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Chaplain's Message



APRIL- I Thought It Would Never Come!

With its fingernails dug in, winter seemed to hold on forever this year! Palm Sunday saw vestiges of snow slowly melting from the mounds that had been piled up. How sweet it is to see it all go! I hope I'm not tempting fate by celebrating its demise, because I remember Easters when we were hit with a "last hurrah" snowfall!

This time of year with the celebration of Easter and nature re-awakening calls us to reflect on new life. The budding of trees, the first spikes of narcissi and daffodils, the warming of the air remind us that winter is not an end of all things, but only a pause on the way to revitalization. Our liturgical life as a Church seizes the (Contd. P2)

Grand Knight's Message

April 2015

Happy Easter!

I hope you and your family are healthy and feel rejuvenated this Easter Season. Each passing day the weather feels warmer and may your spirit feel so too!

The beginning of the Easter Season is also the start of our Friday Night Dinners. The third Friday of each month we host an excellent dinner open to the public. This month is lasagna with meatballs, salad, bread, soda with a cash bar and dessert. The cost is \$12 per person and \$30 per family with minors. There will also be an arts and crafts table for the little ones. And in case you didn't know ALL PROCEEDS FROM FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER GO TO CHARITY.

So consider this event not only a great dinner out but also your gift to charity!

Hope to see you there.

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

reflection on the promise of new life given by the life-giving Passion of Jesus. When all seemed death and loss, new life sprang forth from the tomb!

As fellow Knights we celebrate this season with renewed hope. Though we may have lost members or family this past year, we live with the expectation of seeing them again. As the preface of the funeral Mass states: "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven." It is with this belief that we approach the separation we endure from our loved ones who have gone to God. A newer and fuller life to come is what Jesus said would be our destiny. It is our faith and consolation.

God has graciously orchestrated life in such a way that even those who are not "religious" should be able to perceive the lessons the cycle of life teaches. As we age, we notice a strange thing. Our "spirits" seem to be as young as they ever were! Even in our nineties, we can claim that "inside I'm still 18"! We sense that there is something immortal about ourselves. This is the nature of the soul which resides within. It calls us to reflection about what the "reality" of "us" is all about.

At Easter time many people visit the graves of their loved ones and place flowers there. It is a helpful reminder that we have not given up on those relationships, but recognize that now we need to relate differently, for a time, but those bonds will be renewed in the kingdom. The joy that we experience as the world comes back into bloom we should see as a taste of the joy of reunion to come, as one great family of God we will rejoice together in His Presence.

If the sadness that comes with separation from a loved one makes our world seem cold and dead, we should remember our experience of winter. We think it will never end, but it does. We think new life will never return, but it does. We think re-union will never happen, but it will come. Christ has risen! Alleluia! Jesus promises that we too shall rise!

Golf Outing

Brothers,

We are now just a little more than two months away from our annual Golf Outing to support the Scholarship and General Charities Funds. Time to step up the effort to raise the money by participating in a number of ways. You can join us at the River Vale Country Club and play 18 holes of golf for \$150 or you can solicit local businesses or your employer to sponsor a hole or donate a door prize at our luncheon after golf. If none of these appeal to you, then why not help out at the Hall by setting up the tables and helping to clean up after the luncheon? We could use all the help we can get.

This year, we shall be sharing the course with our Brother Knights from the Closter Council- as they will attempt to raise funds for their Scholarship Fund as well. This will provide an opportunity to interact in the spirit of the Knights of Columbus by showing our fraternal cooperation in this event.

How do you get all the information on this event? Visit our website, www.kofc2188.org and you shall find the registration form for golf, a hole sponsor letter and form and the gift donor letter and form. You print out the items you need and then return them at a meeting prior to the outing.

Please think of giving a very small portion of your time to this effort as it makes the job of the committee so much easier.

