



# KNIGHT LETTER

May 2016

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

## Grand Knight's Report My Brothers...

Once upon a time there was a child ready to be born. One day the child asked God:  
How am I going to live on earth being so small and helpless? Among the angels,  
I chose one for you. She will care for you. But, here in Heaven, I don't do anything else but sing and smile. Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you every day. And you will feel your angel's love and be happy. And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you? Your angel will place your hands together and teach you to pray. I've heard that on earth there are bad men. Who will protect me? Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life. But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore. Your angel will teach you the way to come back to me. At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but prayers from earth could already be heard. The child asked softly:  
Oh God, please tell me my angel's name. Your angel's name is of no importance, you will call her "Mommy."

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## Just a reminder Brothers – Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day.

Mother's Day Fast Facts:

·The First Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

·In the early days, people observed Mother's Day by going to church and writing letters to their mothers.

Eventually, sending cards and giving gifts and flowers were added to the tradition.

## You Mean So Much to Me

I believe that God puts certain people into our lives for a reason. Sometimes it's to help us learn, sometimes it's to encourage us, or strengthen our faith. But whatever purpose God had in bringing us together, I'm just thankful he did for you have been such a source of joy and inspiration in my life, And it means more to me than I can ever say to have the gift of your friendship and caring. God bless all the Mother's God bless all our brothers and our council,  
Vivat Jesus  
Herbert D. Hagmann  
Grand Knight

## Dinner Alert!

We're kicking off Spring  
(for real)  
Hamburgers with all the  
fixings, Potato Salad and  
Cole Slaw  
7 PM before the meeting

# The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

On a foggy night the commander of a ship saw what appeared to be the lights of another ship heading toward him. He instructed his signalman to contact the other ship by light with this message: "Change your course ten degrees to the North. I am an admiral." "Message received," came the reply, "BUT YOU MUST CHANGE your course to the south." This infuriated the admiral. He signaled back, "I am a battleship, so change your course to ten degrees to the North." To which came the reply, "I am a lighthouse change your course ten degrees to the South."

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth and the life. His way is a way of love. Love of God and love of our fellow man.

It sounds simple enough but as we are well aware it is not that easy. Like the admiral in today's story it is very easy to get lost in the fogginess of life. How often do we make bad decisions? Say things that we don't really mean? Are at a loss for words when it comes to comforting someone? We get caught up in the things of the world. Our spiritual life gets swallowed up by day to day living. Did you ever think that it might be much easier to follow Jesus' way if He were here with us today? In one sense we might have something better than having Jesus on earth today. In John's Gospel Jesus tells us that He did not abandon us. The Father sent the Holy Spirit and he dwells not just in the world as Jesus did 2000 years ago but DWELLS WITHIN US and within our Church. He is there to remind us of Jesus way and teach us everything we need to know. The Spirit works through the Holy Father and the hierarchy of the Church to teach us and keep us on the right course. **It is also by the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** that bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus becomes present in the world just as he was 2000 years ago.

But how does this Spirit that dwells within us **help us** in our every day life? The fact is He doesn't UNLESS WE ASK FOR HELP He will never act in a way that takes away our free will. If we ask he will help. But how often do we ask? How often do any of us pray to the Holy Spirit for Guidance? I usually make a decision. If it turns out correct than everything is ok. If it turns out wrong and I have a problem I wind up praying and asking God to help me. How much easier would things be if we ASKED the Holy Spirit TO HELP US MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION before we acted?

Remember Jesus set the Course for us to follow. He knows that we can get lost. He did not abandon us. He sent the Spirit to dwell within us. He will give us everything that we need to stay the Course and find our way. All we have to do is ask.

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## Ladies Auxiliary News

Once again the Auxiliary is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is Catholic and who will pursue further academic studies.

This year the scholarship is in memory of Emily A. Donovan. Emily was a charter member of the Auxiliary and was devoted to its work. It was her request that donations be made to our scholarship fund. Through the generous gifts of her friends and family we are able to offer the scholarship again this year.

If you would like an application, please call Karen Kopcak (732) 776-7643.

**May Birthdays  
Brothers,  
Happy Birthday!**

Harry Devine  
Anthony Goralski  
John Kopcak PGK  
Robert La Falce  
Edward Moskal  
Glenn Osborne  
Donald Paccione  
Robert Shafer III  
Mike Strada  
Michael Tomaszeski  
Michael Wilcken  
Mark Ziolkowski

**May's Events**

May 4 Officer's Meeting  
May 5 Ascension Thursday  
May 8 Mother's Day  
May 12 Business Meeting  
May 13,14,15 Convention  
May 22 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

**Upcoming Events**

June 2 Officer's Meeting  
June 9 Business Meeting (Council Elections)  
June 19 Father's Day  
June 25 Pasta Dinner

**Council 816**

**Presents**

The Lakewood Blueclaws  
playing  
The HICKORY CRAWDADS on  
Saturday July 23, 2016.

Game time is 7:05 PM.

The Picnic starts at 6:30 PM  
and lasts for 90 minutes. Seating will  
be in the Picnic Area along the 1<sup>st</sup>  
base line near the Blueclaws  
bullpen.

For tickets or information contact  
Herb Hagmann GK 732-245-5388

or

Joe Lynch 732-682-1331

**Degree Alert**

Congrats to  
Chris Piazza, Robert Lynch and  
Paul Charette  
for making their First and Second  
Degree last month

There will be a Third Degree on  
June 3, 2016.

All Second Degree Members  
please call our GK Herb Hagmann  
732-245-5388

to complete their journey into full  
Knighthood..

**April Raffle Winners**

1st Prize Vincent Perrella \$89.17  
2nd Prize Cheryl Pappa \$44.58  
3rd Prize Nancy Costa \$44.58  
4th Prize John Fabbriatore \$22.29  
5th Prize Roseann Reese \$22.29

**Why aren't all**

**Catholic men**

**Knights?**

**They weren't asked!**

**Ask a fellow**

**Parishioner,**

**You'll be surprised!**

**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.

## Editors Note:

Thank you to all who came to the Madonna House Benefit.

Also the Brothers and Ladies Auxiliary Members who worked the event.

Due to your generosity we were able to raise an excess of \$2700.00

Also, Thanks to the Donors at our Blood Drive. Fifteen donors gave blood.

This is a wonderful example of Charity, one of the principals which our order was founded on.

God Bless, Joe Lynch PGK