



# KNIGHT LETTER

September October 2019

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Brothers;

## **Charity is adhering to a new commandment**

*A new commandment I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. - John 13:34*

Jesus' disciples were arguing about which of them would be the greatest in the kingdom. They were on an ego trip; they were being selfish, self-centered, self-indulgent, and insensitive to Jesus and the pain and sin He was about to bear.

Finally, Jesus did what they wouldn't do for each other. He washed their filthy feet. Then He said, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you." By washing their feet, He showed that where there is a need, love acts, sacrificially. This is the husband's role in marriage.

Paul says true love "does not seek its own ( 1Corinthians 13:5)." As long as a man is looking for what it is to love his wife as Christ loves the Church, and he can never experience the richness of self-giving and its amazing dividends.

The world teaches us to "be the macho man, the big shot. Don't let anyone step on your territory, fight back, grab all that you can because you deserve it." But the Bible simply says, "Set yourself aside."

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

When was the last time you made a sacrifice for your wife? When was the last time you changed your own carefully laid plans to accommodate her wishes?

*If you are to love that women in your house like Christ loves the Church, you will have to see the death of your own selfish desires. - John McArthur, Jr.*

## **On a Personnel note:**

I would like to thank my Brothers and the Ladies Auxiliary for their prayers and support during my Kidney Transplant Surgery and Rehab. It really helped me thru this time.

Prayers do work.

Vivat Jesus Herbert D. Hagmann Grand Knight

**Meatball Throwdown Sept. 12th  
At the Headliner.  
Business Meeting on the 11th.**

# The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard causes us to pause and question God's fairness. Why should the laborer who worked all day get the same wage as the one who worked only an hour? After all since the time of the Puritans Americans were taught to work hard and earn as much money as you can. The Puritans thought that wealth was a sign of God's favor and poverty was a sign of the opposite. This gospel is a wonderful gospel because there are many lessons to be learned. The first is the traditional lesson of God's loving mercy. The laborers who work all day represent those who followed the teachings of Jesus all their lives. The last group represents those who have not lived good lives but truly repent before they die. They enter into the kingdom the same as those who were good all their lives. If we apply human standards to that, God is being unfair. But don't we all hope that we can squeeze into heaven when we die?

Sometimes we have to put ourselves in the other guy's shoes to understand more fully. A denarius, which was the amount paid to all the laborers, was the amount of money that the average family needed each day to survive. Did you ever wonder why each group was hired when they were? Perhaps they weren't lazy. Maybe they were less physically fit, or handicapped or old. God's justice is about everyone being able to eat at the end of the day regardless of their capacity to work. Justice cannot be earned. It is a God given right. What is the reaction of those who worked all day? They were jealous. They thought that they should have more because they earned it and the other guy didn't. But again, justice is not something that is earned. Would it have been just for those who were hired last to receive less and not have enough to feed their families? Yet how often do we do the same thing? We all do it. The grass is always greener on the other side. We all have the feeling that we earned what we have. But the truth is we don't earn anything. Everything we have is a gift from God. If we have money it is because God gave us the physical and mental ability to get it. All gifts that come from God are given to us to be shared. Let us thank God for what we have. Let us not be jealous of what others have especially those who have less than we do. Jealousy leads to judgment. Judgment leads to hatred. Hatred leads to division. Division destroys justice and the common good. Remember what Jesus said, "To those who have been given much, much is expected."

## Schedule of Events

### September

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

### October

3 Officers Meeting  
10 Business Meeting  
12-13 Membership Drive Holy Innocents  
Chtistmas Cards  
20 Quarterly Breakfast Buffet  
26-27 Membership Drive Ascension  
Chtistmas Cards

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| September Birthdays Brothers Happy Birthday! | October Birthdays Brothers, Happy Birthday! |
| Anthony Cashman                              | Herb Daley                                  |
| Jason Castillo                               | Tom Giambalvo                               |
| Raymond Fedak                                | Walter Golembiewski                         |
| Emil Fortunato                               | Richard Jarosz                              |
| Big Al Freda                                 | Jeff Kamen                                  |
| Sam Fusaro                                   | Mike Killeen                                |
| John Grasso PGK                              | Tom Lynch                                   |
| Joe Lesniewski                               | Francis Maguire                             |
| Peter Pojero                                 | Andrew Orefice                              |
| Thomas Polk                                  | Jamie Paztiro                               |
| Don Rydell                                   | Daniel Rust                                 |
| Felix Spano                                  | John Schaad                                 |
|  | Walter Stepien                              |
|  | Robert Woods                                |

## 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.

CashBar 6 PM-9PM

Contact: Steve Grandinetti  
732-456-5343

Proceeds to benefit Knights of  
Columbus #816 Programs and  
Services

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Council 816's  
Quarterly  
Breakfast Buffet  
Scrambled Eggs,  
Bacon, Sausage,  
Home Fries, Pan-  
cakes & French Toast.  
Juice & Coffee  
\$10.00 per person  
\$8.00 for Seniors.

### 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,

This month we have our Meatball Throwdown (see page 4). Also, the Membership Drive at Mother of Mercy Parish. Installation of Officers with dinner to follow at the Council Home. In October there will be Membership Drives at Holy Innocents and Ascension. We will be selling Christmas Cards also. Please give us a helping hand after Mass handing out Literature and talking to your fellow parishioners about the Knights.

God bless, Joe Lynch PGK