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Chaplain's Message



One Nation, Under God

Besides being prime vacation time, July calls us to remember the freedom in which we live as we celebrate the independence of our country.

Our right to freedom is based, at least in part, on our belief that we are created equal. Our forefathers, many of whom were religious men, thought that equality flowed from the Biblical notion that we are all the sons and daughters of God. We should care for each other and work together to achieve and preserve the freedom we treasure.

As we celebrate our freedom, we recognize that it comes at a cost. People died to obtain for us the freedom we possess. We owe a debt of gratitude to those people who helped establish our country and

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Grand Knight's Message

Grand Knight's message July 2014

My first thoughts on my first Grand Knight's message are directed to Michael Guastella, PGK! Mike truly stepped up to the plate and did a great job leading our council this past year. Sometimes leadership is quiet and "behind the scenes" and if you know Mike he was true to those qualities. I certainly do not speak for myself only when I say, "thank you for all you did"!

St. Thomas More Council, I am pleased to take the helm of such a fine organization and my prayers (and concerns) are that I will perform my duties honorably. We have much to be proud of. We are an active council that I believe mirrors all that is great about the Knights of Columbus.

We are active in charitable endeavors. We provide meals and clothing for the needy, raise money and support pro-life events and the developmentally disabled in various ways, support the Alzheimer's walk, provide gift certificates and offer a helping hand to the needy and those affected by misfortune. We provide scholarships to needy and worthy graduating high school students.

We are strengthened in our unity with the Church. We support seminarians with our seminarian lottery, hold a breakfast to recognize our First Holy Communicants, celebrate a Memorial Mass, and we are associated with both St. Andrew's and St. John's parishes. We have plenty of fraternal events too. These include our Friday Night Dinners (all profit goes to charity – but you already knew

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those who still defend it. We should play our part in fostering the growth and success of our people by taking part in the political process, helping to define acceptable notions of what we are or are not free to do, and helping those in need.

The values of our country flow from the very nature of human beings. Whether a person is religious or not, the values propounded by faith are valued. Faith serves the purpose of keeping before us the understanding that struggles for freedom require strength, a strength that is heightened by a Source beyond ourselves. It has been our understanding that we do not work alone to better the circumstances of human living, but that a "higher Source", has given those who struggle, the courage to go on. Faith, I would like to suggest, is not a nice little "extra" in the search for freedom, but an essential component.

The Knights of Columbus have been faithful, not only to their country, but also to God who we believe is the source of our strength. Our ability to progress in spite of persecution is rooted in the knowledge that God does not leave us alone to struggle, but rather works through us to achieve the freedom and equality we seek.

Let every generation understand, then, the need they have for faith. It is the source of perseverance, courage, selflessness, dedication and love of God and our fellow human beings that we foster within our fraternity. So much good has been accomplished by the works of the Knights of Columbus. We should be proud to be a part of the efforts of God to better the world. We should recognize that we are part of the "distribution system" of God's blessings and that we continue the American tradition of giving of ourselves in service. Let us continue to be one nation, under God so that our strengths will not be diminished, as we seek to serve our world.

(Grand Knight's Message)

that), St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, Halloween party, golf outing, and Christmas party for members to name a few. Every month we also host a First Degree for new candidates.

Finally, we are a patriotic council as well. We have members in the 4th Degree. We march in Westwood's Memorial Day Parade. We recognize our local Eagle Scouts and we honor veteran's of the Paramus Home with a luncheon each year.

And guess what? We actually do more.

Also, remember that at the very heart of the order is to safeguard and support our loved ones with financial support. Please consider your financial safety net and speak with our Field Agent, Michael Fischer with any questions you may have.

So here we go with a new Columbian year. Please continue your good efforts and let's take pride, satisfaction (and not to mention fun) in our noble efforts!

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

Golf Outing Reminder

Hot Meals at St. Joe's June 7th

This month we served about 40 people a hot lunch at St. Joe's Community Center in Paterson on Saturday, June 7th. We served ziti and meatballs.

This is a first come first served luncheon we provide to all in need within the area.

My thanks goes out to our kitchen crew and John Marzulla PGK, Dave Stewart, and Mike Fischer for serving. Everyone enjoyed their cooking!

