplification, or State, or Supreme Convention. There’s over 1,700,000 Knights in our order.

We Keep Trying to locate a Second Degree for our many First Degree members needing to make their Second Degree.

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> Wickliffe Council # 5405 is hosting combined First and Second Degrees. The problem for us is that Wickliffe is located at 29101 Euclid Avenue, across from Boromeo Seminary. That is nearly 600 city blocks away from 30601 Lorain Road and over an hour travel time from St. Clarence Parish! However, if any Second Degree candidate really wants to make his Second Degree at Wickliffe, please call Chuck Novak at 440-716-9197 and we will make reservations for you, try to set up a car pool, and reserve your inclusion by notifying Wickliffe Council.

Other Second Degrees will be held this fall, probably at Garfield or Avon Councils, among others, and by the Lorain County Second Degree Team being formed by our District Deputy, Joe Solomon. As soon as the Second Degree teams set their 2008-2009 degree dates, you will be notified at Council meetings and in The Narrator.

First Degrees BEFORE the June 30<sup>th</sup> end of the Knights fraternal year are still programmed for:

Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Brunswick # 4847 C.C. 6:30PM Degree 7PM.

Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at North Ridgeville # 7970 C.C. 7:30PM Degree 8PM

Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Strongsville # 10792 C.C. 6:30PM Degree 7PM

Candidate proposers / sponsors need to call Chuck at least 4 days before the degree date so that reservation(s) can be made for your candidate(s). Remember, you need to have signed form 100’s read at a prior Council # 4731 meeting.

TO COMPLY WITH a state membership challenge requirement, our own Council First Degree Team will be shooting for a FIRST DEGREE on either Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, the 156<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Fr. Michael J. McGivney (August 12, 1852), or else Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, the 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of our Founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney (August 14, 1890). More details on this and other Degrees will come in future Narrators.

MY LAST WRITTEN WORDS on Membership:

I really have enjoyed my past 8 years working on K. of C. Membership and I am proud of the results I have helped two Councils accomplish: In my 5 years of Membership work at West Park Council # 2790, an even 100 new members were recruited; during my past 3 years as Membership Director here at North Olmsted Council, I planned, reorganized revitalized and executed a membership program by which 79 new and readmitted members were brought into K. of C. Council # 4731.

It has been personally gratifying to watch and to encourage these new brother Knights to become active, to accompany and support them as they made their subsequent degrees, to observe and to applaud the many who have become officers, committee heads, event chairmen, and simple active Knights doing lots of good works under the Knights of Columbus banner.

I hope through our expenditure of a common effort our Council has become strengthened and is becoming prepared for the future with the new additions to our roster.

I must give special thanks to the countless members who assembled literature packets at meetings, who welcomed men at Mass during parish blitzes and coffee and doughnut Sundays and ministry fairs as we sought new members.

Special praise goes to PGK Jerry Nowesnick who gave presentations at the Open Houses conducted by our council. My personal thanks to Paul Mathieson and Mike Mullins who as new members this year offered to learn the Membership Director's duties and helped out on membership recruitment.

My thanks to PGK Ray Metsch and GK Kevin Sheehan for giving me free reign to do "my" thing in building membership, and to all the officers I worked with.

Finally I am especially indebted to the many member Knights who listened to my non-wavering membership message of one-on-one recruiting: "Ask a Catholic man you know to join the Knights." So many Knights broadcast that message, and asked Catholic men one-on-one and brought them to their first degree.

For example, this current year, so far, nineteen different sponsor/proposers brought in thirty-one new and readmitted members according to local Council records. That is more than double our quota for the prestigious Star Council Award. We will know after June 30<sup>th</sup>, subject to Supreme Council records, whether #4731 earned the Star or Double Star Award.

The recruiters this past year are Jim Bailey, PGK, Jerry Nowesnick, PGK, Tim Gut, Mark Cunningham, Chuck Novak, Grand Knight Kevin Sheehan, Joe Marita Sr., Ed Chavez Sr., Don Lloyd, Jim Buckley, Paul Mathieson, Bill Goellner, PGK, Brian McMahon, Dick Schilens, Henry Kleinhenz F.S., Ray Metsch, PGK, and Chaplain Fr. Joe McNulty. Thank you one and all!!!

To all the members who did recruit a new member during the past 3 years, and to all those who did not, I say, help your new Membership Director Team, "Ask a Catholic man you know to join the Knights of Columbus, Council #4731," as we continue into our new year of membership recruiting.

Vivat Jesus!

