



KNIGHT LETTER

April 2014

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

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Grand Knight's Report Brother Knights,

April brings the end of Lent and the Easter Season.

The warming temperatures of April are inviting and, hopefully, the worst of winter has passed.

As spring has sprung, it seems like a good time to start sprucing up our Hall and grounds to make our Council Home one we can be really proud of.

We have been working hard to refurbish our meeting room and have installed a new ceiling. Painting and trimming are in the process of being completed, and I would like to invite each one of my fellow Brothers to see the "new" Hall in May. Since Lent will be over we will have meatball sandwiches with "home made" sauce after the meeting. Of course come to the April meeting to check out the progress.

Come out and see what your money and hard work has accomplished. May God bless you and your families during this Easter season.

John Grasso GK



Please Note:

Because the Pride in Priests Dinner is the same day as our regular Business Meeting the meeting has been moved to April 3 at 8 PM following the Officer's Meeting at 7 PM.

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

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John Grasso Grand Knight

The Spiritual Corner by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

If we take the time to think about it we will realize that throughout Jesus' ministry He was always breaking down barriers of fear, hatred and prejudice. John's Gospel about Jesus and the Samaritan woman is no exception. While it is true that the shortest way from Judea to Galilee is to travel through Samaria it was a way that was avoided by most Jews. In 722 BC the Assyrians conquered the northern part of Israel. They exiled their leaders and colonized the area. In time the colonists inter-married with the remaining Israelis and adopted parts of the Jewish religion. The Jews considered the Samaritans to be an inferior half breed race to be avoided by respectable people. But what does Jesus do? He travels through Samaria and stops at Jacob's well. He then breaks religious and social convention put in place by the Pharisees. He engages in a conversation with a woman who was alone. Not only that but she was a Hated Samaritan. Having no jug or cup He asks the Samaritan woman to give Him water. To drink from a Samaritan cup was considered unclean. Even the Samaritan woman is shocked. He tells the woman about "living Water." At first she doesn't understand that the "living water" is the revelation of who Christ is and the dwelling of the Holy Spirit within us. When Jesus, without judging, reveals that he knows about her promiscuous life a conversion begins to take place. At first she addresses Jesus as sir, then prophet. She finally recognizes Him as the Messiah. She experienced the life giving flow of Jesus healing energy. The result is that this sinful outcast evangelizes and brings other Samaritans to believe in Jesus.

What does this gospel mean to us. It means that we are challenged. We are challenged because as Christians we are both the recipients and the givers of this living water. We are called to break down the barriers that isolate us from others. Those barriers can be our own hatred, prejudice, anger, jealousy, envy, cutting remarks or innuendo. It could also be those same barriers put up by others. We are called to break down the barriers of the marginalized by seeing the face of Christ in their suffering. And we are called to do it as Jesus did, **WITHOUT JUDGING**.

Council 816
Annual Communion Breakfast
April 6, 2014
Holy Innocents Church Neptune
Eight AM Mass
Breakfast to follow, place: To Be Determined
Come out and show your support for the Council
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!"

April Birthdays

**Brothers,
Happy Birthday!
Giacomo Bertini
Daniel Brown PGK
Gerard Brown
Robert Brown PGK
Nicholas Burke
Paul Davis
Michael Freeman
Gerald Freda
Pascal Gambardella
Anthony Gesualdo
Thomas Halliday
Robert Harris
John Kiernan
Joseph Marmora
Mark Mastrorilli
Jose Pastrana
Chip Piancone PGK
Ken Roberts
Robert Shafer Jr.
Walter Thompson
Richard Weber
Bruce Wescott
Michael Yezo**

Foundation News

**Congratulations to: Herb Hagman,
Tony Pappa and Sam Vaccaro for their
Election to the Foundadation Board as
Trustees.**

March Events

**April 3 Officers Meeting 7 PM &
Business Meeting 8 PM
April 6 Communion Breakfast
April 10 Pride in Priests Dinner @
Doolin's
April 27 Monthly Breakfast**

Upcoming Events

**May 3 - Birthrite Dinner Saint
Thomas More, Englishtown
May 16-18 -State Convention,
Wildwood, NJ
June- Election of Officers
July 26 Blue Claws Baseball
September TBD Annual Golf
Tournament**

Council Field Agent

**Michael S. Permuko
can provide you informa-
tion about protecting your
assets.**

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email [michaelpermuko@
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Ladies Auxiliary News

Once again the Auxiliary is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Knight or Auxiliary member. Again this year the scholarship will be named the Frank & Peggy Bilella Memorial Scholarship. The ladies of the Auxiliary feel we want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication Frank and Peggy have given to Council #816.

Frank, as a former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight and tireless worker, was involved with the Knights of Columbus his entire adult life. He always had time to chair a committee, run a drive and be an advisor and friend.

Peggy was the Auxiliary. Nothing happened without her. She held the office of president more than once. She chaired nearly every event and enterprise we've undertaken.

These two people are greatly missed but they will not be forgotten. We hope that they will be an inspiration and example to those who apply for our scholarship.

If you would like an application, please call Karen Kopcak (732) 776-7643.

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

Trail Mix

Band Aids

Cookies

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

Editors Note:

Brothers, In February we had a Spaghetti Dinner which was a successful event considering there was a snow storm followed by rain. We netted over \$200.00 for that event. We are considering another one in June (no snow). It will be brought up at April's Meeting and will be advertised next month if it is agreed on. If we can make \$200. in a snow storm, imagine what we could do in nice weather (with your support). Look for the announcement next month, or come to April's Meeting and give us your input.

Fraternally, Joe Lynch PGK