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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

We are now on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Holy Week. The week preceding Palm Sunday is traditionally a week of somber reflection on the events preceding Jesus' death; His triumphant entry into Jerusalem; His betrayal by Judas; His Last Supper with His twelve apostles; His arrest, crucifixion and death, and His burial in a tomb. Let this be a time for us to reflect more deeply on the meaning and significance of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? He died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. What an awesome and unfathomable love God has for each of us. His love for us is beyond measure. What can we give him back in return?

The central theme of this Sunday's readings is the resurrection and the life. All the readings today fit beautifully together as they tell us of death yielding to a new way of life. Life and death and hope and despair are the key phrases that sum up the message of this Sunday. (Cont. P. 2)

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

Please be sure to read my weekly e-mails to keep informed about our meetings and events.

I want to bring three specific items to your attention in this message:

(1) We are now accepting applications for our Scholarship Awards Program. Applicants must be entering college or already in college. The awards are meant to help with college expenses and to recognize educational, community, social and religious accomplishments and contributions. Recipients will be chosen from the following—children, grandchildren of Council members, members of the Parishes served by our Council or other worthy/needy students proposed by a member(s). Applications can be obtained from our website (kofc2188.org) or by e-mail at caesar4247@gmail.com. Applications must be received by Friday, April 28, 2017. Mail to our Council address—Attn: Prof. F. Cheslik, Ph.D.

(2) Our annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, June 12th at the RiverVale Country Club. Information and all of the necessary forms can be obtained from our website. Now is the time to start getting players, hole sponsors and prizes. This year the post-outing event will be a cocktail hour and buffet at the Florentine Gardens. Should be a great day! (Contd. P.2)

(Grand Knight Contd.)

3) A Nominating Committee will soon be preparing a slate of candidates for the Elective Council Offices. The slate will be presented at the regular Business Meeting in May and the election of Officers will take place at the regular Business Meeting in June. Other nominations can be made from the floor and may not be closed until the election meeting has convened and the members are ready to ballot.

Joe Bisi, GK

Event at Our Council - Life Line Screening

On May 1, 2017 **Life Line Screening** will be renting our hall to conduct a preventive health event. They will be screening for potential health problems. As members of our Council you are eligible to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129.00. The information for the screening and how to obtain the discount are in the article below.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Knights of Columbus Council #2188 on 5/1/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/> communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

(Chaplain)

the gospel reading, St. John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, to bring him back to life, symbolizing that Jesus himself is the resurrection and the life. It is said that nothing in life is more certain than death. Yet, many people ask, 'after death, what?' Perhaps the question is raised because death is the end of our plans and aspirations in life or perhaps because of the thought of permanent separation from our loved ones. Perhaps because of the uncertainty about what lies beyond, or because we just cannot accept the incontrovertible signs of our mortality. However, Jesus tells us: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." As followers of Jesus, we believe in the resurrection of the dead; that death is not the end of everything-rather, it is just a passage into eternal life .

During the season of Lent, the Church invites us to die to ourselves – the only way for Jesus to become our Life and Resurrection. Then our resurrection from our many other deaths will not come as a surprise when Easter comes.

May you all have a meaningful and solemn celebration of Holy Week.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Paciano Alexander Barbieto

Chaplain

Spectrum Canteen

The April Canteen will be on April 10th and the Annual Drive will be on held on April 20-22. A small portion of the Drive will be held on April 29th and 30th at Shoprite in Hillsdale.

I still have to fill about 25 hours,

Please call Mike Carpenter at 201-294-5052.

Newsletter for The Joseph F. Lamb Assembly
0665.

April 2017 happenings @Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665, for the St. Thomas More Council 2188 Chancellor.

In April, the Assembly is preparing for the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree taking place on April 23rd, 2017. The degree will be held in the Parsippany Sheraton Tara Hotel 199 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ. There will be a Mass celebrated at the Hotel starting at 9:30 AM. Registration starts at 11:15am with a start time of 1:00pm. Dress for the occasion is formal. Members of the Color Corps. You are asked to participate at the degree, but must attend two (2) practices being held at St. Ann's council on 4-12-17 and 4-20-17 starting at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the fourth degree there may still be time to get your paper work etc. done. Please contact George Thompson Jr. our Battalion Commander at 201-445-9835 or Color Corps Commander Louis Iozia at 973-208-7989. "Time is of the essence."

