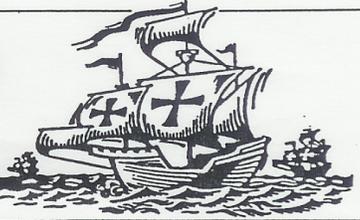


# THE NARRATOR



*The Newsletter of the North Olmsted*



*Knights of Columbus Council #4731*

February, 2007

## Grand Knight's Report

Lent begins in less than a month which will bring sacrifice, fasting, and fish fries. It was decided to suspend the meeting and the Rosary on Ash Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, to accommodate Ash Wednesday Services and the first St. Clarence Fish Fry of the Lenten Season. Now that we are talking about fish fries, let's not forget that the Knights are the principal cooks at these fish fries. If you are looking for a couple hours of laughs and hard work, please volunteer so that the same people are not cooking every week. To volunteer, please call FS Henry Kleinhenz at 440-235-0675.

The quarterly Mass and Communion will be held at the Church of St. Clarence, 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Immediately following will be a sit-down breakfast (no buffet) at Wagner's Country Inn on Center Ridge and Bradley Roads in Westlake. The price will be \$9.00 per person. Please make your reservations by calling the Committee Chairman, Scott Metsch, at 440-646-9362.

My wife and I will be leaving for sunny Florida for a 6 week vacation, returning in March. Deputy Grand Knight, Kevin Sheehan will run the Council in my absence. I can be contacted by e-mail at [Metsch@wowway.com](mailto:Metsch@wowway.com).

Ray Metsch  
Grand Knight

### Please check your Closet!

From the Grant Knight's Christmas Party Dec 9th, someone walked away with Chuck Novak's Midnight Black Cashmere dress overcoat with a pair of knitted black gloves in the pockets. Chuck and Monica left for San Antonio, Texas the very next morning, so they forget to inquire until this newsletter. There's no reward for the coat's return, but no questions asked either call Chuck at 440-716-9197 if chuck's coat is in your closet, Please.

### Nuns Night Dinner

Greater Cleveland Chapter's Annual Nuns Night Dinner is scheduled for April 15, at 3 P.M. at Gilmour Council.

If you plan on going or if you know of a Nun that you would like to bring, Please contact Tom Kilbane, (440-933-9964). More information will be in the March Narrator.

**IN MEMORAL:**

**February Anniversaries:**

John J. Luttner	02/07/68	Arthur E. Hagan	02/28/83
Adam J. Hessert, Jr.	02/17/85	Harry F. Reagan, PGK	02/26/85
Joseph J. Schreiber	02/27/89	Oscar Moldovan	02/24/98
William R. Mullally	02/14/01	Julius S. Bodnar	02/20/01
Ben K. Wright	02/11/05		

Remember all those whom have died this past year.

**Membership:**

The Grand Knight Ray Metsch, has again placed everyone on the Membership Committee. A committees a whole to reach our goal of 35 new members by June 1, 2007.

**PICK A MAN NOW THAT YOU WILL BRING INTO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
AT NORTH OLMSTED COUNCIL**

Remember that the February 21 meeting along with the Rosary have been canceled because of Ash Wednesday services.

**KEEP THE SICK IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Gerald Dietrich & his wife Kay, Elmer Choken and his wife Jean, Norm Musial's wife Pat, Gary Nash, Ray Babinec's Brother in law Ron Westbrook, Bill Beyer's wife Phyllis, Jay Ellis, Gab Zsigo, Dan Dugan, Tom Groff's wife Alice, Ed O'Brien (is at Wellington Place), Kevin Sheehan Mother in-law Jeanne Yanochao, Dennis Carlton, Jim Buckley, Jim Allen, Roger McNea, Ralph Kearns daughter Victoria Anne Kessler, 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 St. Kevin's Chapel. 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: Ray Metsch (440-235-9530)  
"Narrator" Editor: Tom Kilbane (440-933-9964)

## **February — TAX TIME AGAIN**

This Month, I chose to pass up the opportunity to use the age old cliché about two things we must do...although the timing should certainly bring it to mind.

