



KNIGHT LETTER

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COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers

Charity is paying the price of a legacy

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. - Proverbs 22:1

No matter how hard a man works, no matter how much wealth and notoriety a man accumulates, it is always a fair question to ask, *what will I leave behind?*

What we leave behind is called *legacy*. It is more than "Salesman of the year" plaques. And certainly more than a wooden box planted six feet deep. It's the footprints we leave at a workplace or institution, and the fingerprints we leave in the lives we love. Deep in the soul of every man is the desire to leave behind a good name. A name that makes people nod in affirmation. For a man to be able to look into the eyes of his wife and children and be able to see them looking back with respect, admiration, trust, loyalty-that is enough to make most of us hallucinate. That is a living legacy. And that is what every man should long for. A living legacy is the product of consistent hard choices –

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integrity, sensitivity, humility, responsibility, fidelity, and charity. There are no short cuts. No such thing as microwave maturity. It is held out to each of us – ours for the taking – as long as we are willing to pay the price.

Is there a way for a Knight to build his legacy through council activities and events? Would your brother's nod in affirmation if your name came up in conversation.

That person proves his worth who can make us want to listen when he is with us and think when he is gone.

Brothers let us pray for all our military personnel, Police Officers, Fire Fighters and EMTs, because they are serving and protecting us to be free. May God look over them.

Vivat Jesus

Herbert D. Hagmann

Grand Knight

Please Note:

This Month's Meeting is on August 9th due to our participation at the Italian Festival.

**Why aren't all
Catholic men
Knights?**

They weren't asked!

**Ask a fellow
Parishioner,**

You'll be surprised!

The Spiritual Corner

by Deacon John Kopcak PGK

In the mid 1960's I became interested in the writings of a self-educated immigrant and social philosopher by the name of Eric Hoffer. He was an interesting man who is said to have been the best-read man in the history of America. This one time homeless man worked as a migrant farmer and then later as a longshoreman until he retired at the age of 65. Even though he had no formal education he would eventually have his own TV show on PBS and wind up on the teaching staff at USC. He was the author of many books including one called The Ordeal of Change. In this book he discusses man's reluctance to change because of the uneasiness and the division that results from all change. I think that this is very true. Even with changes that we know are beneficial.

In the gospel of Luke, when Jesus talks about setting the world on fire He is talking about lighting a fire under us to get us to change. He is calling us to turn away from the world as it is and transform it to a world of love and justice. But this change does not come easy and will not come quickly. Like any change it causes tension and conflict. The early Disciples of Christ were good Jews who followed the Jewish practices and attended Temple even after the Crucifixion and Resurrection. Many of these early Christians were banned from the temple and ostracized by their families. When they proclaimed that Jesus was the king of the world and refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods they were persecuted. But what about us today? Does this turning toward God and His message of love and justice cause division in our lives? It does but in more subtle ways. Have you ever been passed over for a promotion because you had doubts about ethical practices of your company? Do some people think of you as a religious fanatic because you go to church on Sundays? Have you ever been labeled as unprogressive because of your position on abortion or as uncaring because of the churches position on embryonic stem cell research? Have you ever been labeled a "bleeding heart" because of the Churches teaching on social Justice Have you ever felt disenfranchised because of the moral positions of both political parties? To some this gospel sounds like gloom and doom. But it's not. It is really a Gospel of hope. It was Jesus Baptism (HIS death and Resurrection) that set the world ablaze and He tells us that he couldn't wait for it to happen. Why? Because he knew that His life, death, and resurrection would make the world a better place. His life death and resurrection brought about the Kingdom of God. We now live in that Kingdom but it has not in its fullness. As Catholics we are called by Jesus to share in His Baptism by continually changing our lives and practicing His teaching of love and justice We must face the conflict that comes with that change. Only then can the Kingdom of God reach its fullness in love and justice.

Scholarship Winners

Maria Lesniewski daughter of Brother Joe Lesniewski
and
Zachary Barnes, nephew of PGK Ray Barnes

Dinner Alert!

This month is a surprize.

August's Events

Aug 4 Officer's Meeting

Aug 9 Business Meeting

Aug 10,11,12,13,14 Italian Festival (help needed)

Aug 27 Pasta Dinner

Aug 28 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

Upcoming Events

Sept 1 Officer's Meeting

Sept 8 Business Meeting

Sept 17 Installation of Officers

Sept 28 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

August

Birthdays

Brothers, Happy Birthday!

■■■■■■■■ Daniel Abbruscato

Ray Barnes PGK

Mark Bozzo

Richard Brudzynski

Richard Buckley

George Chalmers

Ron Chirichella

Richard Delaney

Rev. Boby Kurian

James Maliff

Gerald McAtee

Pete McCarthy

Mauricio Toledo

Phillip Walsh

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 Mark Thomas who also made his Third Degree on June 17.

Welcome to the K of C

Stephen Grandinetti

First Degree

Knight on July 14th.

June Raffle Winners

1st Prize Tony Goralski \$89.17

2nd Prize Sam Vaccaro PGK \$44.58

3rd Prize Veronica Piotrowicz \$44.58

4th Prize June Lynch \$22.29

5th Prize Vincent Caprio \$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

Brothers, Starting August 10th our Council will have a booth at the Italian Festival sponsored by the Italian American Club. We use the opportunity to recruit members, and raise money for Coats for Kids with a carnival game for the kids. We need your help assisting GK Herb for a couple of hours. Please give our Worthy a call **732-245-5388** and get on the schedule. I can attest that it is a fun time, people watching and working with the kids at our Carnival Game.

God bless. Joe Lynch PGK