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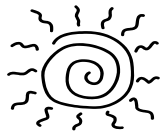
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### Chaplain's Message



#### Hotter than....?

Phew! Some of the days we have had these past two months certainly had some of us thinking about the cool days of fall ahead. Unless you had access to air-conditioning or a pool, the super heated days could really do you in!

When you consider the "wishful thinking" we indulge in no matter what time of the year, you realize that we are seldom satisfied. If it is summer we wish it were cooler; if it is winter, we wish it were warmer. Fall is beautiful, but then there are those leaves to rake, spring is refreshing, but there can be a lot of rain. No season is perfect, yet we think it should be.

(Chaplin's on P2)

### Grand Knight's Message

Question: "When is it good to be lost?"

Answer: "When you're in a book."

Summer brings a unique time for rest and recreation that reinvigorates the soul. Many of us escape to family vacations frequented each year; others spend it close to home with hopefully more time to sit back and relax. In any case, summer offers something different from the "ordinary" time of rigorous schedules and deadlines.

I always enjoy summer reading. For those of us on a fixed budget it's the best way to explore the world without opening the wallet. I just finished "Spytime" by William F. Buckley but only give it a half-hearted recommendation, although it did offer some good entertainment. The best part was the dream that followed where a member of Council 2188 was assassinated. We were marching in a parade with beautiful (then striking) imagery and vivid colors. (We were well attended and I thank you.) Don't press me for a name it was lost in the dream.

(Grand Knight (cont. on P.2)

Nothing is perfect. That's the bottom line. We live in an imperfect world, yet sense that perfection is something to hope and strive for. Like other Christians, the Knights strive for perfection in loving. We try to do good, protect those in need, express our faith and concern for the world in which we live. Our efforts are laudable, yet we realize that there is so much more to be done. It is only with a vigor that comes from faith that we can continue on.

Vigor comes from the belief that there is strength to depend on. Strength gives us the energy we need to do what has to be done. For Catholics, our understanding of the way in which God works helps us to seek that strength in Him. With faith, Jesus tells us, we can move mountains. Even in this imperfect world, much can be done. Dissatisfaction with the imperfect state of our world should motivate us to change that state. Involvement in politics, social justice and charity fuel the engines that bring about change.

How wonderful, then, it is to be dissatisfied! If we were perfectly content, life might be very boring. Little would be done. We have within us, though, a sense of destiny. We feel called by Christ to be agents of change. We are called to be a force applied to the injustices and imperfections of our world. We are important, because God has usually worked his wonders through those who are open to the power of his Spirit seeking expression through people of good will! We strive to be that people in those times of dissatisfaction, we must remember to think of what can be done; what must be done. We may not be able to make the sun less oppressive, but we can bring cool water to those in need. We can't stop the snow storms, but we can provide shelter to the homeless. We act because we care. We move because we sense things are not what they should be. We continue the struggle, because God is with us!

Now it's time to dive into a new book and to wish you a summer time filled with happy peaceful moments with your family and loved ones. And don't forget to bring Jesus with you wherever your vacation escape takes you!

Joe Laquidara

### **Friday Night Dinner July 18th**

On our fourth Friday Night Dinner of 2014 we served about 110 people including our guests of honor, the 2014 educational scholarship winners: Rachel Fischer, Gabriella Marzullo, and Brielle Soluri. Each recipient was presented with a check of \$1000 and in attendance were their proud parents, siblings and grandparents.

We served chicken oreganata, rice, steamed vegetables and of course desert. As always our kitchen crew of Frank, Reno, John, Ray, Jim, Dave, and Mike did a spectacular job!

We look forward to our next Friday Night Dinner which is a BBQ on August 15th. Spread the word!

I am also looking for a host for this dinner. It's an easy way to help out and who can pass up BBQ night!

### **Spectrum Canteen**

Please do not forget the Canteen on August 11th at 6:30 PM. Your generous volunteered support is greatly appreciated.

