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Chaplain's Message



June is busting out all over!

Sometimes we just want to explode...with joy, with relief, with expectation, with hope.

Christians recognize the explosion as a surge of energy, not just of the natural kind flowing from rest and nourishment, but as a sign of the Divine Force that is the root of our being. June and the contemplation of upcoming vacations can excite us. We want time to do different things.

The desire to vary our routine and express the more creative side of ourselves connects us to the creative force that brought us into being. Summertime is an opportunity for us to let the creative side express itself. A pause from the work routine allows us to move our thoughts in a different direction and the change is refreshing. But why?

Our minds and spirits were meant to explore. While routine can be comforting, it can also be boring. New directions remind us of the infinite possibilities that exist in our world. We are challenged to "plug in."

This creative urge we experience makes possible new horizons, not only for ourselves, but for our

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

For my last grand knight's message I wish to take this opportunity to give a short reflection over these past two years.

It was a privilege to be Grand Knight of Council 2188!

We have a council of about 250 men who bring a lot of talent to this organization. Many of you offer your time and gifts where they are needed most. The Holy Spirit calls us to share these gifts and you have done so generously. If you don't believe me just look at the calendar on our website.

You participate at our business, officers, and Columbian club meetings. You are a part of our Friday Night Dinners. You shake the can at the Developmentally Disabled drive. You participated at one of our wake services. You play at our golf outing. You help feed the needy. You participate in the various activities that service both St John's and St Andrew's parishes. You are involved in the First Degree Exemplification. You help at Spectrum Canteen. And the list goes on...

With a council like this it makes it a heck of a lot easier to be grand knight and I know you will remain dedicated to our council as I pass the gavel to our presumptive incoming Grand Knight, Joe Bisi. I think I can speak

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world. If no one ever thought “outside the box”, there would be few inventions and little change. Change is the rule of life. Even the bodies we possess have changed in their makeup over the years. Old cells are replaced by new ones. Old understandings are replaced by educational insight. Patterns are altered as we find better ways of doing things. It is a constantly expanding experience!

Knights can see the movement of God in all of this. Creation is an ever expanding experience and we are a part of it. What we know, how we act, what we imagine all contribute to the expression of the creative force within us. It is exciting to realize that the very expression of God’s will for humanity takes place, at least in part, through what we do. We make a difference!

Since its inception, the Knights of Columbus has participated in the work of making a difference. God has always worked through people to affect the lives of others for the good. Within the workings of the Knights we see people’s needs being taken care of. We see the expression of love, fraternity and charity. How lucky we are to have a role in it all!

So if we experience that burst of energy as we anticipate a few weeks of changed activity, let us utilize it to renew ourselves, refresh the lives of those we love and be confident that we are the hands, feet, mind and heart of God expressing His care for His creation.

Thank You Father John

Father John has been serving as our Chaplain for the past several years and has contributed greatly to our Council, particularly in his Monthly Messages. His messages are well thought out, well written, timely and inspiring.

His columns for each month have been the first articles I receive for the month and, in the event he is traveling, he always make sure that I have the next column before he leaves.

Let us all wish him well, thank him for his time and talent and pray for him as he continues his Pastoral work at St. John the Baptist Parish.

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confidently that Joe would very much welcome your participation in whatever capacity and time you can offer. Let’s welcome Joe to the GK chair with all the help we can give him!

Finally I would like to thank Fr. John Korbelak of St John’s for the years of service as chaplain to our council. His chaplain’s messages were inspirational and pertinent to all of us. He has stepped down and now Fr. Alex Barbieto of St Andrew’s has become Council 2188’s new chaplain. Please welcome him!

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

Spectrum Canteen

Brothers,

The next Spectrum Canteen for the Developmentally Disabled is June 13 at 6:30 PM. Your help is always appreciated by the “Spectrum Family”.

JUNE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

The June Friday Night Dinner will be held on June 17th. The menu for the evening will be Black Angus sliced steak, baked potato, green beans almondine and a tossed salad. The cost of \$12 per person and \$30 for a family consisting of parents and minor-aged children includes dessert, soda, coffee and tea.

The doors of the hall will open at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Because of the popularity of the dinners you are urged to make reservations by June 15th by calling Mike DeAngelo at 201-664-5396.

The Friday Night Dinners are our Council’s biggest fundraisers and help us support many charities.

Congratulations

Council 2188 extends Congratulations to all college students who have graduated in May and all high school and eight grade students who will graduate in June. We pray for God’s grace that they may achieve the goals they have set for themselves.

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Brothers,

This month's meeting will be held at the Wyckoff Council. Start time is 8:00 PM. We will be holding our election of Officers for the up-coming year, at this meeting. June will be the last meeting for this term. As usual we will suspend meetings during July and August. This gives the new slate time to organize the programs for the New Year.

We will have a Communion breakfast & Mass on June 26th at Our Lady of Mercy Church Park Ridge. The address is 2 Freemont Ave. after mass in the school cafeteria. Cost is only \$12.00 per. There is a deadline for tickets, June 17th Call Antonio Artola, FC for tickets. 201-475-0970.

In September we will have a Beefsteak Dinner @ LeNeves more info to follow. At the Last Exemplification, we added four new members; Andrew Artola, Luke Artola, Carl Schmdhauser, and Edward Stoker. We urge all third degree Knights to Join the Patriotic Degree.

I would like to close this article by Quoting; Bl.. Theresa of Calcutta. "Open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters. Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed. Lord, open our hearts that we may love each other as you love us. Renew in us your spirit. Lord, free us and make us one." Amen

Fraternally, Al Lukievics

Calendar of Events
May and June 2016

June


- 06/02 General Meeting..... 8:00 PM
- 06/04 Meals for the Needy.....9:00 AM
- 06/09 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 06/13 Council Golf Outing Breakfast.....6:00 AM
- Tee Off.....8:00 AM
- 06/13 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 06/14 Flag Day
- 06/14 First Degree.....7:30 PM
- 06/16 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 06/17 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM
- 06/19 Father's Day

July

- 07/02 Meals for the Needy.....9:00 AM
- 07/07 General Meeting..... 8:00 PM
- 07/11 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 07/12 First Degree.....7:30 PM
- 07/14 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 07/15 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM
- 07/21 Officers Meeting.....8:00 PM



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