



KNIGHT LETTER

June 2016

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers...

A teacher was speaking to a group of business students about time management. Using a wide-mouthed Mason jar, he filled it with a dozen fist-sized rocks. Then he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "yes."

"Really?" He then poured some gravel into the jar as he shook it, causing the gravel to work its way between the big rocks. Then he smiled and asked, "Is the jar full?"

By this time the class was on to him. "No," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. Then he used a bucket of sand to fill the gaps left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted

Once again he said, "Good!" Then he poured water into the jar until it was filled to the brim. Then he asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "No matter how full your schedule is, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No the speaker replied," If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get

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Dinner Alert!

Election Night
Spaghetti and Meatballs,
Salad & Bread
7 PM before the meeting

them in at all."



What are the big rocks in your life? Time with your loved ones, your faith, your finances, a cause? What are the big rocks in our council agenda?

A Personnel Note

I would like to thank all my Brothers and their families for the Prayers and Mass Cards that were received when my Mother passed away.

In addition, I would especially thank my Brothers that traveled up north to attend the viewing at Mom's Funeral. Everyone had commented that they were impressed that the group of Knights traveled that far to pay their respect to someone they never met. My comment back to them was, That is what Brotherhood is all about.

With all the prayers and visits, helped both myself and my sister and the rest of the family through this time trying time. Once again – Thank You.

Vivat Jesus
Herbert D. Hagmann
Grand Knight

The Spiritual Corner by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

In the Gospel of St John Jesus tells us “I am the gate for the sheep whoever does not enter the sheepfold through the gate is a thief and a robber.” He goes on to tell us that the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. What does it all mean?. In order to understand the significance of today’s gospel it is necessary to understand the role of a Palestinian shepherd in Jesus time.. Every night the shepherds brought their sheep into a sheepfold to protect them and keep them from running away. The sheepfold was a circular stone wall with an opening in the front. At night the shepherd would sleep in that opening. If the sheep tried to leave they would have to walk over the shepherd. His presence kept them from roaming about and getting lost during the night. But more importantly if wolves tried to attack the sheep by going through the gate they would have to attack the shepherd first. So in effect the shepherd could be laying down his life for his sheep. Does that sound familiar? In Hebrew scripture God’s anointed deputies were often referred to as shepherds because their role was to nurture and protect God’s people. Very often they didn’t feed and nurture God’s people but fed on them and led them astray as in the case of the Pharisees. who taught that people were made for the law not the law for the people. That’s why Jesus was condemned for helping the sick on the Sabbath. The law became more important than the people who were cured. The Pharisees were leading the people in a direction that God didn’t want. They were bad shepherds. That is why Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. He protects, nurtures and lays down His life for His flock. We are taught that Jesus laid down His life to save all people so in effect all people are members of His flock. If that’s the case why don’t all people recognize and follow the voice of Jesus. Sheep recognized the voice of their shepherd even when they were mixed in with other flocks.. When their particular shepherd called they responded by following him. EXCEPT WHEN THEY ARE SICK. I think the same is true of people. Sickness implies weakness. It is because of human weakness that we don’t always recognize the voice of Jesus . That can cause us to follow the wrong shepherd. So what does all this mean for us in today’s world? I think the answer to that question lies within each of us.. Are we faithful members of God’s flock? Do I always hear the voice of Jesus or does my own weakness cause me to be misled by the modern day Pharisees of secular humanism and CONSUMERISM which TEACH US TO Be self-centered, self gratifying and covet more than we actually need? As members of Christ’s flock we are called to pass through His gate and follow Him by sharing in the shepherding of His flock. How can I a better shepherd to those around me. Do I reach out with understanding and compassion to the weak and the misguided so that they may hear the loving voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd?

Nomination Committee selection of Council Officers for the Columbian Year 2016-2017:

Grand Knight: Herbert Hagmann

Deputy Grand Knight: Sebastian Vaccaro PGK

Chancellor: Anthony Pappa

Recorder:

Treasurer: Joseph Lynch, PGK

Advocate: Daniel Maxwell

Warden: Deacon Richard Coscarelli

Inside Guard: Michael Mangeri

Outside Guard: Felix Spano

One Year Trustee: Arther Petz, PGK

Two Year Trustee: James Emmons, PGK

Three Year Trustee: Deacon John Kopcak, PGK

**Nominations for Foundation Trustees, Chapter Delegates
and Convention Delegates will be taken from the floor Election Night**

**June Birthdays
Brothers,
Happy Birthday!**

Rev. Michael Alueta
Mark Bilella
Herbert Hagmann
Tom Irish
William Jenkins PGK
Edward Juliano
Michael Kopcak
Louis Parisi
Walter Piasio PGK, FSD
Michael Volante

June's Events

June 9 Business Meeting (Council Elections)
June 17 Third Degree
June 19 Father's Day
June 26 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing
Upcoming Events
July 23 BlueClaws Game
August 10,11,12,13,14 Italian Festival

**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 1st
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, Phillip Eskola and
Paul Charette
for making their Third Degree
June 3! There will be a Third Degree on
June 17, 2016 at the
Red Bank Council.
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 Donna Ellis \$89.17
2nd Prize Lisa Keddy \$44.58
3rd Prize Lucille Appola \$44.58
4th Prize James Emmons PGK \$22.29
5th Prize Tom Desarno \$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.

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.