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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers,

It is with great joy that I greet you all once again. I look forward to joining you in your special events, monthly Friday night dinners and meetings. Right now, I am on vacation in the Philippines; I return to the Philippines every year to reconnect with family whom I haven't seen for some time and also to celebrate yearly Mass for my deceased parents.

Although many of you are on vacation and taking a break from your normal routines, I'd like to remind all of you and your families of the value of the sacraments. However, let us not forget our obligation and duty as Christians and members of the Knights of Columbus. During this Year of Mercy, the fount of grace will be poured out upon us as the Church makes available the concrete expressions of Christ's redeeming love in the sacraments, especially the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Brother Knights, do you avail yourselves of these sacraments regularly? Have ever thought of inviting one of your friends to seek out the graces of these sacraments? (Contd. P. 2)

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers

One of my goals for this Columbian Year is for our Council to attain Star Council recognition for excellence in the areas of membership, insurance promotion and service programs. Our challenge as a Council is to meet our goals for new members (17) and new insurance members (6).

With our number of members, reaching the above goals should not be difficult. If each member of our Council members was responsible for ONE NEW MEMBER, our goals would be easily attained. All that is needed is for each member to invite, on a one-to-one basis, an eligible family member, friend, parish member or coworker to join our Council.

I am proud of our Council members for all of the amazing programs and activities in which you are involved. I know that, with your anticipated participation, we can together achieve Star Council designation and be recognized nationally for being an outstanding Council.

(Chaplain)

Please find the time to attend Mass and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as regularly as possible. I can assure you that the grace of God will pour down upon you in every way.

The Knights of Columbus has been renowned for its charitable works. In a world where the flame of selfless service has grown dim, the Knights continue to bring charity to all those in need. Our fraternal order will be even more edifying to others if we renew our dedication to these works of mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

As a priest serving at St. Andrew's in Westwood, I can't describe how much the members of the Knights, in their own inconspicuous way, help our parish and the community. I am proud to be a Knight and I am grateful to be working with you to bring about the Good News of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

God Bless You All,

Your Chaplain,

Fr. Paciano Alexander Barbieto

Spectrum Canteen

Please remember that the next Spectrum Canteen will be held on August 8th at 6:30 PM. Of course, the normal amount of help is greatly appreciated.

Mike Carpenter

I will indicate our monthly progress on a "Star Council Checklist" to be posted in our Council Hall and in my "All Brothers" email.

Again—thanks for all that you do!

Joe Bisi—Grand Knight

First Degree

Brothers,

The Council supports a First Degree Team. Since our formation in 1988, our Degree Team has conferred the First Degree upon 3,507 candidates during 199 exemplifications.

On Sept. 13, we shall exemplify the First Degree for the 200th time. All Brothers are invited to attend to support our Council. And we extend an invitation to all Brothers to get involved in our team. We can use help in setting up before and cleaning up after each degree, helping to prepare and serve food to the attendees as well as getting more people involved as backups or replacements for various roles.

Attend a few degrees as observers and see where you might be able to fit in working on this Council activity.

Fraternally Yours,

Jim Keegan, PGK

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

We are enjoying our two month vacation from meetings and upcoming events that are being formulated by our new chair officers. We shall celebrate their installation on August 23rd, 2016 at the St. Ann Council in Fair Lawn. Starting time is 7:30 PM. Refreshments will follow. Please try to attend in support of the New Team. Our first meeting will be held in September, TBD.

I would like to end this article by quoting Pope Benedict XVI.

"Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families, strong pillars of Faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or secluded but always encounter respect and love. Amen."

August and September 2016

<u>August</u>

08/04	General Meeting8:00 PM
08/06	Meals for the Needy 9:00 AM
08/08	Spectrum Canteen6:30 PM
08/11	Columbian Club Meeting8:00 PM
08/12	Fr. McGivney's Birthday
08/15	Assumption Day
08/18	Officers' Meeting8:00 PM
08/19	Friday Night Dinner6:30 PM
08/27	St. John's Soup Kitchen

September

09/03	Meals for the Needy9:00 AM
09/05	Labor Day
09/11	General Meeting8:00 PM
09/12	Spectrum Canteen6:30 PM
09/18	Columbian Club8:00 PM
09/15	Officers' Meeting8:00 PM

Friday Night Dinner –Barbeque

Our Council will be holding our **August Friday Night Dinner** on **August 19th** at the Council Hall. Doors will open at 6PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

The dinner will be a barbeque consisting of ribs, chicken, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, corn and watermelon. The cost is \$12 per person and \$30 for a family consisting of parents and minor-aged children. Dinner also includes soda, coffee and tea.

Because of the popularity of this dinner, you are strongly urged to make reservations prior to **Tuesday**, **August 16th** by calling Mike DeAngelo at **201-664-5396**.

Our **Friday Night Dinners** have been very well attended this year but it would be encouraging to see more Knights at these dinners.



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