



# KNIGHT LETTER

July August 2019

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Brothers,

We take July 4<sup>th</sup> to reflect on our nation's religious roots. The Declaration of Independence is the official and unequivocal affirmation by the American people of their belief and faith in God. It affirms God's existence as a "self-evident" truth that requires no further discussion or debate. The nation created by the great Declaration is God's country. The rights it defines are God-given. The actions of its signers are God-inspired. The Declaration contains five references to God – God as supreme Lawmaker, God as Creator of all men, God as the Source of all rights, God as the world's supreme judge, and God as our Protector on whom we can rely. It declares that each of us is created equal. This means equally endowed with unalienable rights. It does not mean that all are born with equal capabilities. Nor does it mean that all of us can be made equal, as Communist dogma alleges. As the modern discovery of DNA now confirms, each of God's creatures is unequal and different in every other way from every other person.

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

The Declaration of Independence proclaims that life and liberty are the unalienable gifts of God – natural rights – which no person or government can rightfully take away. It affirms that the purpose of government is to secure our God-given unalienable individual rights, and that government derives its power from the consent of the governed. Our Declaration reduced government from master to servant, for the first time in history.

*If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under.*

President Ronald Reagan

I would like to thank the Officers who served our council last year. We accomplished many goals and tasks. This year, with the help of our Officers and members, I hope we can achieve many more goals to make this council more stable and enjoyable.

I would like to see more members attend meetings, especially after making their degrees. Have more members attend our social functions and also lend a helping hand. Also have members volunteer to help maintain our building and grounds.

Vivat Jesus

Herbert D. Hagmann

Grand Knight

# 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 everyday 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 do 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 become 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.

## Schedule of Events

### July

11 Business Meeting  
 28 Monthly Breakfast  
 31 Lifeline Screening @ Council

### August

1 Officers Meeting  
 8 Business Meeting  
 15 Feast of the Assumption  
 17 Blue Claws Game  
 24 Dinner - Doo Wop, Oldies. Burgers, Dogs Salads, ect.

### September

2 Labor Day  
 5 Officers Meeting  
 11 Business Meeting  
 12 Meatball Throwdown  
 21 Installation of Officers Mt Carmel  
 28-29 Membership Drive Mt. Carmel/  
 Holy Spirit  
 29 Fifth Sunday Rosary-Mt. Carmel

## Council 816

### Presents

The Lakewood Blueclaws  
 playing  
 Delaware on

Saturday August 17, 2019.  
 Game time is 7:05 PM.

The Picnic starts at 6:30 PM  
 and lasts for 90 minutes. Seating will  
 be in the Picnic Area along the 1<sup>st</sup>  
 base line near the Blueclaws  
 bullpen.

For tickets or information contact  
 Herb Hagmann GK 732-245-5388

or

Joe Lynch 732-682-1331

Knights of Columbus #816

Presents A

Meatball Throw-down

At the Jersey Shore

Meatball Judging categories:

- Best Traditional
- Best non-traditional
- Best dessert "meatball"
- Best overall

You will be the judge for each category

Location- Headliner, Route 35, Neptune,

NJ Thursday, September 12, 2019

Ticket price is \$25.00 includes meatballs,  
 coffee/desert. Cash Bar 6 PM-9PM

Proceeds to benefit Knights of  
 Columbus #816 Programs and Services

### July

Birthdays

Brothers,

Happy Birthday! □□□□□□□□

Vincent Allegro

Robert Burney

Paul Charette

James Degnan

Richard Greco

John Karon

James Kopcak

John Kopcak

James O'Malley

Anthony Pappa

Joseph Pawlak

William Tencza

Sebastian Vaccaro III

### August Birthdays

Brothers,

Happy Birthday!

Daniel Abbruscato

Ray Barnes PGK

Mark Bozzo

Richard Brudzynski

Richard Buckley

George Chalmers

Ron Chirichella

Richard Delaney

Steve Grandinetti

Rev. Boby Kurian

James Maliff

Gerald McAtee

Pete McCarthy

Mauricio Toledo

Phillip Walsh

### Good of the Order

"As a reminder, it is the responsibility of all Brothers to inform either the Grand Knight Herb Hagmann GK 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**

Brothers, We have many Brothers that are First Degree and Second Degree Knights that should move forward in their journey to full Knighthood. There will be a Second Degree on July 19th. We are asking all first Degree Brothers to attend this Degree. Please notify F.S. John Kopcak 732-776-7643 so he can inform the hosting Council you are attending. Transportation will be provided. Please meet at the Council Home at 6:45 PM sharp. When a Third Degree is scheduled you will be notified. Please take advantage of these opportunities to advance.

God bless, Joe Lynch PGK