There is another call-out on the same day as the Exemplification. That call is for the 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Church 40 Spring St. Lodi starting at 11am. Your help as Corpsmen is appreciated.

Just as a reminder, on May 2nd, 2017 there will be a Pride on our Priests Dinner at the Terrace, 293 Paramus Road Paramus starting with Cocktails at 6:30pm Dinner at 7:30pm Tickets are \$50.00pp.

As our Lenten season winds, down and we look forward to the glories of our risen Lord. I have a Quote from St. Theophane Venard to complete this article.

"To realize the true meaning of brotherhood it should be written not on the walls, but in the heart. There is a beautiful give and take in the different relationships of life where all are united in one great love in him who sacrificed his life for us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If only everyone could feel this, how perfect would be the harmony on earth."

Al Lukievics PGK,PFN

Friday Night Dinner

They are back! Besides April showers, the month of April brings the return of our monthly Friday Night Dinners. Our first Friday Night Dinner of the year will be held on April 21, 2017. The doors of the Hall will be opened at 6:00 PM. and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

As is tradition, the menu of the first dinner will be lasagna and meatballs, tossed salad and cannoli for dessert. Coffee, tea and soda will be available. The cost will remain the same as last year: \$12 per person and \$30 for a family consisting of parents and minor -aged children.

Calendar of Events for March and April 2017

April

- 04/01 St. James Feed the Needy.....9:00 AM
- 04/03 NCAA Members Night.....,7:00 PM
- 04/06 Business Meeting..... 8:00 PM
- 04/10 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 04/11 First Degree.....7:30 PM
- 04/13 Columbian Club Meeting.....7:30 PM
- 04/14 Good Friday
- 04/20 Officers' Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 04/20 Collection for the Developmentally Disabled
- 04/21 Friday Night Dinner6:00 PM
- 04/21 Collection for the Developmentally Disabled
- 04/22 Collection for the Developmentally Disabled
- 04/22 St. John's Feed the Needy.....8:00 AM
- 04/27 Members Night..... 7:00 PM
- 04/29 Collection for the Developmentally Disabled
- 04/30 Collection for the Developmentally Disabled

May

- 05/04 Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 05/06 St. James Feed the Needy.....9:00 AM
- 05/08 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 05/09 First Degree.....7:030 PM
- 05/14 Mother's Day
- 05/18 Officers Meeting..... 8:00 PM
- 05/19 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM
- 05/20 Armed Forces Day
- 05/20 Veterans Luncheon..... 12:00 PM
- 05/25 Ascension of the Lord

(Dinner)

You are requested to make reservations by April 19th by calling Mike DeAngelo at 201-664-5396. It would be great if there were a good showing of Knights for the Dinner because the Friday Night Dinners are our biggest fundraiser and help us support our many charities.

Super Star Givers

The Daidone family of River Vale has donated more than \$15,000 to support Knights of Columbus charitable activities.



Pictured above (L to R): Deputy Grand Knight Frank Mariconti, Grand Knight Joe Bisi, Treasurer Ray Polomski, Maria Daidone, Ciro Daidone, Tom Daidone, and Annie Daidone.

Tom and Annie Daidone, proprietors of The Estate at Florentine Gardens in River Vale and their children Amanda, Maria, Ciro, Max and Olivia have donated more than \$15,000 over the past two years to support the charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus Council 2188 of Westwood/Hillsdale.

In each of the past two years, the Daidones have hosted the K of C Super Bowl party at the Florentine Gardens and have donated the entire proceeds to support the charitable donations of the Knights. Monies raised at this year's party were donated to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Gary Sinise Foundation and many other worthy causes.


Joe Bisi, Grand Knight of Council 2188 and Frank Mariconti, Deputy Grand Knight are grateful for the generous support of the Daidone Family. They are great people and great supporters said Mariconti.

The Estate of Florentine Gardens is recognized as a five-star wedding reception venue on both TheKnot.com and WeddingWire.com and is listed in The Knot Best of Weddings Hall of Fame.

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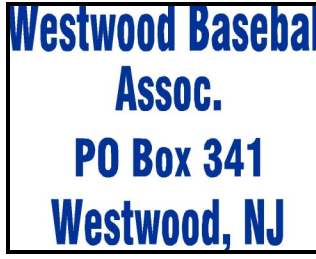
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