



KNIGHT LETTER

June 2017

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

CHARITY is a pledge of allegiance

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord... - Psalm 33:12

Patriotism is a positive attitude for believers. The Pledge of Allegiance reads:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Patriotism to our nation is a secondary allegiance under the general umbrella of covenant loyalty to God. We are submitted to God's authority, and are therefore submitted to every authority that He allows on earth (Romans 13: 1-7). In the allegiance to the country in which we dwell, we have a covenantal obligation to

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

seek its welfare. *Seek the peace of the city...and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace* (Jeremiah 29: 5-7). When we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States, we are not doing it in a blind loyalty which says, "My country – right or wrong." We recognize the flag as a symbol of the nation in which we are living temporarily. As we show commitment and submission to every human organization, we also demonstrate our integrity by showing patriotism to our country.

Our country has laws that are in direct conflict with Church teachings. How do you reconcile your allegiance to God and country?

The people are masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert it. ~ Abraham Lincoln.

I would like to thank all my brothers for their support during my two years as Grand Knight. I hope that you give the new officers the same support.

Happy Father's Day to all my Brother DAD'S.

Enjoy your summer!!!

Vivat Jesus

Thank You
God Bless Our Council and members

Herbert D. Hagmann
Grand Knight

Dinner Alert
Election Night
Spaghetti Dinner
w/ Salad and Bread

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

An eight year old was being interviewed on TV. The child came from a large family in which the mother got up first, got the children off to school, got the father off to work, and then got down to the business of daily household chores. At one point in the interview, the youngster was asked, "What do you think your mother wants the most?" Unhesitatingly, he replied, "To go back to bed." Do you think that if the mother had the chance to sleep every day it would make her perfectly happy for the rest of her life? I don't think so. We all have our desires, our wants our longings but did you ever notice that our longings are always stronger than the satisfaction. According to theologian and author Ronald Rolheiser these unquenchable desires are present in all of us and whether we know it or not it is really a hunger for intimacy with God or what some might call heaven. It is what he calls the HOLY LONGING.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks of the Eucharist, e.g. eating His Body and drinking His Blood. The truth is that the only nourishment that can come close to satisfying our spiritual hunger here on earth is the Eucharist. It is the most effective way to salvation or intimacy and union with God. In the Eucharist Jesus actually gives himself to us completely and entirely, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. His gift brings heaven on earth, unity with God.

The depth of our intimacy with Christ depends on us. The first thing we must have is faith. The two oldest Christian Churches in the world, the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church have always taught that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. Yet statistics state that 67% of Roman Catholics do not believe in the true presence. How intimate can we be with Christ if we don't believe in the true presence? Faith is a gift BUT WE HAVE TO accept that gift and believe what we cannot fully understand if we are to get any benefit from the Eucharist. Personally I don't believe those statistics but I do know that the intensity of our faith does vary among us and even within ourselves on a day-to-day basis and that affects our intimacy with Christ. Other things beside faith effect how well our spiritual hunger is satisfied. How well to we prepare ourselves for the reception of the Eucharist? Are we truly sorry for our sins? Do we pay attention during Mass? Do we approach the Eucharist with reverence and thanksgiving? Do we make a conscious effort to realize what we are doing? After the reception of the Eucharist do we continue to realize that Christ dwells within us and that we are in communion with God? These things for the most part seem easy to correct but they are not. It is part of our human condition. We will never be perfect. But as Catholics we are called by God to struggle to reach the ideal. Through that struggle we will be come more intimate with Christ here on earth and through that struggle our spiritual hunger will be completely satisfied when we meet Christ without the distractions of the world in eternal life.

2017-2018 Columbian Year Slate of Officers

Grand Knight Sebastian Pasquale Vaccaro Jr

Deputy Grand Knight Paul J Charette

Chancellor Christopher J Piazza

Recorder Stephen Grandinetti

Treasurer Joseph A Lynch - PGK

Advocate Daniel J Maxwell

Warden Richard Coscarelli

Inside Guard Michael F Mangeri

Outside Guard Anthony R Pappa

One Year Trustee James A Emmons - PGK

Two Year Trustee Dominick P Pondaco - PGK

Three Year Trustee Herbert D Hagmann

Financial Secretary Deacon John M Kopcak - PGK

June Events

June 1 Officer's Meeting

June 8 Business Meeting- Election of officers

June 19 Third Degree

June 18 Father's Day

June 19 Work party at Hall (outside maintenance)

June 24 Dinner

June 25 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

Upcoming Events

July 15 Blueclaws Game

June Birthdays

Brothers,

Happy Birthday!

Joseph Antoniotti

Rev. Michael Alueta

Mark Bilella

Herbert Hagmann GK

Tom Irish

William Jenkins PGK

Edward Juliano

Matthew Kocen

Michael Kopcak

Kenneth OBrien

Louis Parisi

Walter Piasio PGK, FSD

Michael Volante

Knights of Columbus # 816

203 W. Sylvania Ave, Neptune City

Turkey Basket Fundraiser Dinner

Saturday June 24, 2017

6:30 P.M.

\$25.00 per Person

Choice of Herb Encrusted Pork Rib

Roast, Chicken Rollatini or Pasta

Primavera

Vegetable, Coffee and Dessert

BYOB

Please call for Reservations

Phone: 732-245-5388

Foundation News

Our cleanup and maintenance will be June 19.

We will patch the parking lot and other jobs.

May's Raffle Winners

1st Prize Chris Piazza \$115.00

2nd Prize Denny Rogers \$57.50

3rd Prize John Steinitz \$57.50

4th Prize Bonnie Alivich \$28.75

5th Prize Wendy Callahan \$28.75

Degree Alert

There will be a 3rd Degree on June 9th. All Second Degree members should take advantage of this opportunity. We will meet at the Council Home at 7PM.

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!"

Editor's Note

We are holding a fund-raiser dinner to supplement our Turkey Basket Program this year. Our hope is to raise enough funds to expand the program to include the Food Bank this year. If successful, there will not be a need to solicit the members for donations in Oct./Nov. this year. We have planned an excellent menu and have eighty brand new seats.

Our exterior is in need of sprucing up. If you can spare an evening on June 19th, the Council could use your help. Remember those Opportunities!
God bless, Joe

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.

Flea Market/Vendors

Saturday, June 10th, 9am-4pm

\$25 vendor table

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Contact: Cookie Jacqueline G Dollive at cookie lady60@outlook.com

to obtain table ASAP...going fast!!! Rain date June 24.