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Chaplain's Message

*Happy
New Year*

New Year, New Opportunities

The "New Year" in the Church begins with the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. A new cycle of time begins with a new cycle of redemption brought about by the Incarnation.

While we may not readily jump to this notion in terms of secular observance, as Christians we understand that all that is possible in terms of changing our world comes into being because of the cooperation of one woman who allowed herself to be used as an instrument of God!

The Church celebrates the decision of Mary and recognizes in it the call of all disciples to also place themselves at the disposal of God. Whether we are married or single, parents or not, employers or employees, young or old we are people who can make a difference in the world because we understand how God so often works. (Contd. P. 2)

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Happy New Year! May this year be a time filled with joy and peace upon us all!

For my first GK message of the New Year I would like to advertise a new program I hope will become a success for our council. As you know we serve lunch the first Saturday of each month to the needy who visit St James' Social Services in Newark. We have been very fortunate that our Friday Night kitchen crew has provided all these meals up to now despite a hectic schedule of keeping up with the demands of our highly successful and ever expanding Friday Night Dinners.

It is now a time for a change.

Please read the insert regarding "Feed the Hungry Team Tournament" and consider if you can be a part of this new program. In a nut shell we are looking to establish eight teams who will each take one month and cook for the people we serve which equals about 60 meals. The cooking schedule is geared to be flexible and will accommodate your availability. Give it some thought and bring out your game!

(Chaplain's)

Every year provides us with opportunities to make things different. How things SHOULD be is derived from our understanding of what God teaches us is our nature. To complete our nature and be happy involves experiencing the fullness of humanity which comes through our experience of love. How loving we are makes all the difference in life.

People, at this time of year, often make resolutions. We promise ourselves we are going to be different. We will change bad habits, we will do more healthy things, and we will be kinder and more thoughtful. No matter what the resolution, it speaks to something inside us that says, "We can do better. We can be better. We can make our world a better place to be." We know it deep inside!

A fresh start invigorates us. We leave behind old ways as we embark on changing patterns of behavior. We look for ways to make a difference and feel the satisfaction of improving our life and the lives of others. It is like being a part of a New Creation, as it actually is, for the world is reformed each day by the intentions and actions of those in it. If we want a better world, we have to be better people...and we CAN BE!

Like explorers in a new land we scout out the possibilities of love. We reach out to settle in new areas of relationship, and we plant ideas that will blossom into useful fruit.

Mary led us in the start of a new process. Though conversion and willingness, we place ourselves in God's hand and open up a world of possibilities through the actions of love. May this New Year bring to fruition in all of us something new and exciting. May we learn to see God's Hand in it all and know we are partners in the work of salvation!

St Thomas More Council 2188- Feed the Hungry Team Tournament

Every first Saturday of the month Council 2188 serves lunch from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm to the needy who visit St James Social Services in Newark. Each month we typically serve thirty people a sit down meal and provide each with a meal to go (about 60 meals in total).

For the 2016 calendar year we will initiate a new program called Feed the Hungry Team Tournament. Feed the Hungry Team Tournament will involve eight teams to each prepare 60 meals for the people we serve at St James.

Details and rules:

1. A team is composed of a team leader who must be a member of Council 2188 and additional members who can be ANYONE interested in helping.
2. The kitchen at the hall is available for cooking ANY-TIME there is no hall rental or first degree exemplification. Team leader contact Joe Laquidara for access to the hall. You cook according to YOUR SCHEDULE.
3. Hearty well balanced meals are most appreciated. Emphasis is on hearty. There is only one restriction, no pork.
4. Cost should be no more than \$3 a meal (about \$ 180 in total). All costs will be reimbursed by the council (even if it costs more).
5. Prepared meals must be stored in aluminum trays and placed in freezer and appropriately marked for the brothers who serve at St James. Meals must be suitable for freezing and thawing. If you cook within three days of the serving date the meal need only be refrigerated.
6. Sign up for a team on the master sheet located at the entrance. Teams decide their size although a team of three is recommended.
7. Team leaders are not required to be "handy" in the kitchen but at least one person on a team should be!
8. This is competitive. Team with best meal will be announced at end of the year.

Cooking Schedule:

Team 1: Cook in March for April 2nd date.

Team 2: Cook in April for May 7th date.

Team 3: Cook in May for June 4th date.

Team 4: Cook in June for July 2nd date.

(Contd.)

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

I hope that you have had a Holy & Healthy Christmas.

Please be aware that our next meeting for the Assembly will take place on January 26th 2016. Location to be determined.

