



KNIGHT LETTER

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COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers

Take July 4th to reflect on our nation's religious roots. The Declaration of Independence is the official and unequivocal affirmation by the American people of their belief and faith in God. It affirms God's existence as a "self-evident" truth that requires no further discussion or debate. The nation created by the great Declaration is God's country. The rights it defines are God-given. The actions of its signers are God-inspired. The Declaration contains five references to God – God as supreme Lawmaker, God as Creator of all men, God as the Source of all rights, God as the world's supreme judge, and God as our Protector on whom we can rely. It declares that each of us is created equal. This means equally endowed with unalienable rights. It does not mean that all are born with equal capabilities. Nor does it mean that all of us can be made equal, as Communist dogma alleges. As the modern discovery of DNA now confirms, each of God's creatures is unequal and different in every other way from every other person. The Declaration of Independence proclaims that life and liberty are the unalienable gifts of God –

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Dinner Alert!

No dinner before the meeting
We are planning a First Degree on Meeting Night.
There will be light faire after the Degree.

natural rights – which no person or government can rightfully take away. It affirms that the purpose of government is to secure our God-given unalienable individual rights, and that government derives its power from the consent of the governed. Our Declaration reduced government from master to servant, for the first time in history.

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under.

President Ronald Reagan

I would like to thank the Officers who served our council last year. We accomplished many goals and tasks. This year, with the help of our Officers and members, I hope we can achieve many more goals to make this council more stable and enjoyable.

I would like to see more members attend meetings, especially after making their degrees. Have more members attend our monthly breakfast, social functions and also lend a helping hand. Some members have never attended a breakfast.

Vivat Jesus

Herbert D. Hagmann

Grand Knight

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

Several years ago my wife Karen and I were on vacation in South Carolina. On Sunday we went to Mass in Folly Beach. The choir and the organist were in front of the first pew. Karen and I were practically on top of the choir in the second pew. It was the first time in close to a year that Karen and I sat together for Sunday Mass. For some reason I really began to get into the Mass. I guess it was the proximity of the choir but I began to sing, not in a whisper like I usually do, but in full voice. When it came time for the sign of peace an elderly southern lady, a Charlestonian we found out later, shook my hand and said "The peace of the Lord be with you, sir. And I must say you do have a lovely voice." At which Karen replied "She MUST be referring to your speaking voice." The fact is that prayer even a prayer of song with a bad voice is good. What is prayer? Quite simply, prayer is turning our hearts and minds to God. Going to Mass and thinking of God once a week really isn't enough. We should pray every day as often as possible. In Luke's gospel we are told to pray with perseverance. It just doesn't mean to pray for the same thing over again until our prayer is answered. It means to pray often and daily. We have to put God in our lives everyday. That is what being a Christian is. Even Jesus prayed. When His disciples came and asked Him to teach them how to pray, He was at prayer. He responded with the Our Father. The Our Father is more than a prayer. It is an outline of Christian life and beliefs.

In Jesus time an older man was usually addressed as sir. God was referred to as Lord. But Jesus tells us to call God "ABBA" which translated means "daddy". Its connotation in the larger sense means loving parent. One who takes care of His children.

"Hallowed be thy name" God is holy, all powerful and all loving. So great is His love that we cannot put limits on it.

"Thy kingdom come." God's kingdom is for all men and women, all races, rich and poor, saint and sinner. We live in God's kingdom now. He started the job. We as Christians must work for its completeness and fullness.

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We don't always get our prayers answered the way we want them answered. God does what is best for the world and us. We may not always understand it but we must accept it. In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed that He would not be crucified but He surrendered to God's will. The Father did not answer the prayer the way Jesus wanted but look at the goodness that came from His will.

"Give us this day our daily bread." Give everyone what is sufficient for today. No more, no less.

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" As Catholic Christians we must seek forgiveness not only from God but our neighbor and we must be willing to forgive them.

"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Rely on God for everything and He will protect us if we surrender to His will. The Lord's prayer is God's plan for us.

Council Officers for the Columbian Year 2016-2017:

Grand Knight: Herbert Hagmann

Deputy Grand Knight: Sebastian Vaccaro PGK

Chancellor: Anthony Pappa

Recorder: Paul Charette

Treasurer: Joseph Lynch, PGK

Advocate: Daniel Maxwell

Lecturer: Kenneth Roberts

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

July's Events

July 14 Business Meeting 1st Degree
July 23 BlueClaws Game
July 24 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing
Upcoming Events
Aug 4 Officer's Meeting
Aug 9 Business Meeting
Aug 10,11,12,13,14 Italian Festival
Aug 27 Pasta Dinner
Aug 28 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

July Birthdays
Brothers,
Happy Birthday!
Vincent Allegro
Robert Burney
James Degnan
Alfonso Freda
Richard Greco
John Karon
James Kopcak
John Kopcak
John McLoughlin
James O'Malley
Anthony Pappa
Joseph Pawlak
William Tencza
Sebastian Vaccaro III

Annual Men's Retreat September 23-25 *At*

San Alfonso Retreat House

Long Branch New Jersey

COST: \$210.00

Limited Availability

***\$50 Non refundable Deposit
required by August 20th***

**For Reservations Call Deacon John
732-776-7643**

Degree Alert

Congrats to Robert Lynch
for making his Third Degree on
June 17.

Brother

Michael A. Unger
passed away on
May 26, 2016
Please pray for the
repose of his soul.

June Raffle Winners

1st Prize Mary Ellen Jenkins \$89.17
2nd Prize Carmella Livingston \$44.58
3rd Prize Olivia Brangan \$44.58
4th Prize Ed Goralski \$22.29
5th Prize Nancy Costa \$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.

Editor's Note

Brothers, Happy New Columbian Year! Let's make a commitment to help the Council in some way this year. Come to a Breakfast, attend a Business Meeting or take the family out to a Pasta Dinner. Keep an eye on the events in the Knightletter. Our individual participation is what makes the Council great. When you look at all of our charitable works in the past and the potential for the future, you are the key to our success. God will reward us for our good works in this world and the next.

God bless. Joe Lynch PGK