



KNIGHT LETTER

December 2015

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord

My Brother Knights, Christmas Eve, Joseph went from Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. On Christmas day an angel appeared and said, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you;

he is Christ the **LORD**." Shepherds came to adore him and wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to bring gifts.

Brother to Brother, family to family, we celebrate as Knights the birth of our Savior, the Son of God, and that in our faith we may have life in His name.

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Brothers as you pass by or come to a function at the council home and you observe the Nativity scene on display, think to yourself this is really what Christmas is all about. The reason you should keep Christ in your life. Remember to say the words "MERRY CHRISTMAS." HE is the reason for the season.

Hope to see you all at our Christmas Party on December 12, 2015.

I wish all my Brothers and their families a "**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**"

Herbert D. Hagmann

Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus

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

Dinner Alert!
Ravioli, Salad and
Bread
7 PM before the
meeting

December Events

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception

Dec10 Regular Business Meeting

Dec12 Council Christmas Party

Dec14 Chapter Meeting @ Council

Dec 27 Breakfast Buffet

Upcoming Events

Jan 7 Officer's Meeting

Jan 14 Regular Business Meeting

Jan 24 Council Blood Drive and 1st Raffle Drawing

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

There is a story about a little boy named Timmy who came home from school very late. When his mother asked why he was so late Tim explained that he stopped to help a little girl whose wheel had come off her bike. His mother said "Why Timmy how could you help her when you couldn't put your wheel on your own bike?" Tim replied, "I know I couldn't help her get the wheel back on but I could help her cry."

Tim in his innocence demonstrates compassion. There are many examples of compassion in the Bible. The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Lord will provide for all people. He will wipe the tears from all faces. In Matthew's gospel Jesus cures the sick and feeds the hungry out of compassion.

A number of years ago my wife and I spent a week in Appalachia working with the Passionist Volunteers. One of the first things they told us was not to judge the people we were supposed to help. When Jesus fed the crowds he did it without judging. He could have easily said "It's not my concern. They knew they would be following me for days. They should have made provisions to bring food and water. It's not my problem." But Jesus was more concerned with alleviating their hunger than judging them.

Advent is a period of preparation for the liturgical coming of Jesus, the second coming of Jesus and our personal meeting with Jesus at the end of our life. One of things that we can do to prepare for that coming is to see how compassionate we really are by examining our daily life. We could ask ourselves if we practiced the spiritual and corporal works of mercy? Did we do it without judging? Did we act in a non-compassionate way? Was I rude? Did I gossip? Did I seek to gain an advantage through intimidation? Did I take advantage of others less fortunate than myself? Finally, would I want Jesus to treat me as I treat others?

January 24, 2016

Blood Drive at the Breakfast Buffet

9AM till 12 Noon

**Donate a pint of blood and get a free
Breakfast and a \$10. gift card from Luigi's**

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

Degree Alert

Congratulations to Jim Keleigh upon attaining his Third Degree and we welcome Rick Piancone to the Council as a First Degree Member.

□ Council Christmas Party

203 West Sylvania Avenue

Neptune City, NJ 07753

Saturday December 12, 2015

7 PM to 10:00 PM

Dinner prepared by renowned

Chef Mike Killeen

There will be a Gift Auction

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

December Birthdays

Brothers,

Happy Birthday!

George Bachar

Carl Bodine

Phillip Giambalvo FDD

Frank Gualario

Joseph Lynch PGK

Robert Lynch

James Mulvey

Vincent Perrella

Robert Simkin

Thomas Taylor

Editor's Note:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who donated to the Turkey Fund. Through your generous contributions we raised \$1445.00. A check for \$722.50 was issued to St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Francis Society for Thanksgiving and Christmas Turkeys. We hope that these contributions will help the less fortunate during the Holiday Season.

God bless, Joe Lynch

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.

Tickets will be sold until 11Am Jan. 24th at the Breakfast Buffet.