This season, in most homes, is financial accounting time. I'd like to wager that, at some point in the process, someone will ask (probably you!) "Where did all our money go?" Surely, all of the money we earn finds a home somewhere...the grocer, the mortgage, the tax man. Very little, if any, is left over for a personal bank account or other investments. Most of us consider ourselves fortunate if we're managed to pay our bills! Folks usually save what's leftover...and for most folks, that's nothing.

The point is, whatever the amount earned, chances are good that it is spent providing for and rearing a family. Think about that for a minute. The needs of that family continue — food, shelter, clothing — even if the breadwinner suffers an untimely death.

So what does income tax have to do with insurance? Simply this...it can server as a reminder that protection for dependents should include an estimate of the current needs for money. While it may be convenient to say "I can't afford it," that's probably not accurate—when you consider that your family will be without **any income** should you die.

With this in mind, your Order has designed a plan which guarantees to continue income to your family for as long as they will need it. What's more, this plan will enable you to systematically save some of those dollars so difficult to account for at tax time

Call me today to discuss these needs. I want to hear from you.

Timothy P. Welling Field Agent, Knights of Columbus, 216-218-1838

## **Dues Reminder**

WE are rapidly approaching the Holiday Season, also the end of the 2006 year. Dues notice will be sent out 12/1/2006 for the 2007 year. Please ay your dues in a timely manner. The F. S. has a billing procedure to follow, all of which is a costly item to your council. With your dues notice is a request for a donation to the Measure—Up program, this gives everyone a opportunity to participate. Just add your amount to your dues check and indicate the amount in the memo section of your check. Make all checks out to North Olmsted K of C #4731.

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

A attendance prize of \$15.00 will be awarded to a member randomly selected from the current roster of active members. **However the member must be present to win.** If the member is not present, \$5.00 will be added to the next months drawing. We will also draw a name at the second meeting of the month, but the \$5.00 will be added only once per month. The cast amount will continue to accumulate until someone wins. If no winner by the second meeting in June , we will draw until there is a winner.

**The drawing for January was for \$30.00.**

The first meeting, Greg Artman, Art was not present.

The second meeting , Martin Klayku, Martin was not present.

**The February Drawing will be for \$35.00.**

**New Member Recruitment:**

February and March are the big push months to reach our state and Supreme membership quotas and get candidates to their First Degrees by the April 15, 2007 State reporting deadline.

So far we have 9 new or readmitted members against our goal of 22. Yes we have the March Parish blitzes, and yes, our Shining Armor Award program should result in some new men, but for us to guarantee results we need you to ask a Catholic man to join the Knights. Get his form 100 signed and propose him at the February or March meeting and bring him to his First Degree. With your help and recruiting involvement, you can help North Olmsted Council grow, flourish and Prosper.

**Fairview Council Transfers in:**

Transfers do not count toward our new member quotas. As you know, transfer of members from the closed Fairview Council is underway so that Fairview Knights can be accorded the continuity of Knights of Columbus Membership, benefits and privileges. Financial Secretary, Henry Kleinhenz and Service Program Chairman Jim Buckley are handling the mountains of paperwork required to effect the transfer from Fairview to North Olmsted Council.

We heartily welcome the following 10 new Council 4731 Brother Knights from Fairview, (With more to come).

Francis Kelly, James Sweeney, Dante Lavelli, Dennis Dembeck, Herman Yoder, Frank Buettner, Edward Saunders, James Kilbane, Mike Wolters, and Fairview's Past Grand Knight Tom Saunders. We hope to meet you in person at our 1st and 3rd Wednesday meeting nights: 7:30 p.m. at the Terrace Room (behind the book store) at St. Clarence Parish, 30106 Lorain Rd., between Stearns and Barton Roads. We are a very active council and it will take a meeting or two to bring you up to speed. WELCOME!

**ATTENTION ALL NEW FOURTH DEGREE CANDIDATES AND THEIR SPOUSES!!**

There will be an important informational meeting on February 14th at 7:30 p.m. at West Park K of C Hall, 3556 West 130th St. ( 1/2 Block south of Lorain Ave).

