



KNIGHT LETTER

February 2017

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

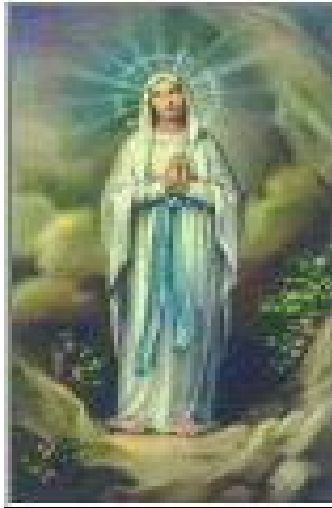
My Brother Knights,

Love is a man and his maiden

There are three things that are too amazing for me, for that I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with his maiden. ~ Proverbs 30:18-19

How was it with you when you first fell in love with the girl you married? Or (if you feel that you were in love) look at her now through another man's eyes. Think about those things that are attractive in her. Love her with a sensitive appreciation and watch her become beautiful as she reflects and radiates the love you have poured out to her. As Christians we can be sure that romantic love is as old as Time itself, for it came into being in the Garden when the man and woman gazed on each other. We must recognize that it was our Creator who gifted us with capacity for the intense and passionate emotions required to fall in love. Clearly, God intended for our emotional potential to be fully developed in marriage and to find its fulfillment in oneness with our beloved.

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

Knights, make time for your Ladies today, and everyday.

Remember do not forget February 14, St. Valentine's Day for that special someone!!

Thank You

God Bless Our Council and members

Herbert D. Hagmann

Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus

I would like to personally thank Felix Spano on a very successful Blood Drive. We had 28 Donors.

Dinner Alert

Chili, Corn Bread and Salad

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

A reflection in anticipation of the coming season of Lent

A number of years ago an elderly man with a huge ego invited about ten friends to go to the art museum with him. He couldn't wait to bring attention to himself by flaunting his expertise as an art critic in front of his friends. In his haste to make himself the center of attraction the near sighted old man left his glasses behind.

Noticing a frame in front of him he approached the front of the gallery with all of his friends. He began his criticism of the figure in front of him. As he spoke more and more people gathered around him. "That frame," he said, "does not go with the background. The subject itself is extremely ugly and does not belong as the subject of art. The artist should have chosen a face that shows some integrity." His wife who had been trying to work her way through the crowd finally reached him and said very quietly, Dear, you are standing in front of a mirror."

The gospel for Ash Wednesday is about people like that. The Pharisees focused on themselves while they were praying, helping the poor or fasting. They were doing good things with their focus in the wrong place. Their focus should have been on God. Lent as we all know is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to the poor and we should continue to do those things. But it is also a period of conversion, a period of change, a time of turning away from sin and being faithful to the Gospel. We can begin our conversion by changing our focus from ourselves to God. It's something that we can do without much disruption in our daily life. We can begin each day by telling God that we offer all our prayers, good works, joys and sufferings to Him. When we pray, pray with sincerity and feeling. Talk to God as if he were a friend. As we go about our busy lives make a conscious effort to see and feel God's presence. If we help someone in need because we feel sorry for them remember that the compassion we feel is the presence of God in our life telling us to help. If we are good at something and get a feeling of accomplishment thank God for giving us that gift. If we help the poor try to see the suffering Christ in their eyes. If we are at work or at school and someone annoys us and we hold our temper because it might cause trouble if we don't try to remember that they are also creatures of God and He wants us to love and respect them. By making God our focus and bringing Him into our lives we will turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

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!"

February's Events

Feb 2 Officer's Meeting
Feb 8 Business Meeting
Feb 14 St. Valentine's Day
Feb 15 Semi-Annual Report Due
Feb 25 Pasta Dinner
Feb 26 Breakfast Buffet

Upcoming Events

March 1 Ash Wednesday
March 4/5 Membership Drive - Ascension
March 11/12 Membership Drive Holy Innocents
March 26 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

January's Raffle Winners

1st Prize John Charette \$115.00
2nd Prize Ray Marzarella \$57.50
3rd Prize Joseph A. Lynch PGK \$57.50
4th Prize JRon & Marie Massari \$28.75
5th Prize Bob Lynch \$28.75

February Birthdays

Brothers,
Happy Birthday!
Joseph Abbruscato
Edward Bertini
Richard Coscarelli
Gerald D'Imperio
James Emmons PGK
Phillip Escola
David Frick
Robert Goehring
Don Lee
Scott Lintzenich
Bob Lynch
Mark Murtagh PGK
Arthur Petz PGK
Joseph Phillips PGK
Mickey Pondaco PGK
Phillip Pondaco
Christopher Seidle
Charles Uliano

Council 816 Pasta Dinner on February 25, 2017. 203 W. Sylvania Ave. Neptune City, NJ

Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tickets: Adults: \$13.00 Seniors: \$10.00
Children: \$8.00

For Information or Tickets Contact:
GK Herb Hagmann: 732-245-5388 or
Joe Lynch: jalynch696@verizon.net

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

Thanks to all of the Brothers that bought Tickets and to the Brothers that sold the majority of Tickets .

Because of your hard work we sold a total of 138 tickets, which netted us \$3450.00 for our charity savings account.

On another note, we now have two Brothers named Robert Lynch. To avoid confusion, I will refer to our new Brother Lynch as "Bob".

Please don't forget that it is St. Valentine on Feb.14th.

God bless, Joe