



KNIGHT LETTER

March 2017

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,
March 29 –The anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882

Solders of Christ

Soldiers are identified by their uniforms. Spies and undercover agents disguise themselves, hoping to slip in without being noticed. The Lord doesn't need undercover Christians. He needs those who wear His uniform and proudly identify themselves with Him. Do you act as a "secret believer" - one who unveils your Christianity only when it is non-threatening? In hostile situations, do you cover up your true identity? This kind of clandestine discipleship makes it easy to deny the Lord in difficult times. When the apostle Peter tried to secretly follow the Lord at a distance, on three occasions he denied that he knew Jesus.

To come out of your foxhole, you must first decide to be identified with Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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

No more secrecy, no more undercover discipleship. Straightforwardly proclaiming your allegiance to the Lord is practical evidence of your faith. Do your friends and coworkers know that you are Catholic? Do they know you are a Knight? Are you a clandestine Knight in hostile situations?

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Thank You

God Bless Our Council and members

Herbert D. Hagmann
Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus

Dinner Alert
Pizza and Salad
Worthy gave the cooks
the night off.

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

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 Israelites 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.**

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!"

March Events

March 9 Business Meeting

March 11/12 Membership Drive Holy Innocents

March 26 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

Upcoming Events

April 2 Communion Brunch /Ascension 12 PM Mass

April 2 Officer's Meeting

April 9 Palm Sunday

April 13 Business Meeting /Holy Thursday

April 14 Good Friday

April 16 Easter Sunday

April 20 Pride in Priests Dinner

April 23 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

April 29 Birthright Dinner

March Birthdays

Brothers,

Happy Birthday!

Robert Carroll

Ron Desposito

Gary Duverney PGK

Vincent Gifford

Patrick Glynn

Charles Keenan

Mike Mangeri

Sebastain VaccaroPGK

Febuary's Raffle Winners

1st Prize Robert LaBella \$115.00

2nd Prize Walter Rapka Jr \$57.50

3rd Prize John Kopcak PGK \$57.50

4th Prize Gerard D'Angelo \$28.75

5th Prize John Garbarino \$28.75

Council 816

April 2, 2017

Annual Communion

Breakfast/Brunch

at the Council Home

after the 12 PM Mass at

Ascension Church.

**All are invited to receive Communion in body at Mass
and go back to the hall for a delectible Brunch.**

Foundation News

We now have a new ice machine.

Negotiations are ongoing for a dumpster for our Council.

Troop Morale-Soldier Boxes

The soldier boxes have been discontinued. Doreen has gotten both sons back stateside and they have stopped asking for requests.

God Bless our Troops.

Editor's Note

Next month our Worthy Grand Knight Herb will appoint a nominating committee for Officers to lead the Council in the 2017-2018 Columbian Year. They will be asking the members to fill the Chairs and positions that will set the course of the Council for the upcoming year. I can attest having served in various positions over the years, that it is most rewarding and the satisfaction you feel knowing that you have contributed to the success of the Council is, to put it frankly, unbelievable. So please, if you are approached by the committee to serve in some position in the Council, consider it. Who knows, one day we could be calling you Worthy Grand Knight.

God bless, Joe