Wives of candidates are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. The Exemplification week-end will also be discussed. For Questions or more information call FN Gene Hanzely.

**December Awards:**

Knight of the Month Gerald Dietrich

Family of the Month for Gene Hanzely

**Notice** deadline for the March Narrator is **February 17th**. 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.

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

### Church Activities

1. The Knights of Columbus of Northeastern Ohio celebrate the support that we have for the clergy in our area. A Dinner, a bar and an enjoyable social evening took place January 26<sup>th</sup> in Solon.
2. Lent is almost here. A team of Knights are once again volunteering to do all the cooking for the St. Clarence Fish Fries every Friday of Lent and Ash Wednesday.

### Community Activities.

1. The yearly Measure-Up collection at the Major Food stores is almost upon us. We are looking for volunteers to sign up to help in the collections. The funds collected are for the retarded children in our Community. Last year a check for about \$4000.000 was collected and given to this cause.

### Council Activities

1. A Degree Team is being formed at our Council. Jim Sanzi tells us that the first rehearsal will take place in January.

### Family Activities

1. Next month we will hear about the yearly Ohio Charities ticket selling campaign. I know you are all looking forward to taking a chance again and helping us reach our goals

### Youth Activities

1. Any interest in helping with the Squires program or if you have a young man that might be interested in hearing information about the program, please call Ed Chavez at 440-282-9521.
2. The Basketball Free Throw Contest took place on Saturday, January 27, 2007. Next Month we will hear about the success of the kids that took part in the contest.

At the last Officer's meeting we were all reminded that we should try to get the new members involved in the committees of our projects and events for next year. We were told that if we have been chairman of projects repetitively for more than one year, we should give up our chairmanships and permit some other men to step up and try their hands at our project. I would like to let anyone who wishes to be the Program Chairman to let me know. I would be glad to assist a new man in this job.

Our council is looking for help in setting up a web site. We need help in the setup and training in maintenance of the site. If you can help please contact Kevin Cornelius (440-871-4020).

## **Financial Planning Night**

Mark Wednesday March 14 (the second Wed. in March) on your calendar—7:30 p.m. sharp! In the Terrance Room at St. Clarence. For you and your wife both to attend, you also can bring a friend.

This special meeting potentially will be personally the most important K of C sponsored event you and your spouse will attend in 2007.

This financial planning seminar is intended to help you attain long range financial security for you, your wife and your family. It's a fast moving hour dedicated to informing you and your spouse about the basics of asset accumulation and asset preservation.

The seminar is also designed to update you on recent changes in tax, probate, and inheritance laws that will affect your financial future. Young, middle aged, and even retired Knights will come away with current information that can affect your present and future well—being.

As a relatively new benefit from the K of C, the meeting is co-sponsored by both North Olmsted and North Ridgeville Councils. The seminar will be conducted by our recently appointed K of C field agent Timothy P Werling and Brother Knight William J. Schulz, attorney, of the law firm of Smith and Condeni, L.L.P., Estate Planning and Asset Protection Group.

This seminar meeting is FREE, NO CHARGE, but reservations are a must since space is limited. Jim Buckley is co-coordinating reservations on a first come, first reserved basics. Call Jim at (440-235-4311) to insure a seat, leave your and your spouses name and Phone No.

Tim Werling plans to call, remind and confirm your attendance.

This seminar, when conducted at other councils last fall was packed, and additional evenings had to be scheduled for the overflow reservations. So call Jim in early February for your seminar seats, before we max attendance and before seats to potential new members or to the general men of the parishes. Sadly, walk-ins may have to be turned away. Call sooner the better.

## **VOLUNTEERISM**

When Fr Michael J. McGivney founded The Knights of Columbus in 1882 (125 years ago) he depended upon men you were volunteers from St. May's Parish in New Haven to get the organization started. He envisioned an order of Catholic men, strong in their faith, who would band together to be of service to their church and service to the community in which they live - -and who would participate in action programs to make a positive difference in the lives of people in their parishes and neighborhoods.

Fast forwarding to today, one only has to look to the Knights in Action section and the photo finish page at the back of the Columbia magazine to see how knights are continuing to volunteer in their churches and in their communities.

