



KNIGHT LETTER

January 2017

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,
Hope all my Brothers and their families had a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

CHARITY is renewing our commitment to the church

At the start of the New Year we all make some resolutions. Most of us probably do not succeed in fulfilling the results for one reason or another. As disciples of Jesus, we should all pledge to:

- § Pray regularly for greater justice and peace
- § Learn more about Catholic social teaching and its call to protect human life, stand with the poor, and care for creation
- § Reach across boundaries of religion, race, ethnicity, gender, and disabling conditions
- § Live justly in family life, school, the marketplace, and the political arena
- § Serve those who are poor and vulnerable, sharing more time and talent
- § Give more generously to those in need at home and abroad
- § Advocate for public policies that protect human life, promote human dignity, preserve God's creation, and build peace

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



§ Encourage others to work for greater charity, justice, and peace

How can we as Knights serve the poor and work for justice in each of the areas noted in the pledge?

There is another item that I would like to mention and that is recruitment of new members. I am asking each member to recruit one new brother during the year.

It would be an enlightening experience to have a member(s) who have not attended a meeting, a breakfast or a sponsored charitable event, make his presence shown. You might be surprised at what you are missing. If for some reason you have a transportation problem, give me a call and we can make arrangements.

Do not forget to send in your Raffle money & tickets. The first drawing is Sunday, January 22, 2017. The winning tickets will be pulled at 11:30 AM at the end of the monthly breakfast. Remember, the more tickets we sell, the more monies we have to give for our Charities

Thank You and God Bless Our Council and members
Herbert D. Hagmann
Grand Knight Vivat Jesus

**January 22,2017
Blood Drive at the
Breakfast Buffet
9AM till 12 Noon
Donate a pint of
blood and get a free
Breakfast and a \$10.
gift card from
Luigi's .
Call Brother Felix
Spano
732-585-8281 for
more info**

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.

January's Events

Jan 1 New Year's Day

Jan 12 Business Meeting

Jan 22 Breakfast Buffet & Blood Drive

Upcoming Events

Feb 2 Officer's Meeting

Feb 8 Business Meeting

Feb 15 Semi-Annual Report Due

Feb 27 Pasta Dinner

Feb 28 Breakfast Buffet

January Birthdays

Brothers,

Happy Birthday!

Louis Berardi

George Bruder Jr. PGK

Peter Dinardo

Michael Donovan

Raul Hernandez

David King

Chris L'Heureux

Robert McDonald PGK

John Orlando

Jeffery Petz

Walter Rapka

Robert Rizzo

Edward Rocco

Richard Rogalski

Edward Sullivan

December's Raffle Winners

1st Prize John Calandriello \$89.17

2nd Prize Jonathon Fabbriatore \$44.58

3rd Prize Mary Anton \$44.58

4th Prize Joe Salvatore \$22.29

5th Prize Ray Marzarella \$22.29

The 2017 Raffle Tickets will be available at this Month's Breakfast Buffet. This year we sold 107 tickets netting the Council \$2500. for our charity work. We would like to sell all 300 tickets this time netting us a total of \$7500 for charity and \$7500 in prizes. If you don't want to sell them then buy one for yourself. At fifty dollars it costs \$4.17 per month for the year. You have 60 chances to win all year (such a deal) and the more we sell, the bigger the prize. **Please turn in sold tickets at the January Breakfast Buffet by 11AM.**

Good of the Order

"As a reminder, it is the responsibility of all Brothers to inform either the Grand Knight Herb Hagmann 732-245-5388, or the Financial Secretary John Kopcak (732-776-7643) 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.