# A Few Last Words From The Program Director - Jim Buckley

## Church Activities

### Community Activities

1. Ray Rowe has submitted his report for you to read about his committee for the Measure Up Campaign. Read it elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations to Ray and his committee for another successful year.
2. Ask your neighbor with the faded flag to donate it to be burned at our annual Flag Burning Ceremony on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. That is Flag Day. Celebrate it with us outside the St. Clarence Pavilion. Jim Bailey is chairman.

### Council Activities.

1. The KofC is making an Icon of the Blessed Mother available to us. It is called Our Lady of Charity. It will be presented to us before the meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> Instead of the rosary.
2. Mark your calendar- Our summer family picnic is scheduled for July 27.

### Family Activities

1. The 2008 Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign was successful again this year. We reached our goal again of over ten tickets per member in our council. We had 266 members at the point that our goal was set by K of C Columbus. So our council sold 2840 tickets. I want to thank every Knight that was able to help buy or sell tickets this year. A special thank you goes out to our CO-Chairmen, Gene Hanzely and Rudy Chavez. They sold 586 and 500 tickets respectively. They didn't sell any refrigerators to the Eskimos this year but they sold a lot of tickets.

Why did we shoot for 10 tickets per man? The ticket Headquarters in Columbus offered enough incentives in the form of rebates again this year, that our council will receive close to \$4.50 back to the council for every ticket that was sold by the council, totaling \$12,780.00. This money will be used by the council and given to Charities in our community.

We had some small incentives for our Knights that sold more than 15 tickets. Anybody selling 15 or more tickets will receive 1 month dues paid off of next year's dues. Any Knight selling over 20 tickets will receive 2 months and over 30 tickets sold will receive 3 months dues paid. Also Gene Hanzely received a prize of \$50.00 for being the biggest seller. Rudy Chavez received \$30.00 for being the second biggest seller. And Jeff Keeper received a check for \$30.00 for being able to get a group to sell his tickets for him. Nice going all who helped.

### Youth Activities

Jim Buckley

Together we can continue to make a difference.

Please donate your used cell phones

To the Knights of Columbus North Olmsted Council

To make a difference in the area of domestic violence awareness, prevention and victim recovery. Contact Paul Mathieson , 440-835-7203.

## Measure Up Campaign 2008

On Thurs., Fri., Sat., & Sun., April 24,25,26,27, our Council began our Annual Measure Up Collection at the N.O. Giant Eagle – Water Tower. 30 Knights & 1 Knight's Lady (Mrs. Peter Frank) covered 33 scheduled hours & totaled 59 man-hours of collecting, we collected a total of \$2680.

On Thurs., Fri., Sat., & Sun., May 1,2,3,4,, we collected at the N.O. WalMart. 48 Knights & 2 Knight's Ladies (Mrs. Peter Frank & Mrs. Dean McKay) covered 36 Scheduled hours totaling 96 man-hours. We also had 2 father/son teams participating – Ryan & Bill Goellner & Rudy & Ignacio Chavez. Despite 2 days of rain & thunderstorms, we collected a total of \$3371.

Although our 2008 total of \$6051 is considerably less than 2007, considering our current economy – especially gasoline prices – and 2 days of rain storms, I feel we did very well, and the residents of N.O. & the surrounding area again displayed their generosity.

Ray Rowe



Ray Rowe and just two of the many Knight who helped make with the MEASURE UP Campaign At Giant Eagle and WalMart Stores

FYI:

The Knight at the Races raised \$7900.00 for the St. Augustine Rainbow Camp.

Over 2800 Ohio Charities tickets were sold. (more than 10 per Knight) were sold.


Over \$6500.00 was raised for the Measure Up Campaign.

All this took in the last two months, as you can see our Council is very busy. We can use all the help we can get. Attend a meeting and lend a helping hand.



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Greetings From  
**Paul D. Miller**  
 North Olmsted  
 Councilman At-Large  
 Brother Knight #4731

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*Next Meeting: June 4th  
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WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM  
CALL 440-235-0675 FOR MORE INFORMATION*

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Jun 3	Officers Meeting, Class Room St. Clarence
Jun 4	Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence
Jun 4	Election of Officers (2008—2009)
Jun 14	Flag Retirement Ceremony 12:30p.m. Terrace Room, St Clarence
Jun 18	ICON Prayer Service 7:00p.m. Terrace room
Jun 18	Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence
Jul 1	Officers Meeting, Class Room St. Clarence
Jul 2	Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence
Jul 27	Family Picnic 1:00p.m. St Clarence Pavilion
Aug 1	Officers Meeting, Class Room St. Clarence
Aug 2	Regular Mtg. Of Council 4731, 7:30p.m. Terrace Room, St. Clarence