Ray Polomski

Golf Committee Chairman

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly

April 2015 Chancellor

Important Date to Remember

April 19th 2015;

Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

Location: Parsippany Hilton Route 10 West

Mass @ Hilton Starts 9:30am

Registration of Candidates: 11:15am

Start of Degree: 1:00pm

Conclusion of Degree +/- 3:30pm

Dinner Starts 5:00pm

This notice is LAST CALL for anyone,
interested in becoming a Sir Knight.

Please contact Al Lukievics ASAP

Our next meeting will be held in

Waldwick Council on April 28th 2015

“What gives us dignity is not our wealth
or our good fortune or noble birth
but a worthy and virtuous life and
the dignity of our labor.”

St. John XXIII

Calendar for April and May 2015

April

04/04 Hot Meals at St. James..... 9:00 AM
04/09 Regular Business Meeting..... 8:00 PM
04/13 Spectrum Canteen..... 6:30 PM
04/14 First Degree.....7:00 PM
04/ 16 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
04/16 Developmentally Disabled Drive
04/17 Developmentally Disabled Drive
04/17 Friday Night Dinner.....6:30 PM
04/18 Developmentally Disabled Drive
04/19 Developmentally Disabled Drive
04/23 Officers’ Club Meeting.....8:00 PM

May

05/02 Hot Meals.....9:00 AM
05/05 Pride in Priests Dinner.....6:30 PM
05/07 Regular Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
05/11 Spectrum Canteen..... 6:30 PM
05/12 First Degree.....7:00 PM
05/14 Ascension of the Lord
05/14 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
05/15 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM
05/21 Officers’ Meeting.....8:00 PM

Friday Night Dinners Begin April 17

Our season of Friday Night Dinners will begin on Friday, April 17.

This dinner will be a Family Night, with arts and crafts and face painting for the youngsters.

The menu will be lasagna and meatballs and includes desert, soda, coffee and tea. So take a break from cooking and bring the family for a great dinner and a night of fun.

The cost is \$12 per person or \$30 per family (parents and children).

Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 40 Crest St., Westwood.

Please call Mike De Angelo for reservations, 201-664-5396.

The next Friday Night Dinner will be held May 15.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance

Brothers,

I would like to report that our St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance was another successful event. Planning went smoothly and the Hall was decorated nicely and all patrons seemed to have an excellent time. The food was once again prepared by volunteer Knights and it all came together with all the trimmings and was enjoyed by all. I would like to send out a special thanks to Frank Zimmerman and Reno Isidori who helped out with the preparation of purchasing and preparing the feast.

The Broesler School of Irish Dance performed their favorite jigs with George Awad leading them with his DJ services.

I would also like to thank Vince Fitzpatrick for coordinating the reservations and table planning as well as helping in the kitchen. Alex Orlando and his cousin did a great job behind the bar Keeping the Bailey's Irish Cream flowing and all the others who helped with the Hall set-up, preparation and breakdown to make this event another "Top O' the Evening" success.

Pete Cangialosi,

Warden

Seminarian Lottery

Brothers,

The second of our three Seminarian lotteries concluded on March 18th. Thank you to all participated and I hope you shall continue to participate along with a few more Brothers in our final lottery this year to coincide with our first Friday Dinner of the year on April 17th. The third lottery will start on April 18th. We received a good participation in the lottery from our Friday dinner guests back in October so we would like to give them a chance to help us help our seminarians with their participation once again.

Please send or drop your participation \$ at the council Home on 40 Crest St. Remember only \$10 per number will go a long way to showing our support for our future priests at the Immaculate Heart Seminary at Seton Hall.

Thank you again. If you have any questions about the lottery, please give me a call.

John Marzulla, PGK

551-427-7913

Veterans' Luncheon

Brothers,

I'd like to thank everyone that helped and took part in the Veterans' Luncheon this past Saturday. We had the privilege of hosting 16 veterans from the Paramus Veterans Home, in addition to many of our own members that are also veterans.

The Kitchen Crew did their usual fantastic job in preparing and cooking for the event and we had many Brother Knights stop by to help set up serve and clean up.

Again, thanks to all that took the time to help. If you were there, you saw that the Vets greatly appreciated and enjoyed their outing with us.

Tom Corvo, PGK




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