



KNIGHT LETTER

February 2016

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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers:

The month of February has two special days and they are Ash Wednesday, which is the start of Lent; and St. Valentine's Day, where you remember your loved ones.

ASH WEDNESDAY –
February 10, 2016

What is Lent? It is a solemn observance in the liturgical calendar of many Christian denominations that begins on Ash Wednesday and covers a period of approximately six weeks before Easter Sunday. The traditional purpose of lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement and self-denial. This event, along with its pious customs, is observed by Christians in the Anglican, Calvinist, Lutheran, Methodist and Roman Catholic traditions.

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Lent is traditionally described as lasting for forty days, in commemoration of the forty days which, according to the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Jesus spent, before his public ministry, fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by the Devil. In most of the west, it begins on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is named after the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of faithful as a reminder of human morality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God and observed by fasting, abstinence from meat. It has been established that the ash has to come from the palm trees dedicated on Palm Sunday of the previous year.

St. Valentine's Day – February 14, 2016

How was it with you when you first fell in love with the girl you married? Or (if you feel that you never were in love) look at her now through another man's eyes. Think about those things that are attractive in her. Love her with a sensitive appreciation and watch her become beautiful as she reflects and radiates the love you have poured out to her.

As Christians we can be sure that romantic love is as old as Time itself, for it came into being in the Garden when the first man and woman gazed on each other. We must recognize that it was our Creator who gifted us with the capacity for the intense and passionate emotions required to fall in love. Clearly, God intended for our emotional potential to be fully developed in marriage and to find its fulfillment in oneness with our beloved

Knights, make time for your Ladies today and every day.

God bless our council and its members

Thank you, Herbert D. Hagmann
Grand Knight
Vivat Jesus

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

The season of Lent always reminds me of when I was a kid. About a week before Lent began the Nuns would begin asking us what we were giving up for Lent. I always thought that it would be a good idea to give up school or homework but that never went over very well with the nuns. Most of us gave up candy but that never bothered me much because I never ate that much candy anyway. Then one lent I gave up my favorite TV show. SUPERMAN. Every Tuesday morning I would have a friend tell me what the show was about. It was a very hard thing for me to give up. But what it did was to turn my focus to God. I gave up SUPERMAN for God and every time I thought of that show —I thought of God. That is really what Lent is about. Preparing for Easter by changing our focus from ourselves and the things around us to God. Ash Wednesday's gospel is about the Pharisees doing good things. PRAYING, HELPING THE POOR OR FASTING. BUT THEIR FOCUS WAS IN THE WRONG PLACE. IT WAS ON BRINGING ATTENTION TO THEMSELVES AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON GOD. Lent as we all know is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to the poor and we should continue to do those things but it is also a period of conversion, a period of change, a time of turning away from sin and being faithful to the Gospel. We can begin our conversion by changing our focus from ourselves to God. It's something that we can do without much disruption in our daily life. We can begin each day by telling God that we offer all our prayers, good works, joys and sufferings to Him. When we pray, pray with sincerity and feeling. Talk to God as if he were a friend. As we go about our busy lives make a conscious effort to see and feel God's presence. If we help someone in need because we feel sorry for them remember that the compassion we feel is the presence of God in our life telling us to help. If we are good at something and get a feeling of accomplishment thank God for giving us that gift. If we help the poor try to see the suffering Christ in their eyes. If we are at work or at school and someone annoys us and we hold our temper because it might cause trouble if we don't try to remember that they are also creatures of God and He wants us to love and respect them. By making God our focus and bringing Him into our lives we will turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

Council 816 Pasta Dinner on February 27, 2016. 203 W. Sylvania Ave. Neptune City, NJ

Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tickets: Adults:\$13.00 Seniors: \$10.00

Children: \$8.00

**For Information or Tickets Contact:
GK Herb Hagmann 732-245-5388 or
Joe Lynch 732-682-1331**

February Birthdays

Brothers,
Happy Birthday!
Joseph Abbruscato
Edward Bertini
Richard Coscarelli
Gerald D'Imperio
James Emmons PGK
Robert Goehring
Ralf Latif
Don Lee
Scott Lintzenich
Mark Murtagh PGK
Joseph Palaia
Arthur Petz PGK
John Pisano
Joseph Phillips PGK
Mickey Pondaco PGK
Phillip Pondaco
Christopher Seidle
Charles Uliano

Our Blood Drive at the Breakfast Buffet was cancelled due to the blizzard. It will be rescheduled.

February Events

Feb 4 Officer's Meeting
Feb 10 Ash Wednesday
Feb 11 Regular Business Meeting
Feb 27 Pasta Dinner
Feb 28 Breakfast Buffet and
2nd Raffle Drawing

Upcoming Events

March 5&6 Membership Drive,
Ascension
March 12&13 Membership Drive
Holy Innocents & Communion
Brunch after the 12PM Mass
April 16 Birthrite Dinner
April 28 Pride in Priests Dinner

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

2016 Council Dues

The notices for your 2016 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 you Financial Secretary for information.

Dinner Alert!
Surprise!!! (Again)
7 PM before the
meeting

Raffle Winners

1st Prize Vinny Perrella \$89.17
2nd Prize Tom York \$44.58
3rd Prize Alyson Strasser \$44.58
4th Prize Pamela Renee \$22.29
5th Prize Stafano Desarno \$22.29

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

Thanks to all of our Brothers and families that bought and sold our Raffle Tickets. With your help we sold 107 tickets in a very short period of time.

The Council now has \$2,675.00 to help in our charitable endeavors.

Good luck to everyone with a ticket.

God bless, Joe Lynch PGK