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### Chaplain's Message



## LENT

February/Lent

We've spent a few weeks now in the "Ordinary Time" of the Church's liturgical year, but will now be immersed in "Lent".

While some people look at Lent as a time of deprivation, it really is a time of focus and charity.

We have so much in our country. We can take for granted the abundance we enjoy, forgetting that others live in very deprived circumstances. Doing without some of our favorite things hopefully reminds us of what the experience of "want" feels like. It hopefully moves us to provide for those not so blessed as

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### Grand Knight's Message

I hope you are handling the cold weather as well as possible. As I'm writing this I am certainly grateful for the comforts of a warm home. What a blessing!

We all have a tendency to hibernate during the cold months and long for the days of thawing but don't wish away February!

We don't have any big ticket events this month but just around the corner we have a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on March 14<sup>th</sup> and a luncheon at the hall for the Veteran's of Paramus Home on March 28<sup>th</sup>. We could use your help for both events! Come to a regular business meeting (first Thurs. of the month) or an Officer's Meeting (third Thurs. of the month) to find out more information.

Three Irish brothers before they separated on their way promised each other to have a drink each night to each one's health. One left for the States another to Australia and the third remained in Dublin. And so Matty each night at the pub would have three drinks: one to his brother in the States, one to his brother in Australia and one for himself.

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we are. It changes our focus from “us” to “them” and reminds us we are responsible for one another.

While I have run into a few who are extremely self-centered in my years as a priest, thankfully, I have found that there are varying degrees of charity in most people. We all know the joy of bringing a gift to someone. We like to affect others for the good, and so the movement toward charity and compassion doesn't take much to get started. Lent can provide the jump-start.

The Knights of Columbus have always felt that need to express solidarity with the less fortunate. One of the reasons the Order was founded was to take care of those who were poor, and to provide security for low-income families through insurance and mutual support, but our needs are not always material. We need friendship and an open ear, sometimes. Our spirits as well as our bodies need to be nurtured. We need a sense of God's nearness and love.

Those things we find we need in life have always been at the core of the Knights' activities. Family, security, solidarity, compassion, forgiveness and faith have motivated generations of Knights to work for the good of our world. It is no more than building on the love which Jesus taught we should have for one another.

When I was in grammar school, a wise Sister told us not to think of what we were going to give up for Lent, but rather what we were going to DO. That positive thrust in approaching the season helps to change and preserve the attitude of caring throughout the year.

Whether we are helping our local families, our parish community, the Holy Father or the needs of the world at large, as Knights of Columbus, we strive to be a reflection of God's love for his creation. We do our part, whether it is small or large, to extend God's charity toward us to other people.

A motto mounted on the wall of the Seminary at Darlington which I attended read, “Dispensatores Mysteriorum Dei”, which translates as “Dispensers of the Mysteries of God.” It was a call to seminarians to re-

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This went on a few months until one day Matty only took two drinks. The bartender noticed but didn't say anything. This went on for a week or so before he approached Matty and said, “Gee, Matty, I sees you're only taking two drinks each night...I hope nothing tis wrong with one of your brothers?”

Matty chuckled, “No, no, nothing at all. You see, I just gave me up drinking for Lent.”

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

(Chaplain)

member what they were supposed to be ...the agents through whom God worked. It is a call to all of us.

### Seminarian Lottery

Brothers,

We are entering the 4th week of the second of the three annual lotteries and I am happy to report that we have two first time winners! Congratulations to both of you for playing and helping our seminarians. Those of you who have contributed in this round thank you and good luck. There are seven more Saturday nights where you can win \$50. Watch for your numbers and, if you win, Ray shall gladly put the check in the mail (really!).

The numbers so far:

Jan. 10 - #13 no winner

Jan. 17 -#25 –Mike Daly

Jan. 24- #14– Rob Farrell

YOU Could be NEXT!!

God Bless,

John Marzulla, PGK

### Joseph F. Lamb Assembly

Our meeting for January was canceled because of the snow storm.

In February, our meeting is scheduled to take place on the 24th at Upper Saddle River beginning at 8:00 PM.

On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, at 2:00PM, the Assembly will be holding a fund raising dinner consisting of 7 Pastas that will be served at La Neves in North Haledon, NJ.

If there are any 3rd degree Knights interested in becoming Sir Knights, the next exemplification will be held in April of this year on the 19th at the Parsippany Hilton. Please contact me for further information.

Please keep in your prayers all members of the Armed Forces, the Police, Fire and EMS services serving our Country.

Al Lukievics, PGK

### Calendar for February and March 2015

#### February

02/05 Regular Business Meeting.....8:00 PM  
02/07 Baby Bottle—Collection.....5:00 PM  
02/08 Baby Bottle —Collection.....!:00 PM  
02/10 First Degree.....7:00 PM  
02/12 Columbian Club.....8:00 PM  
PM  
02/16 Presidents' Day  
02/18 Ash Wednesday  
02/19 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM

#### March

03/05 Regular Business Meeting.....8:00PM  
03/09 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM  
03/10 First Degree.....7:00 PM  
03/12 Columbian Club.....8:00 PM  
03/14 St. Patrick's Dinner Dance.....7:00 PM  
03/17 St. Patrick's Day  
03/19 St. Joseph's Day

### Winter Clothing Drive

Even though our kick off of the Winter Clothing Drive at Westwood's Home for the Holiday's festivities got rained out, although we tried, plenty of coats were dropped off to our Knight's hall and continue to be. We made our first delivery to the Saint James Social Service Corporation ([www.stjamesame.org](http://www.stjamesame.org)) on Saturday December 27<sup>th</sup> and will make another two through the winter. The drive will continue to the end of February.

I would like to think that our recently departed Brother Knight Frank Bonanno would be happy with our efforts to continue this drive, which he conducted for many years.

Pictured here at Saint James in Newark are Walter Kelly PGK, Vesta Godwin Clark (Executive Director), George Mulhauser PGK

Gratefully Submitted by,

George Mulhauser PGK



### Veterans' Luncheon

Our Veterans' Luncheon will be held on March 28th at 12 noon at the Hall. We shall be honoring the Veterans from the Paramus Veterans Home as well as any Brother Knights that are veterans.

I shall be chairing this event and I would appreciate any Brother Knights available to help set up, serve and clean up. They can contact me at [tcorvo61@aol.com](mailto:tcorvo61@aol.com) or just show up at the Hall at 11:30 on that day.

Tom Corvo, PGK

### Remember Our Brothers

Two of our members, Jim Scanlon and Tom Thompson, are in long-term care facilities and would appreciate visits from their Brother Knights.

Jim is in the Veterans' Home in Paramus and Tom is in the Bristol Assisted Living Center in Woodcliff Lake.

Please remember them in your prayers and think about visiting them.

Frank Zimmerman, PGK



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