



KNIGHT LETTER

April 2015

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Dear Brothers- Shoot for the Moon!!

Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you'll fall among the stars!

The most difficult things in life are the hardest to achieve, but when achieved, they are the most rewarding.

What could be more rewarding than "Star Council" for my Brothers? We are all stars and we have worked so hard and come so far, together we can cross the finish line.

The Star Council program is the most successful way to grow our council. Remember, "Active councils are successful councils."

We need five new members and five insurance/annuity members by June 30th to achieve that star. Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, states, "We have a moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus". I challenge each of you to invite an eligible Catholic this week to join the Knights - you'll be amazed at the response - we need five new members in the next three months - we can do it!

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Why aren't all Catholic men Knights?

**They weren't asked!
Ask a fellow Parishioner,
You'll be surprised!**

Dinner Alert!

Deacon Rich announces there will be a pulled pork dinner before the April 9th Meeting.

Plan on attending and sample the cuisine.

The Knights of Columbus has a special incentive for this fraternal year ending June 30, 2015. If our council earns the award we will receive a credit \$4.50 for each billable member on our roster as of July 1, 2015. That would amount to a credit of \$832.50 savings for our council - oh my goodness how can we pass that up??

Securing financial protection for Catholic families has been at the core mission of the Knights of Columbus since the beginning. We need five more insurance or annuity members by June 30th - you can help - we can do this. A.M. Best rates the Knights of Columbus insurance program A++ (superior), "World's most ethical Company." Our annuity rate is currently guaranteed at 3.5% that's more than double what Local Banks offer. For as little as a \$100 investment in an annuity at a guaranteed rate 3.5% you can help our council fulfill its insurance requirements. Fred Hammond our field representative and brother will attend our next meeting. Please see him before or after the meeting so that he can further explain our programs. Don't forget to ask an eligible Catholic man to join our wonderful fraternity this week. God Bless you and continue the great work!

Sebastian P. Vaccaro Grand Knight

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

The following is a “Best Of” from Deacon John due to Holy Week obligations.

☐ If we take the time to think about it we will realize that throughout Jesus’ ministry He was always breaking down barriers of fear, hatred and prejudice. John’s Gospel about Jesus and the Samaritan woman is no exception. While it is true that the shortest way from Judea to Galilee is to travel through Samaria it was a way that was avoided by most Jews. In 722 BC the Assyrians conquered the northern part of Israel. They exiled their leaders and colonized the area. In time the colonists intermarried with the remaining Israelis and adopted parts of the Jewish religion. The Jews considered the Samaritans to be an inferior half breed race to be avoided by respectable people. But what does Jesus do? He travels through Samaria and stops at Jacob’s well. He then breaks religious and social convention put in place by the Pharisees. He engages in a conversation with a woman who was alone. Not only that but she was a Hated Samaritan. Having no jug or cup He asks the Samaritan woman to give Him water. To drink from a Samaritan cup was considered unclean. Even the Samaritan woman is shocked. He tells the woman about “living Water.” At first she doesn’t understand that the “living water” is the revelation of who Christ is and the dwelling of the Holy Spirit within us. When Jesus, without judging, reveals that he knows about her promiscuous life a conversion begins to take place. At first she addresses Jesus as sir, then prophet. She finally recognizes Him as the Messiah. She experienced the life giving flow of Jesus healing energy. The result is that this sinful outcast evangelizes and brings other Samaritans to believe in Jesus.

What does this gospel mean to us. It means that we are challenged. We are challenged because as Christians we are both the recipients and the givers of this living water. We are called to break down the barriers that isolate us from others. Those barriers can be our own hatred, prejudice, anger, jealousy, envy, cutting remarks or innuendo. It could also be those same barriers put up by others. We are called to break down the barriers of the marginalized by seeing the face of Christ in their suffering. And we are called to do it as Jesus did, **WITHOUT JUDGING.**

2015 Council Dues

The notices for your 2015 dues have been mailed out. . 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.

April Birthdays Brothers, Happy Birthday!

Giacomo Bertini
 Daniel Brown PGK
 Gerard Brown
 Robert Brown PGK
 Nicholas Burke
 Michael Freeman
 Gerald Freda
 Pascal Gambardella
 Anthony Gesualdo
 Thomas Halliday
 Robert Harris
 John Kiernan
 Frej Krook
 Joseph Marmora
 Mark Mastroilli
 Jose Pastrana
 Chip Piancone PGK
 Ken Roberts
 Robert Shafer Jr.
 Walter Thompson
 Richard Weber
 Bruce Wescott
 Michael Yezo

Birthright Dinner April 18

Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Contact: Grand Knight Sebastian Vaccaro (732-762-2609)

for Tickets or Information.

You must commit by Meeting night as the money must be turned in at the Chapter Meeting on Monday April 13th.

Council 816's

6th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 5, 2015

Lunch and Dinner included

for information

call:

Herb Hagmann

Outing Chairman

732-245-5388

April Events

April 5 Easter Sunday

April 10 Pride in Priests Dinner

April 11 ARC Drive at Shop Rite

April 12 Ascension Church Child ID Kit distribution

April 18 Birthright Dinner Tickets at the Hall

April 19 Holy Innocents Child ID Kit distribution

April 26 Breakfast Buffet 9 AM to 11:30 AM

Upcoming Events

May 15,16,17 State Convention at Wildwood

May 23 Council Sopsored Dinner Details to follow

May 24 Breakfast Buffet for Madonna House

June 5 Annual Golf Tournament

June 20 Council Picnic

July 11 Blue Claws Game

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!"

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

Brothers, April 11, 2015 is our second ARC collection at the Neptune Shoprite 10 AM to 2 PM. Our collection last month at Stop and Shop was \$155.00. We need your help to make this a success. Please call **DGK Herb**

Hagmann 732-245-5388

and schedule an hour to help out. These programs count towards our quest for **Star Council.**

Thanks and God bless, Joe Lynch PGK