



KNIGHT LETTER

July 2015

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights

I am honored to be your Grand Knight for the coming Columbian Year. Before I make any statements, I want to thank PGK Sabastian (Sam) Vaccaro for the excellent job that he did in leading our council this past year. Sam brought the council to life, increased the breakfast attendance, and increased the Business Meeting attendance by having a dinner before the meeting. Those are just a few things that he accomplished and it will be tough to fill his shoes. Once again, **Thank You Sam.**

I would like to follow the tradition that Sam has initiated. The first thing I would like to accomplish is to reach out to some of our older members by asking them to attend a few meetings during the year. Come out to meet some of the newer members. You can reminisce about the good times and intermingle with the new guys. By doing this we can attain Unity, Fraternity which can lead to Charity.

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Why aren't all Catholic men Knights?

**They weren't asked!
Ask a fellow Parishioner,
You'll be surprised!**

2015 Council Dues

The notices for your 2015 dues have been mailed out. . If you have received the notice, please send in your dues as soon as possible. **These funds keep our Council and home operating.**

Did you know that you can apply for financial relief from your dues if you are physically handicapped or challenged? Please contact your Financial Secretary for information.

Some of the new members have been scarce since they made their degrees. I am asking the same question as I mentioned to our older members. By talking to the senior members you get to know how the good times were and how we achieved them. I am asking the members to be more active in some of our social functions. They are fun times. If anyone needs a ride, just give me a call and we will get you transportation.

The last item I would like to talk about is Dues. They are important to pay. We have far too many Brothers that are in arrears. When you do not pay dues, it puts a strain on the council. We have to pay Both Supreme and the State of NJ on a per capita basis. If you are having financial problems contact me or our Financial Secretary Ray Barnes. We might be able to help you.

We need all Brothers to come together to help keep the integrity of Council #816 going forward.

Herbert D. Hagmann
Grand Knight
Vivat Jesus

Dinner Alert!

It's summer
so.....Sandwiches and
Salads
at the
July 9 th Meeting.

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 to 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 be come 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.

July Birthdays Brothers, Happy Birthday!
Vincent Allegro
Robert Cerefice
James Degnan
Al (Butch) Freda
John Karon
James Kopcak
John Kopcak
Gregorio Lorente
John McLoughlin
James O'Malley
Anthony Pappa
Joseph Pawlak
Christopher Perrino
Sean Sweeney
William Tencza

July Events

July 9 Business Meeting
July 11 Blue Claws Game

July 26 Breakfast

Upcoming Events

Aug 4 Officers Meeting

Aug 5- 9 IAATO Festival

Aug 13 Business Meeting

Aug 16 Picnic 1PM \$5.00 per Family

Aug 21 Holy Innocents

Alter Server

Award - 6 to 9 PM @ Council Home

Aug 22 Pasta Dinner

Aug 23 Breakfast

Sept 3 Officers Meeting

Sept 10 Business Meeting

Sept 12 PGK Dinner

Sept 26 Installation of Officers

Sept 26 Breakfast

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 Ray Barns (732-998-0882) 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!”

Council Golf Outing

We did not do so hot with the outing (sorry to say).

The Council netted \$100. thanks to the hard work of the Committee and the generosity of the players. As reported at the meeting ,that was out last one.

Troop Morale-Soldier Boxes

Council #816 is dedicated to supply our troops with “care packages”. These donations are collected year-round and are sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan four times a year. Unscented toiletries and personal care items are needed, individual snacks and entertainment items or anything that shows them that we care. We will be shipping the next collection in February, which is also Girl Scout Cookie month. Donations of cookies and care items are on the list. God Bless our Troops.

Editor's Note

The Council is applying for a monthly 50/50 license which was announced at the June meeting. Once approved we will need your support. The details will be in the August Knightletter.

Thanks and God bless, Joe Lynch PGK

Council Officers for the Columbian Year 2015-2016:

Grand Knight: Herbert Hagmann

**Deputy Grand Knight: Sebastian
Vaccaro PGK**

Chancellor: Anthony Pappa

Recorder: Richard Jaroz

Treasurer: Joseph Lynch, PGK

Advocate: Daniel Maxwell

Warden: Deacon Richard Coscarelli

Inside Guard: Michael Mangeri

Outside Guard: Edward Juliano