

# **KNIGHT LETTER**

March 2014

#### COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

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#### Grand Knight's Report Brother Knights,

March brings in Lent. The warming temperatures of March are inviting and, hopefully, the worst of winter has passed. As spring looms just around the corner, it seems like a good time to start sprucing up our Hall and grounds. To make our facility one we can be really proud of. If each Knight volunteers as little as one hour a month can you imagine the impact we could make? We have gained a few new Knights and we need to challenge them to fulfill their aspirations within our Council as practicing men of faith.

I hope that you too have found that in your contributions within the Knights and community that you are ultimately achieving your intentions or you are thinking about what you would like to recommend to your council.



Why aren't all Catholic men Knights? They weren't asked! Ask a fellow Parishioner, You'll be surprised!

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> jgrasso598@aol.com John Grasso Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Report Cont.

"Quote of the month" *THE SMALLEST GOOD DEED IS BETTER THEN THE GRANDEST GOOD INTENTION* S.K. John Grasso Grand Knight

Special Announcement Due to the weather last month, the special election was postponed. The election for three

Foundation Trustees will be at this month's meeting. Come to the meeting and let your voice be heard!

Nominations will be accepted from the floor and these trustees will serve until the next election in June.

Foundation trustees help oversee the operation of the Council Home.

# The Spiritual Corner by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

Lent as we all know is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to the poor. We should continue to do those things. But Lent is also a period of conversion, a period of change, a time of turning away from sin and being faithful to the Gospel. We can begin our conversion by changing our focus from ourselves to God. It's something that we can do without much disruption in our daily life. We can begin each day by telling God that we offer all our prayers, good works, joys and sufferings to Him. When we pray, we can talk to God as if he were a friend, and pray with sincerity and feeling. We can make a conscious effort to see and feel God's presence in our busy lives. If we help someone in need because we feel sorry for them remember that the compassion we feel is the presence of God in our life telling us to help. If we are good at something and get a feeling of accomplishment, thank God for giving us that gift. If we help the poor, we can try to see the suffering Christ in their eyes. If someone annoys us, try to remember that they are also creatures of God and He wants us to love and respect them. By making God our focus and recognizing His presence in our lives we will undergo a conversion and turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

### **Church Drive Dates:**

Holy Innocents Church Neptune NJ
Sat March 15 masses at 4pm and 5:30pm
Sunday March 16 masses are at 8, 10 and noon and 5:30pm
We would need volunteers to pick a date and time to help.
Please call DGK Mark Bozzo: 609-548-1370 to volunteer.

# Council 816 Annual Communion Breakfast

Holy Innocents Church Neptune Eight AM Mass Breakfast to follow, place: To Be Determined Come out and show your support for the Council

#### March Birthdavs

Brothers, Happy Birthday! Robert Carroll Gary Duverney GK Thomas Edwards Vincent Gifford Patrick Glynn Charles Keenan Mike Mangeri William Mullen Reynaldo Perez JoelScranton Andrew Sturzione Sr. Sebastain Vaccaro

#### **March Events**

March 6 Officers Meeting March 13 Business Meeting March 15 & 16 Church Drive Holy Innocents March 17 St. Patrick Day March 23 Monthly Breakfast

#### **Upcoming Events**

April 6 Communion Berakfast April 10 - Pride in Priest Dinner Doolan's May 3 - Birthrite Dinner Saint Thomas More, Englishtown May 16-18 -State Convention, Wildwood, NJ July 26 Blue Claws Baseball September TBD Annual Golf Tournament

# **Upcoming Degrees**

Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) March 14<sup>th</sup> Council # 11660 OLPH Highlands Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) March 23<sup>rd</sup> Monmouth University Wilson Hall Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) March 29<sup>th</sup> Manahawkin

#### Good of the Order

"As a reminder, it is the responsibility of all Brothers to inform either the Grand Knight John Grasso(732-988-0471), or the Financial Secretary William Jenkins (732-988-3658) upon the learning of the death of any K of C Brothers, so proper actions can be taken. Don't assume that the GK or FS automatically know about all Brother's deaths, sometimes they need your help!" If you haven't taken your second or third degree take advantage of these opportunities.

Call DGK Mark Bozzo: 609-548-1370

## Council Field Agent Michael S. Permuko

can provide you information about protecting your assets.

## 732-996-0923 or by

email michaelpermuko@ kofc.org

# **Troop Morale-Soldier Boxes**

The Neptune City Knights of Columbus has partnered to send care packages to our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. These boxes are sent four (4) times a year. Please consider donating any/some of the items listed. Please keep our Armed Forces men and women in your prayers and God Bless America.

> Beef Jerky/Slim Jims Toothpaste Small Snack Bags Toothbrushes Gum/candies

Hand Sanitizers

TrailMix

**Band Aids** 

Cookies

A complete list is at the Council Home with the Box.