Mike Carpenter

### August Friday Night Dinner

Yes, here it is! The dinner that you have been waiting for ..... **The Friday Night Barbeque Dinner**. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, our own Master Griller, George Mulhauser, will be grilling his incredible ribs and chicken.

We shall also be serving baked beans, corn-on –the –cob and traditional salads. The cost of \$12.00 per person and \$30.00 for a family consisting of parents and minor-aged children includes soda dessert and coffee and tea.

The doors of the Hall will open at 6:00PM and dinner will be served at 6:30PM. All the Friday Night Dinners are well attended (although it would be nice if we see more Knights and their families) but this dinner tends to be the most popular one so you are strongly urged to make a reservation by calling Mike DeAngelo at 201-664-5396.

### Calendar for August and September

#### August

|       |                        |          |
|-------|------------------------|----------|
| 08/02 | Hot Meals.....         | 9:30 AM  |
| 08/07 | General Meeting.....   | 8:00 PM  |
| 08/11 | Spectrum Canteen.....  | 6:30 PM  |
| 08/12 | First Degree.....      | 7:30 PM  |
| 08/14 | Columbian Club.....    | .8:00 PM |
| 08/21 | Officers" Meeting..... | 8:00 PM  |

#### September

|       |                        |         |
|-------|------------------------|---------|
| 09/01 | Labor Day              |         |
| 09/04 | General Meeting.....   | 8:00 PM |
| 09/06 | Hot Meals.....         | 9:30 AM |
| 09/09 | First Degree.....      | 7:30 PM |
| 09/11 | Columbian Club.....    | 8:00 PM |
| 09/18 | Officers' Meeting..... | 8:00 PM |

### Joseph F. Lamb Assembly

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July 2014 Article:

The Lamb Assembly will not be meeting during July & August.

I am offering this prayer of the: Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus for your consideration during the summer.

"Father of all, you sent your Son to carry out your mission of redeeming the world. Today, many still have not heard his message of truth and love. Let the light of your gospel of love so shine in the world that it may be transformed into a worthy home for all your children of every race & country.

Bless all missionaries throughout the world that their work may bear fruit. Together with them, may we too share in the missionary work of the whole Church that your kingdom of justice, love, and peace may come to all hearts and in all nations." Amen

Fraternally,

Al Lukievics, PGK PFN FM

## **Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work**

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It is very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other bench mark. These numbers are often capped and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes drastically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage and, if your health changed (which it will as you age) you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I shall be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis so you know exactly where you stand.

Michael Fischer, Field Agent

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### **A Knight Honored**

On July 22, 2014 at the Mayor and Council Meeting in Westwood, our Brother Knight., Eddie Murtagh, who has been a Knight since joining the Squires as a teenager, was honored for receiving a Gold Medal in Volleyball at this year's Special Olympics. They also proclaimed that July 23, 2014, to be Eddie Murtagh Day in the Borough of Westwood.

**Congratulations, Eddie!!!!**



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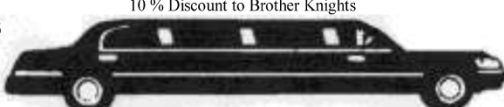
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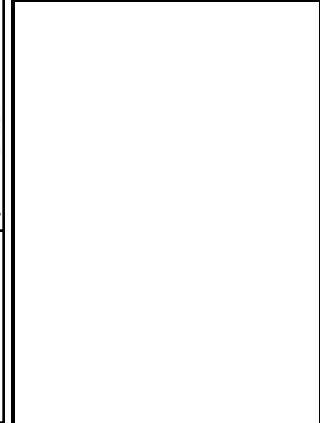
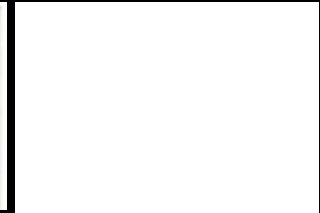
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