Over the years a number of 4731 Knights have volunteered at food banks and hunger centers, hospitals, meals on wheels, theater and cultural venues, museums and civic entities etc. A segment of our retired Knights carry on this tradition but their numbers are dwindling. Every parish that we serve during this past fall has run parish bulletin request for various liturgical ministries, coaches, PSR or CCD teachers, And youth ministries. Also many community agencies are actively seeking volunteers. Meals on Wheels is posting flyers pleading for help; all the hospitals have produced brochures on what volunteering involves, the senior citizen centers want volunteers and so on.

There exists private organizations that search for volunteers like RSVP (Retired + Seniors Volunteer Programs) BVU (Business Volunteers Unlimited) and SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives).

Continued

continued Volunteerism

As part of rededicating North Olmsted Council to a planned program of volunteering which has been submitted to our officers and approved, we are compiling a library of agencies needing volunteers, their contact people, brochures and information. Wouldn't it be great if 3 to 5 Knights would form a team at Meals on Wheels? Or 3 to 10 other Knight to form teams to volunteer at Fairview Hospital or St. John's west shore or the Cleveland Clinic? Or even a larger group once a month at the Cleveland Food Bank? Of course the individual Knight will get the accolades for his service, but we want the effort to be known as a Knights of Columbus, Council 4731 Project. For State reporting purpose and for the purpose of increasing K of C visibility, in the parishes and the communities.

The other half of volunteering is in the parishes. The execution is simple. You go to your pastor and say: Father, I'm a Knight of Columbus and I'd like to help out in the \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry or in some other way to serve the parish. What do I have to do to get started? Each month we will cover one parish ministry and one agency needing volunteers. In March, look forward to a write up on Eucharistic Ministers and Meals on Wheels. If volunteering idea appeals to you, well then VOLUNTEER!

We'd also like to begin a list of Knights who volunteer in the community now or who have been installed as a liturgical minister in the parish. Or if you coach or work with youth or otherwise volunteer in your parish. Call Jim Buckley with the info at 440-235-4311.

### **Membership Musing....** Chuck Novak, Membership Dir. 440-716-9197

Eleven North Olmsted Council Members made their 2nd Degree in late November and the following 8 men were Knighted when they took their Third Degree on December 10th: Knighted 3rd degree Brother Knights are: Joe Balombin, Tom Murphy, Mike Cillo, Peter Frank, John Maloney, Ed Chavez, Ignatio Chavez, and Robert Fischer Sr. Congratulations!!!

Degrees: Next scheduled 3rd degrees are:

Sunday February 18 Candidate Call 1:00 Avon Council

Sunday May 20 Candidate Call 1:30 West park Council

Remember to call Chuck at 440-476-9197 to be registered for any degree at another council. We will car pool.

Second Degree schedule in conjunction with a First Degree;

Tuesday February 13 C.C. 6:30 p.m. 2nd 7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lake Council—Lorain

Other First Degrees

Tuesday Feb. 06 C. C. 6:30 p.m.. Brunswick Council

Tuesday Feb. 13 C. C. 6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lake Council, Lorain

Thursday Feb. 18 C. C. 7:30 p.m. North Ridgeville Council

Thursday Mar. 01 C. C. 7:30 p.m. Strongsville Council.

Thursday Mar. 15 C. C 7:30 p.m. North Ridgeville Council

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***Next Meeting: January 3rd**  
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CALL 440-235-0675 FOR MORE INFORMATION*

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Feb 6	Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Feb 7	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence
Feb 21	Rosary, Cancelled
Feb 21	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, Cancelled
Feb 21	Ash Wednesday
Mar 7	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence
Mar 14	Financial Planning Night, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence
Mar 21	Rosary, 7:00 p.m. St Kevin's Chapel
Mar 21	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence
Mar 25	Quarterly Mass and Communion Breakfast 10:00 a.m. St Clarence
Apr 4	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence
Apr 18	Rosary, 7:00 p.m. St Kevin's Chapel
Apr 18	Regular Mtg. of Council 4731, 7:30 p.m. Terrace Room St. Clarence