



KNIGHT LETTER

April 2017

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,
CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY is the Passion of the Christ

The Passion of the Christ is a movie directed by Mel Gibson, has, in no way that the film industry has ever dramatized before, depicted the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life. It underscores the emotion, pain and passion of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Anyone who has seen the movie came out of the theatre understanding better just how incredible his love for us is. Everything about the Son of God comes down to this: he forgives us because he loves us. As we all know love is the cornerstone of the virtue of Charity. If you have seen the movie, especially with others in a movie theatre, the sense of unity and fraternity that it offers is profound.

The next time you receive the Body and Blood of Christ, remember that it is his actual Body and Blood, and that despite how dramatic the movie might have been, it still pales in comparison to receiving and experiencing the Eucharist itself.

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

Please note:
The Business Meeting will be on Wednesday April 12th due to Holy Thursday.

How do you feel and what do you think when you are receiving the Body and Blood of Christ? Do you reverence the Eucharist whenever you are in his presence – the presence of Christ?

WHAT IS EASTER?

Easter is the day that Christians celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Christians choose to celebrate this resurrection, because they believe that Jesus was crucified, died, and was raised from the dead in order to pay the penalty for sin. His death assured that believers would have eternal life.

I would like to wish all my brothers and their families a Holy and Happy Easter.

Thank You

God Bless Our Council and members

Herbert D. Hagmann
Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus

Dinner Alert

Ravioli, Bread and Salad

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.

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!"

April Events

April 2 Communion Brunch /Ascension 12 PM Mass

April 6 Officer's Meeting

April 9 Palm Sunday

April 12 Business Meeting

April 13 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

Upcoming Events

May 4 Officer's Meeting

May11 Business Meeting- Slate of officers

May14 Mother's Day

May19& 20 State Convention Wildwood

May28 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

July15 Blueclaws Game

April Birthdays Brothers, Happy Birthday!

James Aldarelli

Giacomo Bertini

Daniel Brown PGK

Gerard Brown

Robert BrownPGK

Nicholas Burke

Michael Freeman

Gerald Freda

Pascal Gambardella

Anthony Gesualdo

John Kiernan

Frej Krook

Joseph Marmora

Jose Pastrana

Ken Roberts

Robert Shafer Jr.

Keith Sturzione

Walter Thompson

Richard Weber

Bruce Wescott

Michael Yezo

March's Raffle Winners

1st Prize Sebastian Vaccaro PGK \$115.00

2nd Prize Cheryl Pappa \$57.50

3rd Prize Felix Spano \$57.50

4th Prize Lorraine Charette \$28.75

5th Prize Brian Basaman \$28.75

Foundation News

We will be planning a cleanup and maintenance evening in May.
More information next month.

Ladies Auxiliary News

Once again the Auxiliary is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is Catholic and who will pursue further academic studies.

This year the scholarship is in memory of Emily A. Donovan. Emily was a charter member of the Auxiliary and was devoted to its work. It was her request that donations be made to our scholarship fund. Through the generous gifts of her friends and family we are able to offer the scholarship again this year.

If you would like an application, please call Karen Kopcak (732) 776-7643.

Editor's Note

When you think about the Knights of Columbus Council 816, think about opportunities. The opportunity to help the hungry, with our turkey basket program during the holidays. The opportunity to help local Fire and First Aid Departments and Hospitals with our donations. The opportunity to help our Churches. The opportunity to travel, we sponsored two trips to Ireland, a trip to Italy and a trip to the Dominican Republic. Also, a cruise to the Caribbean. The opportunity to support the Council by attending your Breakfast Buffet. The opportunity to attend baseball and football games with other Brothers and their families. Each one of these opportunities represents the core values of our order, Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Think about it. Your Council, your opportunity.

God bless, Joe