



KNIGHT LETTER

September 2015

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,
What do Labor Day and the Knights of Columbus have in common?
Labor Day, the first Monday in September was established in 1882. It is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country. The holiday was created to give working individuals a guaranteed day off. Despite the holiday being established for a day of rest, most retailers still operate as normal and offer in-store specials. Parades, cook-outs and shopping are a common occurrence on this holiday. Unfortunately our society has become consumed with the almighty dollar, the institution of Labor Day being a day for no work and relaxation is no longer considered a Holiday.
The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Father Michael McGivney. Council #816 was established on September 13, 1903.

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

Installation of Officers

September 26, 2015
Holy Innocents Church
after the
5:30 PM Mass
Dinner following at the
Council Home.
All members and their
families are urged to attend.

Although Labor Day is celebrated once a year, we celebrate being a Knight every day. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing well in service of God and our neighbor. The Knights do not take days off, we are working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year all over the world supporting the Catholic Church, engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate. Last year the Knights donated more than \$150 million and volunteered 68 million hours of their time to charity. Thank you brothers for your donations and volunteering your time during the past year. Let's not make the same mistake as the country has done with the meaning of Labor Day. Help us make the coming year bigger and better with more Brothers getting involved with our council activities.
Vivat Jesus
Herb Hagmann
Grand Knight

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

The prophet Isaiah tells us not to fear. God will come to save us. As sign of His coming the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be cleared. What was promised by Isaiah, the gospel of Mark pronounces as fulfilled when Jesus heals the deaf man who had a speech impediment. But there is much more to this gospel. The miracle was performed in the district of Decapolis, an area on the Sea of Galilee that was occupied by Gentiles. By curing a gentile Mark is telling us that in God's eyes all people have value. Salvation is for all. Jesus throughout His whole ministry responded to the injustice and suffering of all people. The rich, the poor, the powerful, the weak, Jew and Gentile. Jesus plan for redemption did not come to an end when He left this earth. Because of our Baptism we are called to respond to those same injustices and sufferings. I think we all have our favorite injustice that rouses our ire: for some it may be abortion, for others it may be poverty, for others violence, still others the environment. If we speak out against one form of injustice we should not consider other injustices irrelevant. Pope Francis, in Laudato, Si, tells us that concern for life, for nature, for the poor for the common good are not odd pieces of a puzzle that will not fit together but integrated pieces that are necessary for the puzzle to come together. In other words we cannot concentrate on one injustice to the exclusion of the others. We must fight against all injustice.

We've all heard the old adage that money is the root of all evil. While it may not be entirely true, obsession with money can cause a great deal of suffering and injustice in the world. I think that because money is necessary for us to live decently, we tend to glorify it. We all love the rags to riches stories. We all would love to win the lottery. Look at the people in our history that many of us would consider role models because of their money: John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Commodore Vanderbilt. The danger comes when we give preferential option to the rich.. That is what James was talking about in his letter when he warned against offering the rich a seat at table and telling the poor to stand.

The church teaches the opposite. It says that we must give the preferential option to the poor. It condemns excessive love of money and the use of money for purely selfish reasons. Jesus tells us that God saw the poor and chose them to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom. Included in the kingdom will be those people of means who do not cling to their wealth and are generous with their possessions.

There is a story about a compassionate man who was upset by all the suffering and injustice in the world. One day while at prayer he said: " Dear God, Look at all the suffering and injustice in the world. Why don't you send help?" And God answered Him and said " I did. I sent you."

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!

**Please pray for the
repose of the souls of
PGK Chip Piancone and
Andy Sturzione who
passed away last month.**

September

Birthdays

Brothers

Happy Birthday!

Ken Bruton

Anthony Cashman

Jason Castillo

Emil Fortunato

Big Al Freda

Sam Fusaro

John Grasso PGK

Chris Hershel

Richard Inkles

Joe Lesniewski

Thomas Murtha

Peter Pojero

Thomas Polk

Don Rydell

Guy Scarpelli

Felix Spano

Benefit Dinner for the Piancone Family

October 24, 2015 at the Council Home

203 W. Sylvania Ave. Neputne City

7PM till 11PM

Sit down dinner includes:

Salad, Roast Pork, Potato and Vegetable
Coffee and Dessert.

BYOB

There will also be a Gift Auction.

Tickets: \$ 25.00 per person,

There is a limit of 80 Guests.

For information or tickets call

GK Herb Hagmann 732-245-5388, or

Email PGK Joe Lynch jalynch696@verizon.net

September Events

Sept 26 Installation of Officers

Sept 26 Breakfast Buffet

Upcoming Events

Oct 1 Officers Meeting

Oct 8 Business Meeting

Oct 12 Columbus Day

Oct 24 Piancone Benefit

Oct 25 Breakfast Buffet

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.**

January 24,2016

Blood Drive at the Breakfast Buffet
9AM till 12 Noon

Donate a pint of blood and get a free
Breakfast.

Call Brother Felix Spano 732-585-8281
for more info

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 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!”

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 Installation of Officers is a tradition that has existed since the first Council was started in 1882. It is a ceremony that is steeped in honor and tradition.

Come out on Sept. 26th attend Mass and experience the Installation of your Council Officers. Dinner afterwards promises to be exceptional as well.

God bless, Joe Lynch PGK