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Chaplain's Message



APRIL HOPE

This past Holy Week in our parish, we were fortunate to see the living faith of people rise once again to celebrate what we, as Catholic Christians, believe is our destiny. We are called by Christ to trust in the promise of new life to come, and in the importance of what we do now in this life.

Each year as we prepare for the baptism and confirmation of people who have reached a stage in their lives which creates for them a need for deeper answers to life's questions, we are honored to share our faith journey with them. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which is conducted and celebrated in each parish of our Archdiocese, is often the venue that people choose to restart their search for God. Everyone

Grand Knight's Message

April 2016

Happy Easter to you and your family!

May this Easter Season be a blessing for you and your loved ones.

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. All proceeds from the Friday Night Dinner go to the charities we vote on each business meeting. So consider this event not only a great dinner but your gift to charity.

Perhaps after enjoying a dinner or two you may be interested in getting involved with the cooking or serving of the Friday Night Dinner? If so, we could always use your help! You can volunteer as little or as much of your time.

Hope to see you there on April 15th!

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

(Chaplain)

grows in is a beautiful thing to witness. Years may come and go before a person addresses the questions he has, but the search for meaning cannot be put off indefinitely. God bides his time and seeks the right opening to draw us to Him.

As the spring season continues to unfold and we are reminded of the rebirth of nature around us, we cannot forget that we too are a part of nature; we too follow a cycle unique to each of us which seeks fulfillment. We want to know who we are, what we are supposed to be doing and where it all leads. The Gospels, the Word of God, provide insight and matter to be pondered. It is most beneficial to do it in the company of others. The R.C.I.A. provides an opportunity to grow in understand of ourselves. A new group is probably forming right now in your own parish. As Knights of Columbus we should make sure we are fully versed in what we believe. If we or someone we know is not baptized or confirmed, there is no time like the present to join an investigation group. With others who also seek understanding and answers, the journey is one of enlightenment and joy.

Nature teaches us to hope, and so does the Word of God!

Spectrum Canteen

Brothers,

The next Spectrum Canteen for the Developmentally Disabled is April 11 at 6:30 PM. Your help is always appreciated by the "Spectrum Family".

The drive for the Developmentally Disabled will be held April 14-17 and I still have openings both at stores and in the street for the Brothers who have not responded yet. This is the biggest work of CHARITY that we do as Knights. Please call my cell number (201-294-5052) or by email (mcarpenter72@aol.com).

Thank you,

Mike Carpenter, Chairman

APRIL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Spring is here and so are our Friday Night Dinners. The first Friday Night Dinner of the year will be held on April 15, 2016. The menu for the evening will be lasagna and meatballs and a tossed salad. Dessert, soda, coffee and tea are included.

The cost of the dinner will remain the same as it has for the last few years.....\$12.00 per person and \$30.00 for a family, consisting of parents and minor-aged children.

The doors to the council will open at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

If you have not attended our dinners before, this dinner would be a great one in which to start. The Friday Night Dinners are a major fundraiser for our Council. Our dinners are well attended, so call Mike DeAngelo at 201-664-5396 prior to April 13, 2016 for reservations.

The kitchen crew could use help cooking and serving, etc. during the dinners. If you are interested in helping please

e-mail Frank Zimmerman at FZpackPM@aol.com or call at 201-815-0966.

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Brothers,

We start this month with the Master’s meeting on April 4th 2016. On April 7th and April 14th there will be practices for the Fourth Degree Exemplification. The practices will be held at the St. Ann’s council starting at 7:00pm Degree will take place on April 17th 2016 at the Sheraton Tara, Smith Road, Parsippany. Mass on that day at the Tara is 9:00am. Muster Time noon, with Start of degree at 1:00pm.

Our regular meeting will take place on April 26th at 8:00pm. The location: TBD. There are a few important projects coming up in April. Please attend if you can. New members are urged to attend.

In closing, I would like to quote a prayer of the Daybreak Office of the Eastern Church.

“We give you hearty thanks, O God, for the rest of the past night and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at eventide we may again give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”

Wishing All a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Al Lukievics PGK, PFN

Calendar of Events
April 2016

April

- 04/02 Meals for the Needy.....9:00 AM
- 04/07 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 04/10 First Communion Breakfast
- 04/11 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 04/12 First Degree (Host 2188).....7:30 PM
- 04/14 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 04/14 Developmentally Disabled Drive
- 04/15 Friday Night Dinner6:00 PM
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- 04/21 Officers’ Meeting.....8:00 PM

May

- 05/05 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 05/07 Meals for the Needy..... 9:00 AM
- 05/09 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 05/10 First Degree.....8:00 PM
- 05/12 Columbian Club.....8:00 PM
- 05/19 Officers’ Club.....8:00 PM
- 05/20 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM
- 05/30 March in Memorial Day Parade.....8:30 AM

Golf Outing 2016

The Annual Golf Outing is only three months away and there are many preparations necessary to make it a success. As we all know, the purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Scholarship and General Funds. The minimum goal is to clear \$3000 to provide three \$1,000 scholarships from the Council and anything above that will benefit the work we do through the General Charities Fund.

Your help is needed in a number of ways: to help at the Hall for the luncheon, play in the outing, soliciting gifts and hole sponsors and helping out at the outing. If you can give just a little bit of your time to making the outing successful, you shall be fulfilling one of the roles of a Knight. Please consider taking some active part in this endeavor.

Forms for the golf outing including hole and gift sponsors and golfer registration are available at our website, www.kofc2188.org. You will also find letters explaining the purpose of the event that can be given to prospective sponsors which include our tax ID number.

The cost of the outing remains at \$150 per golfer for an all-inclusive fun on Monday, June 13th, 2016. Included is the hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart at the River Vale Country Club, door prizes and a luncheon at the Hall.

If you can assist in any way, please contact me by email at r7429@optonline.net or by phone at 201-664-3920 after 10 AM. Thank you for your support and aid in the past and I look forward to your assistance again this year.

Ray Polomski
Chairman

Veterans Luncheon

We shall be hosting our 14th Veterans' Luncheon on Saturday, April 23rd at 11:30 AM at the Council Hall.

As always, we shall need some help in the kitchen, serving and cleaning up. Anyone that can help in the kitchen, please contact Frank Zimmerman at fzpackpm@aol.com.

Anyone that can spare two hours on Saturday to help serve and help clean up, please come to the Hall at 11:00 AM on the 23rd and email me at tcorvo61@aol.com.

This is a worthy event and is truly indicative of the Pillars of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. For anyone new to our Council, we host a luncheon to honor the Veterans in residence at the Veterans Home in Paramus. The Bergen Federation and the Fourth Degree hold a Mass at the Home in the morning and the participants head to our Council for the lunch afterwards. As before, I encourage all council members that are veterans themselves to attend and be honored as well. I look forward to seeing you all on April 23rd.

Any questions or if you can help that day, please email me at tcorvo61@aol.com.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Corvo, Past Grand Knight



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