



KNIGHT LETTER

May June 2019

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report What a Columbian Year!

- Readmission of the Parish of Mother Mercy to our Council
- Usher Appreciation at the Parish of Mother Mercy
- Breakfast with Santa
- Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Sponsor of a Seminarian with a \$500.00 gift
- Donated "The Building the Domestic Church Kiosk" at Mother Mercy Parish
- Sponsored Fifth Sunday Family Rosary at several churches
- Sponsored several Patriotic Rosary at our council home
- Bus trip to San Genaro and Mass at the historic Church of the Precious Blood
- Held our first Annual Meatball throwdown – Best Fund Raiser ever!
- Instituted the famous "Antonio's Italian Buffet" with record attendance
- Completion of our beautiful "Blessed Mother" statue & Prayer Garden

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

Largest recruitment of new members in over a decade!
"Keep Christ in Christmas" – record breaking sale of cards & magnets!

As Knights, we have something great to give and the first thing we have to give is ourselves; and we have certainly done that – as Knights we practice what we preach – Charity – Let's look back at what we have achieved this year!

- 100 new coats for kids – donated to our local community
- Share Program – we help deliver food to 14 needy families in our community on a monthly basis
- Donated \$1,000 to Saint Francis Society for Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets
- Donated \$1,000 to Saint Vincent DePaul Society for Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets
- Donated \$250 to Mercy Center for Thanksgiving food baskets
- Donated \$250 to St. Jude Children's Hospital
- Over 30 donors for our Annual Blood Drive
- Donated \$250 to Deborah Hospital
- Donated \$250 to ARC of Monmouth County
- Donated \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity

Thank you so much for your support this Columbian Year and let us continue to work together in "unity" to achieve more in the future.

May Good continue to Bless you for your hard work.

Sebastian P. Vaccaro, Sr.PGK

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

The Gospel of Mark tells us that Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth His neighbors and relatives had heard of his miracles. At first, when He began preaching in the temple, they were amazed. Where did He get such knowledge? But then their attitude changed. Is he not the carpenter? Is he not the son of Mary? He was just a carpenter what right did He have to teach us. They did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah. They couldn't even accept Him as a rabbi. They were totally blind to who he was. What should have been a moment of great faith had turned to envy and jealousy. **Their faith is so weak that Jesus could only perform a few miracles.**

There is a lesson to be learned from this gospel that has to do with our preconceptions and our attitudes. If we see Jesus only as our savior and do not follow His way of love for all creation, our faith is weakened. If we allow our preconceptions to influence the way we treat others, our faith is weakened. If we become envious and jealous of what others have, our faith is weakened. If we don't use the gifts that God has given us, our faith is weakened. We become like the people of Nazareth and as we saw in Mark's gospel little if anything can be accomplished without faith..

**Council 816 Presents:
Antonio's Italian Buffet
to benefit**

Special Olympics

on

May 25, 2019.

203 W. Sylvania Ave. Neptune City, NJ

BYOB

Time: 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$25.00

For Information or RSVP Contact:

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Schedule of Events

May

- 2 Officers Meeting
- 4 Birth Rite Dinner
- 9 Council Meeting – New Slate of Officers
- 12 Mother's Day
- 25 Antonio's Famous Italian Buffet – to benefit Special Olympics
- 26 Monthly Breakfast – to benefit Special Olympics
- 26 Novena & Rosary at Blessed Mother Prayer Garden 12:30 pm

June

- 6 Officers Meeting
- 13 Council Meeting – Election of Officers
- 16 Father's Day
- 14 Flag Day – Patriotic Rosary at 6:30 pm
- 23 Monthly Breakfast
- 30 Fifth Sunday Family Rosary – Ascension Church 10:00 am Mass

Slate of Officers 2019-2020

Herb Hagmann PGK- GK
Anthony Goralski- DGK
Chris Piazza - Chancellor
John Ganley - Warden
John Kopcak PGK Financial Secretary
Joseph Lynch PGK- Treasurer
Bob Lynch - Recorder
Richard Coscarelli- Lector
Dan Maxwell- Advocate
Trustees
Sebastain Vaccaro PGK- 3rd year
James Emmons PGK- 2nd-year
Mickey Pondaco PGK 1-year

June Birthdays Brothers, Happy Birthday!

Joseph Antoniotti
Rev. Michael Alueta
Mark Bilella
Herbert Hagmann PGK
Tom Irish
William Jenkins PGK
Edward Juliano
Matthew Kocen
Michael Kopcak
Kenneth OBrien
Louis Parisi
Walter Piasio PGK, FSD
Michael Volante

May Birthdays Brothers, Happy Birthday!

Harry Devine
Anthony Goralski
John Kopcak PGK
Robert La Falce
Edward Moskal
Glenn Osborne
Donald Paccione
Robert Shafer III
Mike Strada
Michael Tomaszeski
Michael Wilcken
Mark Ziolkowski

Dinner Alert!
PGK Jim Emmons'
Famous Spring
Cookout
Burgers, Dogs, Steak
Fries, Potato & Macaroni
Salads Cole Slaw
7 PM before
the meeting

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

Brothers, The calendar is full for the next two months. We have nominations this month and elections next month. Also Novena & Rosary at our Blessed Mother Prayer Garden 12:30 pm. June 14 Flag Day – Patriotic Rosary at 6:30 pm. May and June have Mother's and Father's Day. If your parents are still with us rejoice. Do something special with them on their day (you only get one set). If they are gone, say a special prayer for them that God will show His mercy to them and accept them into Heaven.

Italian Night will be on May 25th. The net proceeds will benefit Special Olympics.

Please mark your calendar for this important event.

God bless, Joe Lynch PGK