



KNIGHT LETTER

January 2015

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Holy New Year to my brothers and their families.

My New Year Resolutions to you and our council!

- 1) Strive to be my very best as your Grand Knight
- 2) Get our brothers more involved in council and charitable activities - "Active councils are successful councils"
- 3) Increase membership by ten new members in the next six months
- 4) Establish a first degree team and have it in operation by March 15th
- 5) Obtain Star Council

Every year, in my business, between Christmas and New Year, I take a good hard look and what we have achieved in the past year and how we can improve upon it in the future. I also looked at how we can increase revenues and decrease costs. That's what makes a business successful!

The same principles apply here!

What was new for the first six months!

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

- 1) Family Picnic
 - 2) Christmas with Santa
 - 3) 100 Coats for Kids
 - 4) Anniversary Celebration on the Founding of our Council
 - 5) Dinner prior to business meeting
 - 6) Monthly trustee foundation meetings
- What's new for the next six months!
- 1) Membership drives at Holy Innocents and Ascension Church
 - 2) Alter Server appreciation for Holy Innocents and Ascension Church
 - 3) Child I.D. program at Holy Innocents and Ascension Church
 - 4) Valentine Party and Ladies Auxiliary appreciation dinner
 - 5) Donor awareness program at Holy Innocents and Ascension Church
 - 6) Trip to Knights of Columbus museum and St. Mary's Church in New Haven
 - 7) Quarterly foundation meeting
- I ask all of my brothers to continue to work together, experience brotherhood and obtain that "Star Council" award. Only by giving your very best can you realize what talents you really have!

God Bless you! Happy New Year!

Sebastian P. Vaccaro Grand Knight

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

A number of years ago I went to the eye doctor. I was told that I needed new glasses and that they would be ready in about two weeks. As soon as I returned home the phone began to ring. It was another salesman. For the last several months we were inundated with sales calls. It really irked me that every time I picked up the phone the salesman would begin his pitch by mispronouncing my name. Then it hit me. If someone mispronounced my name, they were probably a sales person. From then on if I got a call and they mispronounced my name I simply told them that no one lived here with that name and I quickly hung up. It worked great. I was getting fewer and fewer sales calls. About six weeks had passed and I realized I still didn't get my new glasses. I called the doctor's office and they told me the glasses were in and I could pick them up at anytime. When I arrived at the office I was asked what my new phone number was. I told them that it hadn't changed. The secretary then checked the number she had on record when I told her that it was correct. She replied that she had called the number several times and each time she was told that no one lived there by that name. In my haste to hang up I had missed the doctor's call.

In the Gospel of John the disciples of John the Baptist respond to some inner call to follow Jesus even though they are not sure where He will take them. We are all called to be Disciples of Christ. Where will that take us and how do we answer the call? One of the things that Jesus told the Apostles was to teach and baptize all nations. Obviously we are called to evangelize. But if you are anything like me, you cringe every time you hear the word evangelize. I always think of door knocking and tele-evangelization. Two things that I am definitely not suited for. So how does the average person, like you and I, evangelize? One thing we can do is profess our faith in the presence of others. Not by thumping our chests but in subtle ways that get people to listen. I used to work in a liquor store on Friday nights and none of us got a supper break. We usually have something delivered. One night during Lent we were getting ready to order. One of the guys who was Catholic said that he really felt like having a sausage and pepper sandwich but then he added, "I guess I'll do the Catholic thing and not have meat during Lent." I thought that was a really neat way to profess his faith and love for Jesus. He wasn't ashamed to say that he was making a sacrifice in the name of his faith, Jesus and his church.

As Jesus' disciples we are called to joyfully treat others with respect, love and kindness. That word joyfully is important. In a world filled with griping, rudeness and self-centeredness our attitude and actions can go a long way in bringing people to God.

God calls all of us to a vocation.. To fulfill our discipleship through our vocation God gives us gifts. We have to recognize these gifts. Develop these gifts and use them for the good of His whole church This call to discipleship is not easy. To do the things mentioned takes discipline, a deliberate act of the will and a willingness to start over when we fail. We get the strength to do this through prayer and the sacraments. Eventually this call will make us the people that God wants us to be BUT it takes a life long commitment. If DONE IN HASTE we will MISS THE CALL. Amen.

**This month's Meeting
Dinner will be Pizza
By
Brother
Lou Berardi !!!!!
For those of us who
remember Berardi's Pizza
this will be a treat.
7 PM.**

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January Birthdays

Brothers,
Happy Birthday!
Louis Berardi
George Bruder Jr. PGK
Rev. John Cook
Peter Dinardo
Michael Donovan
Raul Hernandez
Steven Kalinski
David King
Robert McDonald PGK
John Orlando
Robert Rizzo
Edward Rocco
Richard Rogalski
Edward Sullivan

2015 Council Dues

The notices for your 2015 dues have been mailed out. If you have not received them yet, please contact Ray Barnes, Financial Secretary (732.998.0882). If you have received the notice, please send in your dues as soon as possible. These funds keep our Council and home operating.

Did you know that you can apply for financial relief from your dues if you are physically handicapped or challenged? Please contact you Financial Secretary for information.

Kids with Cancer

We are looking to assist Jersey Shore Medical Center with their "Kids with Cancer" services. Donations of boys/girls pajamas (size 6 and below) or latex-free band-aids are being collected. Please contact Ray Barnes (732.998.0882) for information

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!"

January Events

Jan 8 Business Meeting 8 PM Dinner at 7PM

Jan 10 & 11 Membership Drive and Altar Servers recognition Ascension Church

Jan 25 Breakfast Buffet

Upcoming Events

Feb 14 Ladies Aux appreciation dinner

Feb 14 & 15 Membership Drive & Altar Servers

Recognition Holy Innocents

Feb 22 Breakfast Buffet

Degree News

Congratulations to our Brothers upon receiving their Degrees in 2014

God bless and keep it going!

Joseph Antoniotti -First

Peter Dinardo - First, Second and Third

Frej Krook III - First

Christopher L'Heureux - First & Second

Felix Spano - First, Second and Third

Troop Morale-Soldier Boxes

Council #816 is dedicated to supply our troops with "care packages". These donations are collected year-round and are sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan four times a year. Unscented toiletries and personal care items are needed, individual snacks and entertainment items or anything that shows them that we care. We will be shipping the next collection in February, which is also Girl Scout Cookie month. Donations of cookies and care items are on the list. God Bless our Troops.

Editor's Note

Our Worthy Grand Knight Sam is requesting as many Brothers and their families attend the 10 O'clock Mass at Ascension Church on Sunday 1/11/14 to receive Communion together. We will be presenting the Altar Servers their Certificates and special gifts following the Mass.. It would be impressive to show the parishioners of Ascension the solidarity we have with the Parish by having a good turnout.