



KNIGHT LETTER

May 2015

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

This Star * is for you!

60 Days to Star Council !

60 Days to recruit three new members!

60 Days to sign up three members to insurance or annuity!

Oh my goodness- what a wonderful opportunity for my Brothers - Charity - Unity - Brotherhood. We deserve this unbelievable honor for our council.

The winners of the Star Council Award are the leaders of the Knights of Columbus in areas of membership, insurance promotion, and service programs - Lets cross the finish line **together!**

What a busy month! Our Annual Communion Mass followed by a great brunch at our council home, the Pride in Priests dinner at Doolans was attended by four hundred and forty Knights and Priests. What a great celebration and I was so proud to represent our council at that function.

The Birthright Dinner and auction sponsored by our County Chapter was great. Two weeks ago I had the honor of taking F. Nils Krook to his third degree at our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

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Why aren't all Catholic men Knights?

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

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 your Financial Secretary for information.

Last week Herb Hagman and I escorted my son Sebastian III and Rich Greco to Freehold Council to receive their first degrees and both of them signed up for the KOFC annuity program with a guaranteed interest rate of 3.5%

This coming meeting our nominating committee will present its new slate of officers for the upcoming Columbian year which starts July 1, 2015. I'm sure you'll see a great deal of new names on that slate. Joe Lynch, past Grand Knight, Treasurer, and Editor- in - Chief of our Knightletter will present his "world famous Meatloaf" for dinner, so please plan to attend.

God Bless you

Sebastian P. Vaccaro Grand Knight

**Notice
Due to
Ascension
Thursday
May 14th,
our regular
business
meeting will
be on
Wednesday
May 13th. Same
time: 7 PM Dinner,
8PM Meeting**

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

The whirling rotary blades of a helicopter are held in place by a single hexagonal nut that is placed in the center. Oddly enough this nut is called the "Jesus nut". Just as the "Jesus nut" is the center of the rotary blades holding them together, Jesus is the center of our lives holding us together. We are the branches all around Jesus, the vine. This whole relationship is based on love. The father, the vintner, is the source of love. His love for Christ, the vine, moves through Jesus to love for us. His love radiates through us through our love for one another. Without that love we cannot bear fruit. What is this love that flows from the Father through the Son through us to one another? This love is patient as God is patient with us. He gives us our whole lifetime to get things right. This love is forgiving. The Father is always ready to forgive us. If we find it difficult to forgive think of St. John Paul II and how he met with and forgave the man who shot him or how Cardinal Bernadine met with the man that falsely accused him of sexual abuse. Christian love is to look beyond our preconceptions and the faults of others. Barnabas gives us a great example of this Christian love in the First Letter of John. The disciples were afraid of Paul and with good reason. Paul was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. They were the very people responsible for Jesus death. Paul's major flaw was that he was a single-minded zealot. In his zeal he became a persecutor of Christians. He hounded and arrested hundreds and more than likely killed many Christians. We know that he was present when Steven was stoned to death. Why wouldn't they be afraid of him? Barnabas brought Paul to the Apostles. He told them how Paul had seen and spoken to Jesus and how he spoke out boldly in His name. The rest is history. Paul became one of the greatest evangelizers in the history of the early church because Barnabas, putting aside his fear, was able to look beyond his preconception of Paul. Living in love, that is being a branch on the vine is a life long process. It takes prayer, trust in God and hope that all that happens will somehow be turned into a positive good. As long as we allow Jesus love to flow through us Christ will put our strongest personality traits and human frailties to good use as He did with St Paul and we will produce good fruit.

Council 816's
6th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
June 5, 2015
Lunch and Dinner included
for information
call:
Herb Hagmann
Outing Chairman
732-245-5388

**May Birthdays
Brothers,
Happy Birthday!**

Nicholas Camera
Harry Devine
Anthony Goralski
John Kopcak PGK
Robert La Falce
Edward Moskal
Glenn Osborne
Donald Paccione
Richard Perna
Robert Shafer III
Mike Strada
Michael Tomaszeski
Mark Ziolkowski

Dinner Alert!

Meatloaf, Mashed
Potatoes & Salad
at the
May 13th Meeting.
Don't come late and
miss out!

The Knights of Columbus # 816,
Neptune City can give you the Baseball
and
Substitute a Picnic instead of Apple Pie.
The Lakewood Blueclaws will be
playing

The HICKORY CRAWDADS on
Saturday July 11, 2015.

Game time is 7:05 PM.

The Picnic starts at 6:30 PM and
lasts for 90 minutes. Seating will be in
the Picnic Area along the 1st base line
near the Blueclaws bullpen.

For tickets or information contact

Herb Hagmann 732-245-5388

or

Sam Vacarro 732-762-2609

May Events

May 13 Regular Business Meeting

May 14 Ascension Thursday

May 15,16,17 State Convention at Wildwood

**May 23 Council Sopsored Dinner Details to
follow**

**May 24 Breakfast Buffet for Madonna House
9 AM to 11:30 AM**

Upcoming Events

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

June 5th is fast approaching and time is getting short for our Golf Outing. If your playing, let us know.

If you thought of your business sponsoring a hole (\$100.) or a gift certificate, let us know. We have the potential for raising a good amount of money to help in our charitable endeavors. Don't let this opportunity pass by.

Thanks and God bless, Joe Lynch PGK