



KNIGHT LETTER

September 2014

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

**Grand Knight's Report
We must know and
celebrate our past
as we move for-
ward!**

Dear Brothers,
111 years ago, on Sunday
Aug. 30, 1903, Rev. Gather
Roche summoned Catholic
men of the Church of the
Holy Spirit to form a council
of the Knights of Columbus
in the basement of that
church. On Sept. 13, 1903,
District Deputy Rafferty
presided and set forth the
laws and rules of the order.
There were forty-one
charter members, the
officers of Red Bank
council on Sept. 30, 1903
initiated the charter mem-
bers of Asbury Park coun-
cil No.816 into the Knights
of Columbus at Winckler's
Hall on Mattison Ave. in
Asbury Park, the first
Grand Knight of our council
was James D. Carton.

Our council 816,
has had several meetings
throughout the years, at
Winckler's Hall, the Ly-
ceum at Holy Spirit School,
the Lyceum at Bond Street
School, the Moose Hall on
Cookman Ave, the Golden
Eagles' Hall on the west
side, and the Italian Pro-
gressive Club.

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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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**Sebastian P. Vaccaro Grand
Knight**

On Sunday May 3, 1953
Council 816 dedicated their
new home at 1017 Main Street
in Asbury Park. Charity, unity,
fraternity, and patriotism con-
tinued to the corner stone of
our council. As the council
continued to flourish, the
members approved the pur-
chase of its present home on
West Sylvannia Ave. in Nep-
tune City in May 1979.

I am so proud and honored
to be your sixty-ninth Grand
Knight. Let's continue and
build upon the success that
those forty-one charter mem-
bers started 111 years ago.

God Bless You,
Sebastian P. Vaccaro
Grand Knight

The Spiritual Corner by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard causes us to pause and question God's fairness. Why should the laborer who worked all day get the same wage as the one who worked only an hour? After all since the time of the Puritans Americans were taught to work hard and earn as much money as you can. The Puritans thought that wealth was a sign of God's favor and poverty was a sign of the opposite. This gospel is a wonderful gospel because there are many lessons to be learned. The first is the traditional lesson of God's loving mercy. The laborers who work all day represent those who followed the teachings of Jesus all their lives. The last group represents those who have not lived good lives but truly repent before they die. They enter into the kingdom the same as those who were good all their lives. If we apply human standards to that, God is being unfair. But don't we all hope that we can squeeze into heaven when we die?

Sometimes we have to put ourselves in the other guy's shoes to understand more fully. A denarius, which was the amount paid to all the laborers, was the amount of money that the average family needed each day to survive. Did you ever wonder why each group was hired when they were? Perhaps they weren't lazy. Maybe they were less physically fit, or handicapped or old. God's justice is about everyone being able to eat at the end of the day regardless of their capacity to work. Justice cannot be earned. It is a God given right. What is the reaction of those who worked all day? They were jealous. They thought that they should have more because they earned it and the other guy didn't. But again, justice is not something that is earned. Would it have been just for those who were hired last to receive less and not have enough to feed their families? Yet how often do we do the same thing? We all do it. The grass is always greener on the other side. We all have the feeling that we earned what we have. But the truth is we don't earn anything. Everything we have is a gift from God. If we have money it is because God gave us the physical and mental ability to get it. All gifts that come from God are given to us to be shared. Let us thank God for what we have. Let us not be jealous of what others have especially those who have less than we do. Jealousy leads to judgment. Judgment leads to hatred. Hatred leads to division. Division destroys justice and the common good. Remember what Jesus said, "To those who have been given much, much is expected."

September Events

Sept 4 Officer's Meeting

Sept 6 PGK dinner for John Grasso at Luigi's

Sept 11 Regular Business Meeting 8 PM

Sept 13 Installation of Officers @ Ascension Church (see pg. 4)

Sept 21 Holy Innocents Church Parish Picnic

Sept 28 Breakfast Buffet

Sept 29 Council Golf Tournament w/ Central Jersey Blood Bank

Upcoming Events

October 11 Pasta Dinner (in honor of Columbus Day)

Nov 8 Memorial Mass

Dec 13 Council Christmas Party

Good of the Order

"As a reminder, it is the responsibility of all Brothers to inform either the Grand Knight Sebastian P. Vaccaro(732-762-2609) , or the Financial Secretary Ray Barns (732-998-0882) upon the learning of the death of any K of C Brother, 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!"

September

Birthdays

Brothers

Happy Birthday!

Ken Bruton

Anthony Cashman

Jason Castillo

Emil Fortunato

Big Al Freda

Sam Fusaro

John Grasso PGK

Chris Hershel

Richard Inkles

Joe Lesniewski

Thomas Murtha

Peter Pojero

Thomas Polk

Don Rydell

Guy Scarpelli

Felix Spano

September 13, 2014

Council 816

Installation of Officers

Following the 5PM Mass at

Ascension Church

A dinner will be held at the Council Home after the Installation honoring the Officers and the Council's 111th anniversary.

All members and their families are invited to attend this joyous occasion.

Dinner is being prepared by the

legendary chef Mike Killeen.

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Central Jersey Blood Center 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 29, 2014

Jumping Brook Country Club

201 Jumping Brook Road, Neptune, NJ 07753

Proceeds to Benefit

**Central Jersey Blood Center
& Knights of Columbus 816 Charities**

Registration 6:30 7:20am

Shotgun Start 7:30am

- Individual \$150.00 per person
 - Foursome \$600.00 per team
- Includes Fees, Cart, practice putting green & range, drop bag service locker room usage, tags**
- Continental Breakfast and BBQ Lunch with awards immediately following tournament
 - \$10,000.00 Hole-In-One contest, Closest to the pin contest, longest drive contest, etc.

For Information Contact:

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RSVP by September 22, 2014

Past Grand Knight Dinner

Sept. 6, 2014 7PM

honoring

John Grasso PGK

at

Louigi's (next to Clancy's)

Choice of :

Veal, Chicken or Pasta

\$30.00 Per Person including tip

BYO

**Information and Reservations call:
GK Sam Vaccaro: 732-762-2609**

Council 816 at the Blue Claws Game





