



KNIGHT LETTER

December 2014

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

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Grand Knight's Report

The First and Greatest
Christmas Gift of All!

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord. Angels proclaim him as a savior for all people and shepherds come to adore him. Wisemen followed a star to Bethlehem to bring gifts to Jesus.

Our blessed mother, Mary gave us the first and greatest gift of all on Christmas. As Knights we have an obligation to "keep Christ in Christmas". I am so proud of our council for the Nativity display at our council home and the "Keep Christ in Christmas" banner at our home and Holy Innocents Church.

The best way to keep Christ in your Christmas celebrations is to have him present in your daily life. If you've accepted Jesus as your savior and make him the center of your life, keeping Christ in Christmas is more about the way you live your life than the things you say.



May the spirit of Christmas guide your heart just as the wisemen were guided by the star.

Merry Christmas,
Sebastian P. Vaccaro
Grand Knight

Notice:

The Council increased dues from **\$35.00 to \$40.00**. A vote to amend the By-Laws was taken at the November Business Meeting and passed. **There will be dinner served at 7 PM of Meat-loaf, potatoes and Salad.**

If you are receiving this through the mail and would rather receive it through email please email me at aphardwarestore@yahoo.com Sebastian P. Vaccaro Grand Knight

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

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

There is a story about a monastery that at one time flourished. It had hundreds of monks living within its walls. Thousands of people came each year to pray. New monks replaced the dying ones and all seemed well. Gradually things began to change. Monks began to leave the monastery. There were no new candidates to replace them. Eventually there were only seven bitter monks left. They were always at odds with one another. The abbot of the monastery heard of a holy man, a hermit who lived in the forest. He went to visit him one day and told him of the problems in the monastery. The hermit looked at him and told him that he had a secret he was going to share with them. Jesus was actually living with them. He was one of the monks but he had disguised himself with human frailties so no one could recognize him. When the abbot returned to the monastery he called a community meeting and told them what the hermit had said. The monks were astonished. But they couldn't figure out which one was Jesus because the abbot had told them that he had taken on some very human habits to disguise Himself. Could it be brother Mark who was always praying but had a Holier than thou attitude? Or Brother Joseph who was always ready to help but was always eating and drinking and could not fast? Each one knew that He wasn't Jesus so who could it be?

After the meeting was over the monks began to treat each other with respect humility and love figuring that they could be speaking to Christ. They began to dwell on their Christ like qualities and not their human frailties. Their prayer became more fervent and their life more loving. Their faith and holiness grew and the people returned to pray. The monastery began to prosper again. All this because one man drew their attention to the truth. Christ was living in their midst as one of them. The point of the story is that we must make a conscious effort to look for and recognize Christ in the people around us. We must change our focus to God by seeing Christ and by acting out of love for God. By doing that we will move closer to God and become that person He created us to be.

December 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 25 Christmas Day

Dec 28 Breakfast Buffet

Upcoming Events

Jan 1 New Years Day

Jan 8 Business Meeting 8 PM Dinner at 7PM

Jan 10 & 11 Membership Drive and Altar

Servers recognition Ascension Church

Jan 25 Breakfast Buffet

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December Birthdays

Brothers,
Happy Birthday!
George Bachar
Carl Bodine
Phillip Giambalvo FDD
Frank Gualario
Joseph Lynch PGK
Robert Lynch
James Mulvey
Vincent Perrella
Robert Simkin
Vito Tango
Thomas Taylor

Knights of Columbus # 816

203 West Sylvania Avenue
Neptune City, NJ 07753

Council Christmas Party

Saturday December 13,
2014

7 PM to 10:00 PM

All Brothers and their families are encouraged to attend.

A fabulous menu of Roast Turkey, Ham and Veggies.

The Ladies are serving Hor'devors and Dessert.

Join us to celebrate this wonderful Holiday in the spirit of Unity and Fraternity and a really good time!

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.

2nd Degree

1/9 2015 Freehold Council

3rd Degree

12/12/2014 Jackson Council

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!"

Editor's Note

Thank you!!!

Because of the generosity of our Brothers we collected \$1449.00 for Turkey Baskets. we gave \$362.25 to Holy Innocents' St. Vincent's Society and Ascension's St. Francis Society for Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets. The same amount will be given for Christmas Turkey Baskets.

God Bless and may everyone have a Merry & Holy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally, Joe Lynch PGK