



KNIGHT LETTER

June 2015

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report THANK YOU!

This past Columbian year has been the most wonderful year for me and our Council. Thank you so much for the confidence you placed in me to be your Grand Knight. It has been extremely challenging and rewarding - Thank you!

Charity, Unity, and Fraternity - that's what it's all about - we have done it all! One Hundred Coats for Kids, hundreds of eye glasses collected for the "eyes for needy" program, twelve food boxes delivered for the needy every month for the Share program, over \$1,500 donated at Christmas and Thanksgiving for turkey dinners for families in need. Money collected for the Arc Program for our special children. Nearly 100 patrons attended our last breakfast to benefit the Madonna House. What a year!!

This past year we started to provide dinner for our monthly meetings. Last month the attendance at our meeting was the largest I've seen in years. I credit it to our great work - Joe Lynch claims it was the meatloaf! (Not really, but I have to tease him.)

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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.

Attendance at our monthly breakfast has nearly doubled. The attendance at the Blue Claw games was the best ever! Our first breakfast with Santa was great!

This year Herb Hagman and I came back from the State convention with an award for the "Eyes for the Needy" program and the "Food for the Hungry" Program. Ray Barnes, our financial secretary, has submitted all the necessary forms for the "Columbian Award", he has assured me that we have met all the criteria for that award. Great work Brother Knights!!

We are three members short of obtaining "Star Council"- thirty days left! We can do it! Please join me this weekend, June 6th and 7th at Holy Innocents Church for our final membership drive. We deserve "Star Council" Award. Let's reach out and grab it!

Thank you so much for your support, confidence, and hard work this past year!

God Bless you
Sebastian P. Vaccaro
Grand Knight

Dinner Alert!

Spaghetti & Meatballs
with home made Sauce
& Salad
at the
June 11th Meeting.
We will have plenty
for all!

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

I would like to tell you about a former student of mine who I will call Jim. His brothers and sisters were all above average in intelligence but unfortunately they all had a great disdain for learning. They all had a penchant for doing drugs and alcohol and frequent run-ins with the law. Jim's older brother was retained 3 times in the 7th grade. He quit school at the age of 16 without graduating from the 8th grade. Jim was no exception. He was left back in 7th grade but managed to make it to the High School. It was at the end of his senior year in high school that I saw Jim for the first time in four years. It was a good thing that he approached me because I never would have recognized him. A sport shirt replaced the leather jacket that he always wore. His hair was no longer long and unkempt. It was short and neatly combed. Because his brother was facing 10 yrs. in prison, Jim decided to turn his life around. He was now an honor student, vice president of the senior class and a member of the football team. After graduation he was going to do a stint in the Air Force and eventually go to college. But his turnaround came at a price. His brothers and sisters no longer talked to him. They couldn't accept his transformation. How dare he be different from them? Did he think he was better than them? You would think that they would have been happy for his transformation. It should have been motivation for them to turn their lives around. Instead they were envious and jealous. They refused to see their brother as he was. To them he would always be the young tough who was always drinking and drugging and in trouble with the law. In the words of William Shakespeare in his play The Merry Wives of Windsor "Familiarity Breeds Contempt".

The Gospel of Mark tells us that Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth His neighbors and relatives had heard of his miracles. At first, when He began preaching in the temple, they were amazed. Where did He get such knowledge? But then their attitude changed. Is he not the carpenter? Is he not the son of Mary? He was just a carpenter what right did He have to teach us. They did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah. They couldn't even accept Him as a rabbi. They were totally blind to who he was. What should have been a moment of great faith had turned to envy and jealousy. **Their faith is so weak that Jesus could only perform a few miracles.** There is a lesson to be learned from this gospel that has to do with our preconceptions and our attitudes. If we see Jesus only as our savior and do not follow His way of love for all creation, our faith is weakened. If we allow our preconceptions to influence the way we treat others, our faith is weakened. If we become envious and jealous of what others have, our faith is weakened. If we don't use the gifts that God has given us, our faith is weakened. We become like the people of Nazareth and as we saw in Mark's gospel little if anything can be accomplished without faith..

**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 Vaccaro 732-762-2609

**June Birthdays
Brothers,
Happy Birthday!**

Rev. Michael Alueta
Mark Bilella
Joseph Freda
Herbert Hagmann
Tom Irish
William Jenkins PGK
Edward Juliano
Michael Kopcak
Louis Parisi
Walter Piasio PGK, FSD
William Schmidt
Michael Volante

Editor's Note

This weekend is our last Church Drive for the year. We need all of our Brothers from Holy Innocents to help after the Masses. Lets get those four new members to get Star Council. Stop by the table in the vestibule after Mass and give us a hand.

Mark your calendar!!! Thursday June 11, 2015 is our Regular Business Meeting where we will elect our Officers for the 2015 - 2016 Colombian Year.

Come out and show your support for your Council and it's Officers and have a great dinner with them.

Thanks and God bless, Joe Lynch PGK

**Council Picnic
June 20, 2015**

12 PM till ???

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Soda and Salads.

Fun for the whole Family.

BYOB

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!"

June Events

June 5 Annual Golf Tournament

June 6 & 7 our final membership drive at Holy Innocents Church All Masses

June 11 Regular Business Meeting Elections

June 20 Council Picnic

June 28 Breakfast Buffet 9 AM to 11:30 AM

Upcoming Events

July 11 Blue Claws Game

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.

**Nomination Committee selection of
Council Officers for the Columbian
Year 2015-2016:**

Grand Knight: Herbert Hagmann

**Deputy Grand Knight: Sebastian Vaccaro
PGK**

Chancellor: Anthony Pappa

Recorder: Richard Jaroz

Treasurer: Joseph Lynch, PGK

Advocate: Daniel Maxwell

Warden: Deacon Richard Coscarelli

Inside Guard: Michael Mangeri

Outside Guard: Edward Juliano

One Year Trustee: Charles Piancone, PGK

Two Year Trustee: James Emmons, PGK

**Three Year Trustee: Deacon John Kopcak,
PGK**

**Nominations for Foundation Trustees,
Chapter Delegates**

and

Convention Delegates

will be taken from the floor Meeting night.