



KNIGHT LETTER

May 2014

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report Brother Knights,

May 30th is Memorial Day
*A day on which those
who died in active military
service are remembered.*

A True story of "**Four Chaplains**"

In 1943, the four young Army chaplains joined 900 raw recruits who were headed for battle in Nazi-occupied Europe on the Dorchester. The chaplains were: The Rev. George Fox, a Methodist minister, who had served with distinction as a soldier during World War I; Rabbi Alexander Goode, who had written a book in 1931 forecasting the rise of Nazi Germany; the Rev. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister who left behind heart-warming letters for his family; and Father John Washington, a former street gang member who became a Catholic priest. During the voyage, the chaplains guided and reassured those on board, providing comfort to men suffering from seasickness and from fear of the battles that lay ahead. At 1 a.m., February 3, 1943, a torpedo from a German submarine ripped through the hull of the Dorchester,

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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**

and the ship began to descend rapidly into the freezing arctic waters.

In the frantic scramble for life-boats, the four Army chaplains directed many soldiers to safety. When the life vest supply ran out, they selflessly removed their own and gave them to the soldiers, knowing that they could not possibly survive without the flotation devices. Eighteen minutes after it was hit, the Dorchester sank off the coast of Greenland.

Dan Kurzman, author of *No Greater Glory*, a comprehensive story of the immortal chaplains, recalls the ship's final moments in the documentary: "The four men were standing arm-in-arm at the top of the boat singing hymns, as the ship disappeared beneath the waves."

In 1960, the U.S. Congress created a special Medal of Valor honoring the Four Chaplains, and their memory is preserved in a stained glass rendering in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

"Quote of the Month"
*Character is not made in a crisis
—It is only exhibited.*

By Robert Freeman
S.K. John Grasso Grand Knight

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

In the Gospel of St John Jesus tells us "I am the gate for the sheep whoever does not enter the sheepfold through the gate is a thief and a robber." He goes on to tell us that the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. What does it all mean?. In order to understand the significance of today's gospel it is necessary to understand the role of a Palestinian shepherd in Jesus time.. Every night the shepherds brought their sheep into a sheepfold to protect them and keep them from running away. The sheepfold was a circular stone wall with an opening in the front. At night the shepherd would sleep in that opening. If the sheep tried to leave they would have to walk over the shepherd. His presence kept them from roaming about and getting lost during the night. But more importantly if wolves tried to attack the sheep by going through the gate they would have to attack the shepherd first. So in effect the shepherd could be laying down his life for his sheep. Does that sound familiar? In Hebrew scripture God's anointed deputies were often referred to as shepherds because their role was to nurture and protect God's people. Very often they didn't feed and nurture God's people but fed on them and led them astray as in the case of the Pharisees. who taught that people were made for the law not the law for the people. That's why Jesus was condemned for helping the sick on the Sabbath. The law became more important than the people who were cured. The Pharisees were leading the people in a direction that God didn't want. They were bad shepherds. That is why Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. He protects, nurtures and lays down His life for His flock. We are taught that Jesus laid down His life to save all people so in effect all people are members of His flock. If that's the case why don't all people recognize and follow the voice of Jesus. Sheep recognized the voice of their shepherd even when they were mixed in with other flocks.. When their particular shepherd called they responded by following him. EXCEPT WHEN THEY ARE SICK. I think the same is true of people. Sickness implies weakness. It is because of human weakness that we don't always recognize the voice of Jesus . That can cause us to follow the wrong shepherd. So what does all this mean for us in today's world? I think the answer to that question lies within each of us.. Are we faithful members of God's flock? Do I always hear the voice of Jesus or does my own weakness cause me to be misled by the modern day Pharisees of **SECULAR HUMANISM** and **CONSUMERISM** which teach us to be self-centered, self gratifying and covet more than we actually need? As members of Christ's flock we are called to pass through His gate and follow Him by sharing in the shepherding of His flock. How can I a better shepherd to those around me. Do I **reach out** with **understanding and compassion** to the weak and the misguided **SO THAT THEY MAY HEAR** the loving voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd?

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!"

**May
Birthdays
Brothers,
Happy Birthday!
Nicholas Camera
Harry Devine
Anthony Goralski
John Kopcak PGK
Robert La Falce
Glenn Osborne
Donald Paccione
Richard Perna
Robert Shafer III
Mike Strada
Michael Tomaszeski
Mark Ziolkowski**

**Council Field Agent
Michael S. Permuko**
can provide you informa-
tion about protecting your
assets.
**732-996-0923 or by
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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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S

POSITIONS	CURRENT 2013-14 OFFICERS	2014-15 SLATE OF OFFICERS
Grand Knight	SK John R. Grasso	SK Mark J. Bozzo
Past Grand Knight	SK Charles Piancone - PGK	SK John R. Grasso - PGK
Chaplain	Rev. Michael Wallack	
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Mark J. Bozzo	Herb Hagmann
Chancellor	Anthony R. Pappa	Anthony R. Pappa
Recorder	SK Sebastian Vaccaro	SK Sebastian Vaccaro
Financial Secretary	SK William H Jenkins - PGK	SK William H. Jenkins - PGK
Treasurer	Joseph A. Lynch - PGK	Joseph A. Lynch - PGK
Lecturer	Andrew A. Dellomo	SK Kenneth Roberts
The Advocate	Daniel Maxwell	Daniel Maxwell
Warden	Jim Emmons	Richard Coscarelli
Inside Guard	Deacon John Kopcak - PGK	Sean P. Sweeney
Outside Guard	Michael F. Mangeri	Michael F. Mangeri
3yr Trustee	SK Charles Piancone - PGK	SK John R. Grasso - PGK
2yr Trustee	VACANT	SK Jim Emmons - PGK, PFN
1yr Trustee	SK Gary Duverney - PGK	SK Gary Duverney - PGK
District Deputy	Chris Oliver -, PGK, DD	Chris Oliver - PGK, DD

NOTE: Nominations can be taken from the floor at the time of the final reading of slated officers. A formal ballot will be held at the June 12th Business Meeting for the Grand Knight position being challenged by Herb Hagmann.

The Knights of Columbus Council 816,
Neptune City, NJ is celebrating Flag day
With a pasta dinner on June 14, 2014.

Place: 203 W. Sylvania Ave. Neptune City, NJ

Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tickets: Adults: \$13.00 Seniors: \$10.00 Children: \$8.00

For Information or Tickets Contact:

Joe Lynch 732-682-1331 or Herb Hagmann 732-245-5388

May Events

May 8 Business Meeting

**May 9 Third Degree at Council #6201 401
Bartley Rd. Jackson N.J.**

**May 16& 17 N.J. State Convention (Wild
Wood Convention Center)**

May 25 Monthly Breakfast

May 26 Memorial Day Observed

**May 30 Third Degree at Council # 6284 156
Maxwell Ave. Hightstown N.J.**

Upcoming Events

June-12 Election of Officers

July 26 Blue Claws Baseball

Sept 29 Annual Golf Tournament

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.