If you are interested in participating we are doing this the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Call me I'm in the book.

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

Calendar for July and August

July

07/04 Independence Day
07/05 Hot Meals.....9:30 AM
07/07 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
07/08 First Degree.....7:30 PM
07/10 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
07/17 Columbian Club.....8:00 PM
07/18 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM
07/24 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM

August

08/02 Hot Meals.....9:30 PM
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

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 the 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

Faternally,

Al Lukievics, PGK PFN FM

Golf Outing 2014

On Monday, June 9th, our Annual Golf Outing to support the Scholarship Fund and the General Charity Fund was scheduled for the River Vale Country Club. The hole sponsor signs were delivered and all the prizes and gifts were purchased. But, if you remember that day, there was a terrific rain event which prevented the outing from happening. Being awakened at 4 AM to the sound of rain against the house was an omen of things to come. By 6 AM, even Noah would have been worried and so were the RVCC employees.

As the golfers began arriving, the rain did not let up. Breakfast was served and the group lingered even though the course was closed by the course superintendent as being unplayable due to standing water on the fairways. After all the planning and work going into soliciting hole sponsors and prize donors, it appeared as if all was for naught. But the golfers adapted and finally arrived at the Hall for the luncheon. The luncheon was donated by the Recovery Room and included sauerbraten, chicken masala, sausage and peppers and penne with vodka sauce. This was followed by the all-time favorite dessert – chocolate ice cream cake.

A door prize raffle was held with all the prizes donated by local businesses in Emerson, Westwood and Hillsdale. A separate raffle was held for some expensive items: a four for the RVCC, The Cigar School at JR Cigars, two twosome at the Crystal Springs courses, a Players Club membership at the PGA Store, 4 Meets tickets and 4 passes to the Barclay's Golf Tournament at the Ridgewood CC.

Despite the problems that arose, we had a banner day in raising funds. As a result of 43 paid golfers and 38 hole sponsors, we were able to raise \$5,000. A tremendous amount of gratitude is to be given to those who made this a success. Thanks to the members who showed up on Saturday to set up the Hall, those who helped out on Monday at the course and the luncheon and to the cleanup crew. My personal thanks to Joe Bisi, Jim Abrams and Mike Fisher for all the work they did in getting the hole sponsors and gift donors.

Thanks to all who supported the Golf Outing.

Ray Polomski

Chairman

July Friday Night Dinner

Our next Friday Night Dinner will be held on July 18 2014. As usual, the doors will open at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

The menu for the evening will be Chicken Oreganata, Rice Pilaf, a vegetable and salad. The price of \$12 per person and \$30 for a family consisting of parents and minor aged children includes dessert, coffee and tea and soda. You can enjoy beer, wine or a mixed drink with your meal at a nominal charge.

The Friday Night Dinners are our highest contributors to our Charity Account. The profits from the dinner help support our Feed the Hungry program as well as many other charities. It is disappointing that so few nights attend these dinners. Your attendance will support our Council while you are enjoying a delicious meal.

Please call Mike DeAngelo at 201-664-5396 for reservations..

The Kitchen Crew

We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in the movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96% of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

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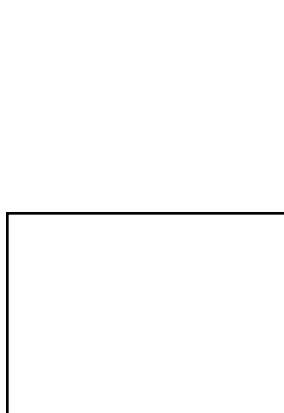
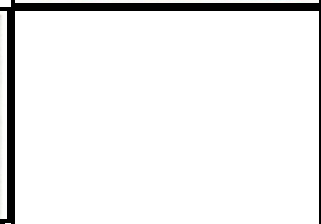
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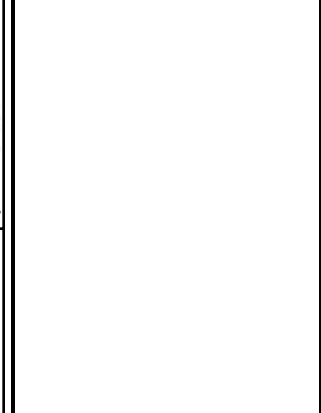
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