



KNIGHT LETTER

August 2017

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Dear Brothers:

Only by doing your best will you discover what talents you truly have. When I stand before GOD at the end of my life, I would hope that I would have not a single talent left and I could say I used everything you gave me.

“Active councils are successful councils” -

I have always stressed the more you participate in our council - the more you will experience true brotherhood. I want everyone to experience what I have over the years - I can honestly say that I love my council and all my brothers. As we work together in unity, we will continue to grow and succeed.

Remember, yesterday is a cancelled check, tomorrow is a promissory note, today is all you have - spend it wisely.

God Bless You
Sebastian P. Vaccaro
Grand Knight

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

Supreme News

The Supreme Council is mandating changes to all Councils that own their own Council Homes. It involves legal changes to our Foundation and the Council. Because of the legal nature of the changes it is more complicated than we thought. We will announce our progress at the Business Meeting.

Dinner Alert
Subs and Salad

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

I'm sure that most of you remember the comedian George Carlin. In some ways he was an enigma. A fallen away Catholic who became an atheist, he gave financial support to the Catholic High school he attended as a teenager. He went so far as to dedicate one of his albums to the priests and nuns who taught him. They must have had a great influence on him because you can see many Catholic themes in his comedy routines. My favorite routine is the one that he did on "STUFF". He tells us that all you need in life is a place for your stuff. This is my stuff, that's your stuff, that's his stuff over there. Your house is just a place to keep your stuff. A house is a pile of stuff with a cover over it. When you leave your house you got to lock it up so that someone doesn't come and take some of your stuff. That's what a house is, a place to keep your stuff while you go out and get...more stuff. Sometimes you gotta move. You gotta get a bigger house. Why? No room for your stuff anymore.

Carlin is addressing human tendencies. We all need things to survive. But very often we are not satisfied with just meeting our needs. We have a desire to accumulate things in abundance. The moral question is what do we do with that abundance?

The story of the multiplication of the loaves is the only story that is in all four gospels. It is a story of Jesus taking care of the physical needs of others. He had just cured many sick. He was being followed by thousands of people and saw that they were hungry. Having only five barley loaves and two fish He fed over 5000 people with an abundance of food, so abundant that there was 12 wicker baskets of fragments left over. Did you ever wonder what He did with that food? Do you think He kept it for Himself? Did He divide it between Himself and the Apostles or did He give to those in need? The question for us is what do we do with our abundance what do we do with our stuff?

The story of the multiplication of the loaves is not just a story of Jesus meeting the physical needs of others. It is a story about meeting their spiritual needs. This is especially true of the gospel of John. John's gospel is said to be the most spiritual gospel of the four. John's rendition of the multiplication of the loaves is different than the synoptic gospel in subtle ways. In John's gospel the focus is on the bread. He distributes the loaves Himself. In the other gospels His disciples distribute the bread. When He gives thanks, the Greek word euchararisteo is used, the same word that Eucharist comes from. In the next several weeks we will be reading the gospel of John and the allegorical significance of the bread will be explained by Jesus when he says, "I am the Bread of Life." When John tells the story of the loaves he is telling his audience that Christ, the bread from heaven, is present in the Eucharist.

St. Paul tells us that through our baptism we are called to take care of the physical and spiritual needs of others just as Jesus did. We meet their spiritual needs by comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently and praying for the living and the dead.

We meet their physical needs e.g. feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless by sharing our abundance, by sharing our stuff.

Men's Annual Retreat

September 22-24

At **San Alfonso Retreat House**

Long Branch New Jersey

COST: \$210.00

Limited Availability

\$50 Non refundable Deposit

required by August 20th

For Reservations

Call Deacon John

732-776-7643

July Events

Aug 10 Business Meeting

Aug 13 Family Week kickoff @ Ascension
10am Mass

Aug 14 Chapter Meeting Meet @ Hall 7pm

Aug 16 Work Party

Aug 20 Family Week wrapup @ Holy Innocents
10 am Mass

Aug 27 Breakfast Buffet for Holy Innocent's
Society Sacrament Program and Raffle
Drawing

Upcoming Events

Sept 9 PGK Dinner

Sept 24 Breakfast Buffet for Coats for Kids
and Raffle Drawing

Sept 30 Installation of Officers

Oct 7 & 8 Membership Drive Holy Innocents
(with Fathers blessing)

Oct 14&15 Membership Drive Ascension
(with Fathers blessing)

Oct 21 Dinner Dance

Nov 11 Memorial Mass

Dec 16 Council Christmas Party

Past Grand Knight Dinner

Sept. 9, 2017 6:30PM

honoring

Herb Hagmann PGK

at

Luigi's (next to Clancy's)

Choice of :

Veal, Chicken or Pasta

\$35.00 Per Person tip included

BYO

Information and Reservations call:

GK Sam Vaccaro PGK:

732-762-2609

August Birthdays

Brothers,

Happy Birthday!

Daniel Abbruscato

Ray Barnes PGK

Mark Bozzo

Richard Brudzynski

Richard Buckley

George Chalmers

Ron Chirichella

Richard Delaney

Rev. Boby Kurian

James Maliff

Gerald McAtee

Pete McCarthy

Mauricio Toledo

Phillip Walsh

Foundation News

Our cleanup and maintenance was a great success.

Thanks to the Brothers that took time from their busy evening to help spruce up the property. Another work party will be on August 18, 7 PM.

Hope to see you then.

July's Raffle Winners

1st Prize Robert LaBella \$115.00

2nd Prize Cheryl Pappa \$57.50

3rd Prize Anthony Pappa \$57.50

4th Prize Thursday Nightowls \$28.75

5th Prize Stacey Pellicuio \$28.75

Good of the Order

"As a reminder, it is the responsibility of all Brothers to inform either the Grand Knight Sebastian P. Vaccaro (732-762-2609), 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're going to Italy!

