



KNIGHT LETTER

September - October 2017

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Dear Brothers:

“CHARITY”

Charity—This principle, which is exemplified in the First Degree, it is the basis of all we do as knights and as Catholics. When Father McGivney founded this Organization in 1882, he did so with the intention of helping those most in need.

No man can tell whether he is Rich or Poor by turning to his Ledger — he is Rich or Poor according to what he is — not according to what he has.

As Knights we practice what we have learned at our First Degree - Charity- according to the Knights of Columbus annual survey, in the last ten years, we have donated more than \$1.4 Billion Dollars and more than 664 million hours of service.

Our Council participates in the “Share Program” where we provide meal boxes to the needy on a monthly basis, “Eyes for the Needy”, Coats for Kids” and “Food for the Hungry” during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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

Most recently we contributed funds to benefit St. Mary's Holy Innocent Society Sacrament Program/.

Now Hurricanes Irma and Harvey victims NEED OUR HELP! We have a history of being there in times of disaster! The net profit of this coming breakfast, Sept 24. will benefit these victims.

The Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Fund is used to support the work of Local Councils through their disaster response effort, in coordination with emergency agencies and first responders. One hundred percent of the funds raised go directly to relief efforts.

God Bless You,
Sebastian P. Vaccaro
Grand Knight

**Pro-life
Where would you be without it.**

Dinner Alert

**Sept. Pizza
Oct. Meatloaf**

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

The prophet Isaiah tells us not to fear. God will come to save us. As sign of His coming the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be cleared. What was promised by Isaiah, the gospel of Mark pronounces as fulfilled when Jesus heals the deaf man who had a speech impediment. But there is much more to this gospel. The miracle was performed in the district of Decapolis, an area on the Sea of Galilee that was occupied by Gentiles. By curing a gentile Mark is telling us that in God's eyes all people have value. Salvation is for all. Jesus throughout His whole ministry responded to the injustice and suffering of all people. The rich, the poor, the powerful, the weak, Jew and Gentile. Jesus plan for redemption did not come to an end when He left this earth. Because of our Baptism we are called to respond to those same injustices and sufferings. I think we all have our favorite injustice that rouses our ire: for some it may be abortion, for others it may be poverty, for others violence, still others the environment. If we speak out against one form of injustice we should not consider other injustices irrelevant. Pope Francis, in *Laudato, Si*, tells us that concern for life, for nature, for the poor for the common good are not odd pieces of a puzzle that will not fit together but integrated pieces that are necessary for the puzzle to come together. In other words we cannot concentrate on one injustice to the exclusion of the others. We must fight against all injustice.

We've all heard the old adage that money is the root of all evil. While it may not be entirely true, obsession with money can cause a great deal of suffering and injustice in the world. I think that because money is necessary for us to live decently, we tend to glorify it. We all love the rags to riches stories. We all would love to win the lottery. Look at the people in our history that many of us would consider role models because of their money: John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Commodore Vanderbilt. The danger comes when we give preferential option to the rich.. That is what James was talking about in his letter when he warned against offering the rich a seat at table and telling the poor to stand.

The church teaches the opposite. It says that we must give the preferential option to the poor. It condemns excessive love of money and the use of money for purely selfish reasons. Jesus tells us that God saw the poor and chose them to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom. Included in the kingdom will be those people of means who do not cling to their wealth and are generous with their possessions. There is a story about a compassionate man who was upset by all the suffering and injustice in the world. One day while at prayer he said: " Dear God, Look at all the suffering and injustice in the world. Why don't you send help?" And God answered Him and said " I did. I sent you."

Our August Breakfast raised \$444.36 for the Holy Innocents Sacramental Program. Thank you and God bless!

Upcoming Events

Sept 14 Business Meeting

Sept 16 Paint Detail at Ascension Church

Sept 19 Work Party

**Sept 24 Breakfast Buffet for Hurricane Relief
and Raffle Drawing**

Sept 30 Installation of Officers

Oct 5 Officer's Meeting

Oct 12 Business Meeting

Oct 14&15 Membership Drive Ascension

Oct 21 Dinner Dance

**Oct 22 Breakfast Buffet for Coats for Kids
and Raffle Drawing**

Nov 4 & 5 Membership Drive Holy Innocents

Nov 11 Memorial Mass

Dec 16 Council Christmas Party

Dec 17 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

**Jan 28 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing and
Blood Drive**

Augusts Raffle Winners

1st Prize Thursday Nightowls \$115.00

2nd Prize Bruce Tiso \$57.50

3rd Prize Mary Ann Kirk \$57.50

4th Prize John Charette \$28.75

5th Prize Frank McMahon \$28.75

Foundation News

Our final cleanup and maintenance will be on Sept. 19,
6 PM. Hope to see you then.

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!”

September

Birthdays

Brothers

Happy Birthday!

Anthony Cashman

Jason Castillo

Raymond Fedak

Emil Fortunato

Big Al Freda

Sam Fusaro

John Grasso PGK

Joe Lesniewski

Peter Pojero

Thomas Polk

Don Rydell

Guy Scarpelli

Felix Spano

October

Birthdays

Brothers,

Happy Birthday!

Herb Daley

Tom Giambalvo

Walter Golembiewski

Richard Jarosz

Jeff Kamen

Mike Killeen

Tom Lynch

Francis Maguire

Andrew Orefice

Jamie Paztiro

Daniel Rust

John Schaad

Walter Stepien

Robert Woods

We're going to Italy!

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 parties are invited to attend (members and non-members). Sept.14th at 7PM.

God bless, Joe

Editor's Note

We are going to publish the Knightletter every other month. It would be helpful if you keep the upcoming events handy.

Look for a new publication in November. Our Breakfast Buffet this month will benefit the Disaster

Relief from the two devastating hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Come over after Mass to have a great breakfast and help the victims of the hurricanes.

God bless, Joe