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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Last Sunday, we celebrated the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's liturgical calendar. The call is to "wake up" (Rom 13:11) or "stay awake" (Mt. 24:23). In short, it is a call for renewal. As we turn the new leaf in the Church's calendar, we would do well to pause and to ponder where our life is heading.

Have you made plans for advent? How do you plan to spend the next 24 days preparing—personally, charitably and spiritually for Jesus' birth? Perhaps this Advent and Christmas season, you could spend more time in prayer or maybe go to Church more often or do more to help the poor and needy through charitable works. The Advent Season is a time to prepare ourselves for the birth of the Messiah and to prepare ourselves for the so-called "Parousia", or the second coming of Christ at the end of time. The best way to prepare ourselves is to do the will of God and follow His commandments. May this season give us an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God and how we can deepen our Faith in Him.

May you all have a wonderful and faith-filled celebration of Advent.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Alex

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

Aside from our regular meetings and events, the month of December will be quiet for our Council.

Please remember that our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, January 7th, 2017. I hope that you have already made plans to attend. Details will follow shortly.

Now that we are beginning Advent, it is a good time to reflect on its meaning. Advent is the time in which we remember the prophecies of a coming Messiah. We celebrate his arrival in time during the Christmas season. Advent also reminds us that He will come again.....this time to judge and welcome into His kingdom those who have tried to be faithful to the call to discipleship.

May you all have a blessed Christmas with family and friends and a Healthy and Happy 2017!

Joe Bisi, GK

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Dear Brothers,

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas Season and a Happy and Healthy 2017.

As 2016 ends, a new calendar year begins for the Knights of Columbus. All Brothers will shortly be receiving the 2017 dues notice and annual survey of fraternal activity. The future of our council is dependent of this survey being sent back with your dues before the January 31, 2017 deadline. Please be prompt in getting this back to me. ***If you like to be ahead of the game, print out the form in this newsletter, complete the survey and mail your dues back to the council, prior to December 15th to save the council about \$1.00 in stationary and postage.***

Again, you will notice on the form, a request for your current home, cell phone number *and* email address. **Please carefully and clearly provide this information.** This personal information will only be used for the “allbrothers” group email, for our monthly Chancellor newsletter, reminders, special events and if you are needed to be contacted by an officer of our council.

If you suffer a hardship in paying your 2016 dues, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Joseph Bisi at: josephbisi@verizon.net.

God Bless you all and I look forward to my continuing service as your Financial Secretary.

Angelo Restivo,

Financial Secretary

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Joseph F. Lamb December 2016 Newsletter

I hope that everyone enjoyed and was thankful for all the happiness we experienced with our families. Now begins the Commercial beginning of the Holiday Season. The Lamb Assembly will have a few changes this month. The December meeting will be abbreviated because we shall be having our Christmas Party at that time. It will occur on December 20th, 2016, starting at 7:30 PM. It will be held at the La Neve's Restaurant, located at 276 Belmont Avenue, Haledon, NJ 07508. We shall be collecting practical gifts for our Veterans in the Paramus facility. Any items with alcohol will not be accepted. Underwear, socks and sweaters for both men and women are accepted.

During the month of November, we celebrated a small Exemplification at the Fiesta. The class consisted of 63 new Sir Knights, two of which came from our Assembly. We also participated in the Military Ball which honors our Color Corp. members who have passed during the Fraternal year. Your next chance to become a Sir Knight will be in April of 2017. Please consider joining our Assembly.

In closing, may you have a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I would also like to offer this prayer for our Veterans.

Oh God Our Heavenly Father, You have blessed us with brave men and women who are willing to defend our freedom. May Your protection and grace surround them each day. Let your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries. May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence. Comfort the families who mourn and are left to remember the precious lives of their loved ones.

Help us to honor and support them. Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of the American people by our sons, daughters, husbands, wives mothers fathers and friends.

Al Lukievics, PFN, PGN

Calendar of Events for December 2016 and January 2017

December

12/01	Business Meeting.....	8:00 PM
12/03	St. James Feed the Needy.....	9:00 AM
12/08	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	
12/08	Columbian Club Meeting.....	8:00 PM
12/10	City Lights Tour	5:00 PM
12/12	Spectrum Canteen.....	6:30 PM
12/13	First Degree.....	7:30 PM
12/15	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM
12/25	Christmas Day	

January 2017

01/05	Business Meeting.....	8:00 PM
01/07	St. James Feed the Needy.....	9:00 AM
01/07	Christmas Party.....	6:00 PM
01/10	First Degree.....	7:00 PM
01/19	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM

Christmas Lights Tour

There is still time for you to join us on the tour of the Christmas Lights in New York. This is the final weekend for you to register for a relaxing trip into the City and enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas.

Ray Polomski

Spectrum Canteen

Brothers,

We shall have the Christmas Canteen for Spectrum residents on December 12th. We shall serve hamburgers done on the grill, hot dogs and oven fries. A Brother Knight, Greg Evanela, from the Harrington Park Council, will be our Santa. The normal support from our Brothers will be greatly appreciated.

Mike Carpenter



Dear Brother Knight,

As 2016 comes to an end and we move into 2017, please complete the brief survey below and return with your annual membership dues promptly using the enclosed, stamped envelope. **The 2016 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report must be submitted to the Supreme Council Office by January 31, 2017.** Please mail back to me, with the appropriate dues as soon as possible. Thank you sincerely.

Regular Membership: **\$35.00**

Honorary Members: **\$10.00**

Peace and Best Wishes for this Christmas Season and throughout 2017.

Angelo Restivo

Financial Secretary

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Full Name _____ **Email Address** _____

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2016 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY MEMBER WORKSHEET

To prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council, please complete the information requested below within the deadline and return to me with the enclosed envelope. This important information will determine the total number of community service hours given by our members during 2016.

1. Number of visits you made during 2016 to:
 - Sick – caring for the sick _____
 - Bereaved – visits of condolence _____
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor: _____
3. Estimated hours of volunteer services during 2016:
 - Church Activities – service in all Church related activities _____
 - Community Activities – all community related activities _____
 - Youth Activities – service in all youth activities _____
 - Habitat for Humanity – all related projects _____
 - Miscellaneous Activities – all not listed above _____
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2016:
 - Sick/disabled members and families – household chores,
 - Transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc. _____



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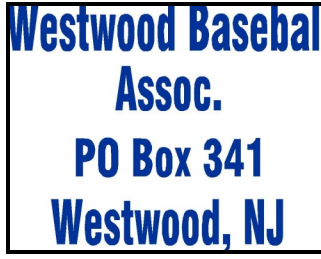
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