



KNIGHT LETTER

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COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights

UNITY is a loving father

Parents are responsible not only for the physical needs of their children, but also for spiritual growth. No parents are perfect. There will be problems, but the important thing is to build mutual understanding with our children. Love must be evident when correction is necessary. It is a happy husband-wife relationship and their evident oneness in Christ that leads children toward faith in Him and makes for a happy, wholesome family life.

Paul writing to Timothy, gives the strongest possible admonition and warning to husbands and fathers. "If any provide not for his own and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel! This provision need not be confined to material things, but also to time and energy and concern. One father was made aware of this when he was thumbing through his Day-Timer one evening. His young son, seeing the small book by which his father's life was ordered and controlled, said, "Daddy, could you put my name in there?" Are you participating or have you participated in the spiritual growth of your children?

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

Charity is a nickel David Brenner grew up poor in Philadelphia. He didn't expect a graduation gift when he finished high school. Yet, he received one he never forgot. "Some of my friends got some neat gifts. The few rich kids got brand new cars or new wardrobes. Just having my family there was enough for me. But after graduation, my dad said, 'I have your graduation gift.' He extended his hand toward me – a nickel! 'Buy a newspaper with that,' he said. Read every word of it, page one to the last page. Then turn to the classified section and get yourself a job. Get into the world. It's all yours now. I laughed. A nickel! Thanks a lot,' I said as I forced a smile. I always thought that was a great joke my father played on me until a couple of years later as I sat in a foxhole in the Army thinking about my family and my life. It was then that I realized that my friends had gotten only cars, only clothes or only tuition from their parents. My father had given me the whole

In 1881, Father McGivney began to explore the idea of a Catholic, fraternal benefit society. In an era when parish clubs and fraternal societies had wide popular appeal, the young priest felt there should be some way to strengthen religious faith and at the same time provide for financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner. Father McGivney had suggested "Sons of Columbus" as a name for the Order. This would bind Catholicism and Americanism together through the faith and bold vision of the New World's explorer. The word "Knights" replaced "Sons" because Irish-born Civil War veterans wanted to apply a noble ritual in support of the emerging cause of Catholic civil liberty. The Order's principles in 1882 were **UNITY** and **CHARITY**. The concepts of **FRATERNITY** and **PATRIOTISM** were added later. These Columbus-linked themed "reverberated with pride in the American promise of liberty, equality and opportunity."

What would Father McGivney say about our Council? Are we charitable beyond our parish walls? Are we unified as the right arm of the Church? Are we fraternally bonded in Catholic brotherhood? Are we actively patriotic beyond simple flag waving? Vivat Jesus, Herbert D. Hagmann
Grand Knight

Dinner Alert!

Hamburgers, Hot
Dogs, Potato Salad and
Cole Slaw
at the
August 13 th
Meeting.

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

I'm sure that most of you remember the comedian George Carlin. In some ways he was an enigma. A fallen away Catholic who became an atheist, he gave financial support to the Catholic High school he attended as a teenager. He went so far as to dedicate one of his albums to the priests and nuns who taught him. They must have had a great influence on him because you can see many Catholic themes in his comedy routines. My favorite routine is the one that he did on "STUFF". He tells us that all you need in life is a place for your stuff. This is my stuff, that's your stuff, that's his stuff over there. Your house is just a place to keep your stuff. A house is a pile of stuff with a cover over it. When you leave your house you got to lock it up so that someone doesn't come and take some of your stuff. That's what a house is, a place to keep your stuff while you go out and get...more stuff. Sometimes you gotta move. You gotta get a bigger house. Why? No room for your stuff anymore.

Carlin is addressing human tendencies. We all need things to survive. But very often we are not satisfied with just meeting our needs. We have a desire to accumulate things in abundance. The moral question is what do we do with that abundance?

The story of the multiplication of the loaves is the only story that is in all four gospels. It is a story of Jesus taking care of the physical needs of others. He had just cured many sick. He was being followed by thousands of people and saw that they were hungry. Having only five barley loaves and two fish He fed over 5000 people with an abundance of food, so abundant that there was 12 wicker baskets of fragments left over. Did you ever wonder what He did with that food? Do you think He kept it for Himself? Did He divide it between Himself and the Apostles or did He give to those in need? The question for us is what do we do with our abundance what do we do with our stuff?

The story of the multiplication of the loaves is not just a story of Jesus meeting the physical needs of others. It is a story about meeting their spiritual needs. This is especially true of the gospel of John. John's gospel is said to be the most spiritual gospel of the four. John's rendition of the multiplication of the loaves is different then the synoptic gospel in subtle ways. In John's gospel the focus is on the bread. He distributes the loaves Himself. In the other gospels His disciples distribute the bread. When He gives thanks, the Greek word euchararisteo is used, the same word that Eucharist comes from. In the next several weeks we will be reading the gospel of John and the allegorical significance of the bread will be explained by Jesus when he says, "I am the Bread of Life." When John tells the story of the loaves he is telling his audience that Christ, the bread from heaven, is present in the Eucharist.

St. Paul tells us that through our baptism we are called to take care of the physical and spiritual needs of others just as Jesus did. We meet their spiritual needs by comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently and praying for the living and the dead.

We meet their physical needs e.g. feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless by sharing our abundance, by sharing our stuff.

Council 816 Star Council!

**PGK Sam Vaccaro said
"We will make Star Council"**

True to his words we did it. His leadership was an inspiration and the motivating factor that vaulted us to the highest honor in the K of C.

Congratulations to us all!

On July 27, 2015 PGK Jim Emmons' mother passed away after a long illness.
Please pray for the repose of her soul.

August Birthdays Brothers, Happy Birthday!

Daniel Abbruscato
Ray Barnes PGK
Mark Bozzo
Richard Brudzynski
Richard Buckley
George Chalmers
Ron Chirichella
Timothy Cusick
Richard Delaney
Fernando Galvin
Julio Hernandez
Patrick Ganley
Rev. Boby Kurian
James Maliff
Gerald McAtee
Pete McCarthy
Mauricio Toledo

August Events

Aug 13 Business Meeting
Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 16 Picnic 1PM \$5.00 per Family
Aug 21 Holy Innocents Alter Server Award - 6 to 9 PM @ Council Home
Aug 23 Breakfast Buffet to benefit the Seidele Children

Upcoming Events

Sept 3 Officers Meeting
Sept 10 Business Meeting
Sept 12 PGK Dinner
Sept 26 Installation of Officers
Sept 26 Breakfast

Past Grand Knights Dinner

Honoring Sabastain Vaccaro PGK
September 12th at
Louigi's, West Grove Shopping Center
Rt 71 Neptune
6:30 PM till ? BYOB and a huge appetite.
\$ 35.00 per person
RSVP GK Herb Hagmann 732-245-5388
or email Joe Lynch jalynch696@verizon.net

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.**

August 21, 2015

Holy Innocents Alter Server Award Dinner

6 to 9 PM

We will be serving pasta and need help. Stop by and give us a hand honoring these dedicated youths.

Good of the Order

“As a reminder, it is the responsibility of all Brothers to inform either the Grand Knight Herb Hagmann 732-245-5388, or the Financial Secretary Ray Barnes (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!”

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 has applied for a monthly 50/50 license and still waiting for approval. As soon as it is approved, I will send out the announcement.

Thanks and God bless, Joe Lynch PGK