



# KNIGHT LETTER

November 2015

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

## Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,  
I would like to thank the members who made a donation and those that attended the Piancone Benefit Dinner. We had 72 individuals attend the dinner. It was a successful event.

The next two months are representative of the First Degree of Knighthood – CHARITY. In November there is Thanksgiving and in December there is Christmas. During these months we should all be grateful for what we have, some more than others. We have to remember the many families that have very little. This is the time that the Knights of Columbus come to help others that are less fortunate and where Charity comes to life. Keep in mind that we accepting donations to help feed the less fortunate during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please send donations (mark Turkeys in memo) to the council home address, attention Treasure PGK Joseph Lynch to help these families of Ascension and Holy Innocents Parishes. In addition we are looking for donations for the Coats for Kids program.

[www.kofc816.org](http://www.kofc816.org)



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

**November Events**  
**Nov 5 Officer's Meeting**  
**Nov 11 Veteran's Day**  
**Nov12 Regular Business Meeting**  
**Nov20 Turkey Baskets**  
**Nov21 Memorial Mass**  
**Nov22 Breakfast Buffet**

**Upcoming Events**  
**Dec12 Council Christmas Party**  
**Jan 24 Council Blood Drive**

This program helps clothes the children that are less fortunate. Last year with your contributions we provided 100 children with new coats for the local children. The youngsters really appreciate the coats. It is really heartwarming when a youngster puts on a coat and gives you a big hug and says "Thank you very much". Send your donations (mark Coats in memo) to the council home attention GK Herb Hagmann. Charity is helping the least of us. *Whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refuse to help me. – Matthew 25:45*

**Remember our Veterans on  
November 11**  
**Remember our Memorial Mass at  
6:00 PM on November 21 at our  
council home followed by a  
covered dish dinner.**

Thank You  
Herbert D. Hagmann Grand Knight  
Vivat Jesus

**Dinner Alert!**  
Meatloaf, Mashed  
Potatoes, Gravy &  
Veggies  
7 PM before the  
meeting

# The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

A customer brought an exquisite greeting card to the counter and reached for his wallet. Using the register scanner, the clerk said, "That will be three dollars, please." "Three dollars?" the customer bellowed. "Forget it!" He jammed the wallet back into his pocket and angrily left the store. When the clerk returned the card to the rack, she noticed that it read, "To my Wife, Because You Mean so Much To Me." You might say that the gentleman in the story was a bit of a hypocrite.

In the Gospel of Mark Jesus chastises the scribes for being hypocrites. But it goes much deeper than **DO AS I SAY NOT AS I DO**. The scribes were interpreters of Old Testament law. As such they were ancient day lawyers who like lawyers today were obliged to defend the law. Often they acted as trustees for estates and as payment received a share of the estate. The higher your status and the greater your reputation for piety, the more estates you could be in charge of. This is why some scribes dressed in fancy clothes and constantly prayed in public. It was good for business. Some of these unscrupulous scribes took more than their fair share of estates and drove the widows into poverty. They abused the very law that they were supposed to be defending for Mosaic Law requires that you not wrong any widow. Many scribes were given a gift by God

e.g. the power to protect the law, but they abused that gift. They abused what God gave them. I don't think that they started out as hypocrites. I'd be willing to bet you that many of them started out as deeply religious men who got caught up in the things of the world and lost site of God. Their perspective changed from God to prestige and money. Yet how often are you and I guilty of losing site of God. It is almost impossible not to. We live and work in a secular world where religion is rejected and ridiculed. God's name is never mentioned, prayer is unknown, the Bible is never read and conversation about spirituality is non existent. Success is measured by power and money. The media brings violence and pornography into our homes. There is an attitude that anything goes is business. Things have gotten so bad that many of the Catholic universities found it necessary to reintroduce ethics as part of their business curriculum. **HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY FOCUS ON GOD?** We can pray everyday. We can examine our conscience when we go to bed and become aware of our weaknesses. **MOST IMPORTANTLY WE CAN REINFORCE OUR CATHOLIC BELIEFS BY COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE BY PARTICIPATING AT MASS.** To say that you never have time to get to Mass is only a reaffirmation that you are losing site of God and getting caught up in the things of the world.

Let us not become hypocrites like the scribes by getting caught up in the things of the world. Let's keep our focus on God through prayer, examination of conscience, participation at Mass and by using our talents to do the little things that bring joy and peace to others.

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**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**

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**Editors Note:**

**Calling all Brothers especially PGKs**

**We only have \$620. in the Turkey Fund. It's not too late!!! Send in your donation to help make this a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas for the needy that look to us for help.**

**Thank you and God bless, Joe Lynch**

# Memorial Mass

## November 21, 2015

### 6 PM

At our Council Home  
Covered Dish Dinner after Mass  
All Brothers and their families are encouraged to attend and  
Pray for our departed Brothers

#### November Birthdays

Brothers,  
Happy Birthday!  
Lewis Campanile  
Kenneth Gerard  
Todd Goehring  
Alan Lingo  
Stanley Mann Jr.  
Daniel Maxwell  
Roger Nichols  
Fr. Nolan  
Joseph Prati  
Bill Rutherford  
John Stuppi

#### □ Council Christmas Party

203 West Sylvania Avenue  
Neptune City, NJ 07753  
Saturday December 12, 2015  
7 PM to 10:00 PM

All Brothers and their families are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP GK Herb Hagmann  
732-245-5388, or  
Email PGK Joe Lynch  
jalynch696@verizon.net

#### 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.

Have Some Fun and Help  
The Knights of Columbus  
Council 816 Neptune City

How would you like FIVE opportunities a month to win a prize? That's FIVE opportunities EVERY MONTH for A YEAR! In other words SIXTY shots at a prize in 2016.

Buy just one ticket and you're eligible to participate for the whole YEAR.

A maximum of 300 Tickets will be issued in total - Drawings will begin in January 2016 (cost \$50.00) After the Breakfast Buffet.

The amount of the prizes will be determined by the actual dollar value of the ticket sales and will follow a 50/50 format.

For Illustrative purposes only:

If all 300 tickets are bought, the payout each month would be

Prize 1....\$250, Prize 2 and Prize 3....\$125 each

Prize 4 and Prize 5..... \$62.50 each

If fewer than 300 tickets are purchased, the dollar amount of the prizes will be reduced proportionately.

Proceeds to Benefit

Knights of Columbus #816 Neptune City

Programs and Services