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Chaplain's Message



JULY....Freedom, the 4th and Faith

Each year as the Fourth of July roles round, Americans remember the struggles that surrounded the securing of liberty by the Founding Fathers of this country. It was a long, arduous and dangerous endeavor, but their determination to live as free men drove them to make the sacrifices necessary to secure America's independence. How grateful we all are now that they achieved their end, and that we are the benefactors of their sacrifices!

Sacrifices are continually called for when we speak of freedom. We hope to see all people free to seek happiness. Sadly, our world is still full of countries where people are oppressed. As fellow Knights we extend ourselves to supporting those who seek their liberty. The Knights have members in many places. All of (Contd. P. 2)

Grand Knight's Message

How quickly the year went!

I am looking forward to a new year and hope you are too. We are a busy council with much to offer our community and church. If you're unaware of just how involved we are, here is a quick rundown.

We are active in charitable endeavors. We provide meals and clothing for the needy, donate money to worthy charities, provide gift certificates and offer a helping hand to the needy and those affected by misfortune, support pro-life events, support the Alzheimer's walk at Bergen Community College and the developmentally disabled in various ways such as Spectrum for Living canteen and shake the can. We provide scholarships to needy and worthy graduating high school students.

We are connected with our parishes. 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.

them are dedicated to freedom, faith, family and the future. We welcome those who wish to join us.

One of the most important aspects of freedom is the ability to worship God as we choose. It is the basis for a framework of life and an ordering of values. It is the means by which we find our way to greater heights of morality, mutual service and respect. Our forefathers may have expressed various understandings of the role of God in life, but most believed in God and that He played a role in the establishment of our country. God, however people of different faiths may understand Him, is still at the heart of our experience of freedom. We have freedom to respect one another and serve one another, as we serve God who calls us to know, love and serve Him.

Our times bring to us some different challenges than in the past. Technology, a shrinking world, different economic structures and re-alignments of nations tax our minds for approaches and solutions unheard of in the past, but oppression and poverty are not new problems. They existed before and still do. They call forth the best in humankind to muster changes that will secure peace and justice for all.

As we celebrate Independence Day this year let us remember that the message of Christ was that we are all sisters and brothers and what affects one of us affect all. We are bound therefore in faith to support one another in the struggle for peace and happiness. Let the words of Christ motivate us to never slack in our defense of the less-fortunate and the down-trodden. Let our charity and kindness be like a banner waving before us, alerting others to the call for unity in defense of freedom. We live in one nation, under God, and we seek liberty and justice for all!

We have plenty of fraternal events too, where all the proceeds go to charity. These include our Friday Night Dinners, St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, annual golf outing, and Christmas party for members to name a few. This year we are planning to have a Halloween party. 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 veterans' of the Paramus Home with a luncheon each year.

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. Let's make it a great one!

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

The Spectrum Canteen

The Spectrum Canteen will be held on Monday, July 13th at 6:30 PM. All volunteers are welcome to help us serve the food.

Mike Carpenter

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Brothers,

Our Assembly had its last meeting for this year this past Tuesday at St. Gabriel's. The newly elected officers closed the meeting. SK Sal La Rosa is the Navigator for the coming year.

We are having our Communion Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, June 28th, 2015. Mass starts **at 9:30 AM**, followed by the Breakfast in the cafeteria of Our Lady of Mercy, **2 Freemont Ave., Park Ridge.**

At the last meeting, the Master had not settled on a date or location for the upcoming Exemplification. We have urged our Battalion Commander to finalize this important date for all concerned.

For interested candidates, Barry's Formal Wear, located at **26 Central Ave., Passaic, NJ (800-648-0116)** is considered the best deal to get outfitted for reasonable \$\$\$. Mention that you are entering the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree.

And finally, a Prayer from St. Thomas More.

"I will not mistrust God, though I shall feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear. I trust God shall place a holy hand on me and in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning."

Al Lukievics, PFN, PGK

July and August 2015

JULY

07/02	Regular Business Meeting.....	8:00 PM
07/04	Independence Day	
07/09	Columbian Club Meeting.....	8:00 PM
07/11	Hot Meals.....	9:00 AM
07/13	Spectrum Canteen.....	6:30 PM
07/14	First Degree.....	7:00 PM
07/16	Officers' Meeting at Rockland Boulders Stadium.....	6:30 PM
07/17	Friday Night Dinner.....	6:00 PM

August

08/12	Fr. McGivney's Birthday	
08/15	Assumption Day	
08/21	Friday Night Dinner.....	6:00PM

Knights Are the Champs

In 2015, our Council sponsored a team in the Minors Division of the Westwood Baseball Association program. The team was comprised of 3rd and 4th graders.

The team finished with a record of 9-3 and won the championship down at Meadowbrook Park to finish off a successful season. A few days after the championship, our Council hosted the entire team for pizza and an ice cream party!

Mike Klein



Golf Outing

The annual Golf Outing to support the Scholarship and General Charity Funds was a great success. Once again the River Vale Country Club was the site of the event on Monday, June 8th. And what would it be if we didn't get rained on.

This year's outing included 43 participants from our Council and 19 from the Queen of Peace Council in Closter. After a hot breakfast buffet, the golfers were just as hot on the course. Despite the rain falling as we started, the sun broke through before the first nine was completed. Contests for the longest and straightest drives, the closest to the pin on the four par 3's and lowest foursome score provided a measure of suspense that was finally resolved at the luncheon.

This year's event saw the largest number of hole sponsors, a total of 42, and a very large number of prize donors, 60. The bulk of the work in securing these items goes to Mike Malure, Joe Bisi, Jim Abrams, and Frank Mariconti. They spent many hours pounding the pavement to ensure the success of the golf outing and deserve a very big THANK YOU.

The Closter Council joined with us at the Hall for the luncheon that was again provided by the Recovery Room. Gerhardt, the owner, and Mike, the chef, have been supporters of our outing for many years. Stop in for a bite to eat or to raise a glass and tell them that you appreciate their support. This is true for all of our hole sponsors and prize donors as well. These individuals will have their names posted on our website so you can patronize their businesses.

I would also like to thank all the members who helped out at the registration and at the Hall to set up and clean up the tables for the luncheon. This was no small task since that evening we had the Spectrum Canteen, so everything had to be done quickly.

Lastly, how successful was the outing? There is only one final expense and when that is paid, the total raised in this year's golf outing will be just over \$4,700.00. That's a great achievement due to all who participated. Thank you very much and let's try to do better next year.

Ray Polomski

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