

KNIGHT LETTER

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS



November 2014

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Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brothers,

Our First Degree "Charity"
No man can tell whether he is rich poor by turning to his ledger It is the heart that makes a man rich .He is rich or poor according to what he is not according to what he has. As Knights we practice what we have learned at our first degree - Charity. . According to the K of C's annual survey for the year ending 2013, the Knights have donated more than 170 million dollars and more than 70.5 million hours of service. Our council participates in the "Share Program" where we provide meal boxes to the needy on a monthly basis, "Eyes for the Needy", "Coats for Kids", and food for the hungry during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

To date we have delivered 60 meal boxes, purchased 60 new coats, and have collected 100 used eye glasses.

Please continue your support for these programs, especially as we approach Thanksgiving; think of the less fortunate. Joe Lynch, one of our



Past Grand Knights and current treasurer and "editor in chief" has worked so hard and contributed so much through the years to provide food for the needy during the holiday seasons. Please support him with a gift for this wonderful cause.

God Bless You,

Sebastian P. Vaccaro

Grand Knight

Why aren't all
Catholic men
Knights?
They weren't
asked!
Ask a
fellow
Parishioner,
You'll be surprised!

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at
aphardwarestore@yahoo.com
Sebastian P. Vaccaro Grand
Knight

Notice:

The Council is entertaining an increase in dues from **\$35.00 to \$40.00**. A vote to amend the By-Laws will be taken at the November Business Meeting. All Brothers are encouraged to attend and let your voice be heard. **There will be dinner served at 7 PM of Meatball Subs (home made sauce) and Salad.**

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

About a hundred years ago, a man picked up the morning paper and, to his horror, read his own obituary. The newspaper had had made a terrible mistake. It printed the obituary of a LIVING man. The caption read: "Dynamite king dies." The story identified him as "the merchant of death." He was the inventor of dynamite and had amassed a fortune from the manufacture of weapons of destruction. Moved by this disturbing experience, he CHANGED his commitment to life. A healing power greater than the destructive force of dynamite came over him. From that time on he devoted his full energy and money to the works of peace and human betterment. The man was Alfred Noble, the founder of the Noble Peace Prize. Indeed the grace of God does work in mysterious ways to CHANGE us.

The parable of the wedding guest who arrives at the feast without a wedding garment can be perplexing. The wedding guests were gathered from the main roads and streets, at the time of Christ that included marketplaces and the gates of the city where people swarmed and crowded. Here you would dishonest merchants, the homeless, beggars, thieves, murderers, prostitutes.

They are all sinners. Many of them are thieves and murderers. When the king came to greet his guests he had only one person bound and seized and thrown into a place where there is a great deal of suffering. Not because he was a thief or murderer but because he was not dressed properly. Even if he was a murderer I am sure there were other murderers who were allowed to stay. He is thrown out because he didn't CHANGE into a wedding garment. Maybe he didn't have one. It hardly seems fair. But the key is HE DIDN'T CHANGE. What the Gospel doesn't tell us is that it was so important to change into a wedding garment that it became customary for the host to provide wedding garments for those who had none. All the other wedding guests had changed. They chose to do so. One guest was thrown out because he was UNWILLING TO CHANGE. It was his choice. Like the wedding guests God calls us to change. Our life should be a constant change. Each change should bring us closer to God until we become a NEW PERSON. Our wedding garments are God's graces that He gives to us in the sacraments. We can be like Alfred Noble and accept those graces and begin our journey toward that new person God wants us to be or we can be like the ill-clad wedding guest and refuse to put on a New Life. The choice is ours.

October Events

Nov 8 Memorial Mass
Nov 13 Business Meeting 8 PM Dinner at 7PM
Nov 11 Vetran's Day
Nov 23 Breakfast Buffet
Nov 27 Thanksgiving

Upcoming Events

Dec 4 Officer's Meeting
Dec 7 Breakfast with Santa
Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
Dec 11 Business Meeting 8 PM Dinner at 7PM
Dec 13 Council Christmas Party
Dec 28 Breakfast Buffet

K of C Insurance

Frederick J. Hammond,
Jr.
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him at
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with any insurance or
annuity questions

Editor's Note

It's Not Too Late!

I am asking every Brother to help in this worthy cause. A five or ten dollar contribution would help us have the funds to help needy families during the holiday season. Remember the charge at your **First Degree, CHARITY.** Donations will go to Ascension's St. Francis Society and Holy Innocents' St. Vincent DePaul Society. If each and every Brother contributed, we would be able to help so many more families this year. Try to imagine how it is for the poor people who won't have the means to have a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. God will bless you and reward you for your charity. Please send your contribution to the Council Home at 203 West Sylvania Ave, Neptune City. Put "Turkey Baskets" in the memo section of your check so we can keep those funds separate. May God bless you and your families and keep you safe during the upcoming Holiday Season.

Fraternally, Joe Lynch PGK

Listed are the dates and Degrees as per the Monmouth County Chapter Meeting: All Brothers needing their 2nd and 3rd Degrees should take advantage of these opportunities.

1st Degree	
11/15/2014	Long Branch Council
12/1/2014	Englishtown Council
2nd Degree	
11/8/2014	Freehold Council
11/22/2014	Bayville Council
1/9 2015	Freehold Council
3rd Degree	
11/28/2014	Parlin Council
12/12/2014	Jackson Council

November Birthdays

Brothers,
Happy Birthday!
Lewis Campanile
Kenneth Gerard
Todd Goehring
John Higgins
Alan Lingo
Stanlet Mann Jr.
Daniel Maxwell
Roger Nichols
Fr. Nolan
Joseph Prati
Bill Rutherford
John Stuppi

Knights of Columbus # 816

203 West Sylvania Avenue
Neptune City, NJ 07753

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday December 7, 2014

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Cost \$10.00 each

(Includes a picture with Santa)

For Information Contact:

Herb Hagmann 732-245-5388
Sam Vaccaro GK 732-762-2609

Annual Memorial Mass

Nov. 8, 2014 5 PM at the
Council Hall

followed by a Roast Beef Dinner.

Come and pray for our
departed

Brothers and thier Families.

Troop Morale-Soldier Boxes

The Neptune City Knights of Columbus has partnered to send care packages to our troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. These boxes are sent four (4) times a year. Please consider donating any/some of the items listed. Please keep our Armed Forces men and women in your prayers and God Bless America.

A complete list is at the Council Home with the Box.

Good of the Order

“As a reminder, it is the responsibility of all Brothers to inform either the Grand Knight Sebastian P. Vaccaro(732-762-2609) , or the Financial Secretary Ray Barns (732-998-0882) upon the learning of the death of any K of C Brother, so proper actions can be taken. Don't assume that the GK or FS automatically know about all Brother's deaths, sometimes they need your help!”