I urge new members to attend in order to get your certificates, confirming your membership into the Lamb Assembly.

I have chosen this quote from a Prayer book for Australia.

“Gracious God, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed on us, for life and health and safety, for freedom to work and leisure to rest, and for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life. But, above all, we thank you for our Savior, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for the gift of your Spirit, and for the hope of glory. Fill our hearts with joy and peace in believing. Amen”

Fraternally,

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Calendar of Events
January and February 2016

January

- 01/02 Meals for the Needy.....9:00 AM
- Members’ Christmas Party.....6:00 PM
- 01/07 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 01/11 Spectrum Canteen..... 6:30 PM
- 01/14 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 01/19 First Degree.....7:30 PM
- 01/21 Officers’ Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 01/23 Baby Bottle Boomerang.. St. Andrew’s Church
- 01/24 Baby Bottle Boomerang...St. Andrew’s Church

February

- 02/04 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 02/06 Meals for the Needy.....9:00 AM
- 02/07 Super Bowl Party.....TBA
- 02/08 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 02/11 Columbian Club.....8:00 PM
- 02/13 Baby Bottle Boomerang.....St. John’s Church
- 02/14 Baby Bottle Boomerang.....St. John’s Church
- 02/18 Officers’ Meeting.....8:00 PM

(tournament)

Team 5: Cook in July for August 6th date.

Team 6: Cook in Aug. for Sept. 3rd date.

Team 7: Cook in Sept. for Oct 1st date.

Team 8: Cook in Oct. for Nov. 5th date.

Note of appreciation ! Our Friday Night Dinner Kitchen Crew will cover meals for Jan., Feb., March and December

Spectrum Canteen

The next Spectrum Canteen will be held on Monday, January 11 at 6:30 PM.

Help is needed to prepare the food and dessert.

Thank you for your support.

Mike Carpenter

The Walk to End Alzheimer's

The day started out a bit damp, but by the time the walkers arrived the weather improved. There was quite a crowd; however I think many stayed away in fear of rain. The money still came in according to the Alzheimer's Association -- at the end of November over \$405,000 had been collected, which is more than last year. I've included a letter sent to me from Ken Zaentz, president and CEO of the Greater New Jersey Chapter, thanking me, but it really is thanking all of you for our efforts.

The BIG NEWS I would like to share with you is the change that has happened with in the Greater New Jersey Chapter -- as of December 18, 2015 the chapter is no longer affiliated with the National Association. It will now be known as **Alzheimer's New Jersey** (www.ALZNJ.org). This change has been motivated by the national board of directors voting to take complete autonomy over local chapters, which would eliminated many of the local programs and services, one of which is very important to The Knights of Columbus here in NJ -- the Respite Care Program. The Walks will continue to be a major fund raiser for this chapter and I hope the Knights will be able to be an integral part of this worthy event.

Thank-you again for all of your help,

George Mulhauser, PGK



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Dear Brothers,

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy 2016.

You should have all received your 2016 dues notice and if you haven't sent me your payment yet, please send it as soon as possible. The **deadline for dues is January 15th** and the deadline for the Fraternal Survey is January 31st.

Second notices will be mailed to the non paying members in the third week of January. Please save our council money from postage, envelopes and paper by sending your check in today.

Along with your payment, please **provide me with your current phone number, cell number and email address**, even if you gave it to me last year. This information will only be used for newsletters and if you needed to be contacted by an officer of our council.

If you are finding it hard to pay your 2016 dues, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Joe Laquidara at laqqang@verizon.net, to explain your hardship.

Thank you for your cooperation and God Bless.

Angelo Restivo,
Financial Secretary

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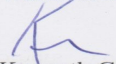
On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for serving on the Walk Committee and helping to make the 2015 Walk to End Alzheimer's® in Paramus a wonderful success.

In our lives, one thing we cannot create, accumulate, acquire, buy or even borrow is time. We have a limited amount of time for sleep, work, family and our own interests. Your time is a very precious commodity.

By making a commitment as a member of the Walk Planning Committee, you have given something very special that has provided tremendous benefit to others. Your support was wonderfully exhibited in the overall success of the event!

Thank you for sharing your time and talent in support of thousands of New Jersey families that are impacted by Alzheimer's disease. We look forward to future opportunities to work with you as we move closer to our vision of *A World Without Alzheimer's*.


Warmest regards,


Kenneth C. Zaentz, CFRE
President and CEO

I can't thank you enough. Your help and support is one of the keys to success of the Walk in Paramus!



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