The next two pages have the outline of the trip. This is what we have been waiting for since the Ireland Trip. All three of our European adventures were fabulous and this one promises to be just as good, if not better. Prior to the September Business meeting there will be a presentation by TravelSmiths during dinner. All interested party's are invited to attend (members and non-members). Be sure to mark your calendar for Sept. 14th at 7PM.

God bless, Joe

ITALIA\ SAMPLER

SEPTEMBER 21ST TO 30TH, 2018

Please note the below vacation map, day-by-day itinerary, meals, are from 2017 and are subject to change. 2018 vacation details and information will be available in the Fall.

Day 1 Arrive on Rome, Italy

Welcome to Rome! At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, and leave the hotel for a special welcome dinner with wine at one of Rome's lively restaurants.

Day Rome

Enjoy Globus' unique guided sightseeing, including inside visits to all highlights of religious and ancient Rome. This morning, visit the amazing COLOSSEUM and the ROMAN FORUM, where Roman legions marched in triumph. Balance of the day at leisure. An optional walking tour with a Local Guide is available to further explore famous sites for those who wish to see it all.

Day 3 Rome-Monteriggioni-Chianti Hills

In the morning, visit the VATICAN MUSEUMS and SISTINE CHAPEL with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment and monumental ST. PETER'S SQUARE and BASILICA to admire Michelangelo's Pietà. Then, leave the "Eternal City" and follow the Apennine Hills to the medieval walled town of Monteriggioni, which dates back to the early 13th century, and still has the original 14 towers. Walk to the main square, Piazza Roma, enjoy some free time, and try out traditional cantucci alle mandorle (local almond biscuits). Continue through unforgettable vine-clad landscapes to your hotel, perfectly situated in the renowned Chianti hills. (B.D)

Day 4 Chianti Hills-San Gimignano-Florence-Pisa

Walk through the center of picturesque San Gimignano, one of Italy's most perfectly preserved medieval towns. Continue to Florence, "Cradle of the Renaissance," and follow your Local Guide on a walking tour. Visit the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS to admire Michelangelo's celebrated David. Marvel at the magnificent marble cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gate of Paradise," and sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE. Afterwards, time to shop for leather goods and gold jewelry, which Florence is famous for. Before arriving in Pisa, enjoy dinner at Tenute di Badia restaurant.

Day 5 Pisa-Mantua-Verona Area

Marvel at the legendary Leaning Tower before arriving at the fascinating city of Mantua, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by three artificial lakes that were created in the 12th century. Guided sightseeing features a walk through the historical center and the Percorso del Principe (Path of the Prince), and a visit to TEATRO BIBIENA, designed by Antonio Galli Bibiena in late baroque/early rococo style. Mozart

performed here at the age of 13 in January 1770, a few weeks after the theater opened.

Day 6 Verona Area

Explore Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Take pictures of Juliet's balcony and rub the shining breast on her statue for good luck. Continue to the Arena, an incredibly well-preserved pink marble Roman amphitheater, where gladiators once fought. Built in the 1st century AD, it is now the magical venue for world-famous opera performances. Balance of the day is at leisure. An exciting optional excursion is available to Lake Garda and Sirmione.

Day 7 Verona Area-Trento-Bassano-Padua

Follow the valley of the Adige River to Trento, a modern city in the Dolomites, the "Rocky Mountains" of Europe. Over the centuries, Trento was always an important commercial and strategic city, Italy's "Gate to Northern Europe," with Brenner Pass through the Alps to nearby Austria. In the 14th century, Trento province was under Austrian rule, and until the end of World War I, the city was practically on the Austrian border. Your orientation shows you how Italian Renaissance and German styles have mixed overtime. Next, a spectacular drive through the Dolomites brings you to the area of Bassano, where you will enjoy a GRAPPA TASTING, accompanied by some local specialties at the famous Poll Museo della Grappa (Grappa Museum). Later, continue to Padua and see St. Anthony's Basilica.

Day 8 Padua. Excursion to Venice

A short drive brings you to Venice. Enter in style by PRIVATE BOAT and meet your Local Guide. Highlights of your walking tour are ST. MARK'S SQUARE and the byzantine BASILICA, lavish DOGES' PALACE and the BRIDGE OF SIGHS. Also watch a skilled GLASSBLOWER fashion delicate objects in an age-old traditional manner. Time at leisure to further explore Venice at your own pace or to join an optional gondola serenade. Later, follow your Tour Director through narrow streets to Al Colombo restaurant near Rialto Bridge, where the owner, Domenico Stanziani, has prepared a special farewell dinner with wine. Afterwards, enjoy a PRIVATE WATER-TAXI RIDE through the Grand Canal as a proper arrivederci.

Day 9 Padua

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning (the nearest airport is Venice).

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Book by November 15th, 2017: \$3,299.00 Per Person in Twin Accommodations

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Package includes:

- Bus transportation from Knights of Columbus
- Round Trip International Airfare from Philadelphia
- Transfers
- First Class Accommodations
- 8 Breakfasts, 5 3-Course Dinners with Wine
- Entrances to the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square & Basilica, Colosseum & Roman Forum. Michelangelo's David, Tower of Pisa, St. Anthony's Basilica, St. Mark's Square & Basilica. Doge's Palace & Bridge of Sighs
- Walking tour Romeo & Juliet balcony & Arena
- Grappa tasting
- Glass Blowing Demonstration
- Private Boat through the Grand Canal