



# KNIGHT LETTER

October 2016

COUNCIL 816 MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

## Grand Knight's Report

Brothers;

### Charity is a mother's protective pinions

An article in *National Geographic* several years ago provided a penetrating picture of God's wings...

After a forest fire in Yellowstone Park, rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. Three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under her cover of her wings would live.

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**Dinner Alert!**  
Surprise!

Being loved this much can make a difference in our lives. Think about all the potential for harm in your life. Could angels be guarding you? Recall an instance when you are delivered or protected against all odds. What did you learn from the experience?

*When you say that a situation or a person is hopeless, you are slamming the door on the face of God.*  
John Churton Collins

On a personnel note:  
Brother Raymond Barnes has resigned his position as Financial Secretary due to constraints of his job. I would like to say Thank you to Ray for the time and effort he put in as the FS. Ray will remain a member of this council. He was a dear friend to me and I will miss his banter.

Ray, I know all the Brothers wish you the best of luck.  
Vivat Jesus  
Herbert D. Hagmann  
Grand Knight

**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 next Sunday's Gospel Luke tells us the story of the 10 lepers who were made whole by Jesus. The 10 lepers had several things in common besides their disease. To begin with they were all outcasts. Lepers were kept apart from everyone else. They had to dress in torn clothes and keep their hair uncombed. When approached by others they had to shout "Unclean, Unclean." The second thing they had in common was their great faith. Jesus does not cure them immediately. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest. They trusted in Jesus even though they hadn't been cured.

One leper was different. He was a Samaritan. As you know Samaritans were hated and despised by all Jews. In their eyes there was no "Good Samaritan". They were foreigners and pagans who were to be avoided. We could say the Samaritan leper was the outcast of outcasts, yet he is the only one who thanks Jesus. His gratitude brings him into a closer relationship with Jesus and he receives salvation.

What are the lessons of today's gospel? To begin with we see throughout all the Gospels that Jesus gives preference to the outcasts. As followers of Jesus we are called to do the same. Who are the outcasts today? They are the poor, the sick, foreigners or anyone who is marginalized and set apart.

The second lesson is that of gratitude for the things that God has given us. Faith, gratitude and good works lead to salvation. A number of years ago Karen and I went to Mass in a small church located in a POOR fishing village in the Dominican Republic. The liturgy was extremely joyful. Karen and I didn't sing because we didn't know the words to the songs in Spanish. The people noticing that we probably didn't know the words gestured for us to clap our hands along with them. The sign of peace continued until every person embraced every other person in the church. It was amazing how they saw the presence of God in each other. We could tell by their attitude that they were there to PRAISE AND THANK God for the little that they have. They were putting God first and wanted us to join them. A lot can be learned from the poor.

That gospel of Luke tells us of another way that people give thanks to God. Remember the Pharisee in prayer. "I thank you God that I am not like the rest of humankind—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even this tax collector. I fast twice a week: I pay a tithe on all I acquire." What he said was true. He wasn't a thief or an adulterer. He fasted twice a week and paid a tithe on all he had. Where did he go wrong? There was too much emphasis on "I". He attributes his virtue to his own power and not to the grace of God. He sets himself apart and above all others.

Yet how often have we heard it said, "Everything that I have I've earned." How often have we heard the poor being blamed for being poor because they are lazy and don't want to work? How often have we said these very things? Let us not be like the Pharisee. Let us be like Jesus who gave preference to the outcasts and let us praise God joyfully for the gifts that He has given us.

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The 2017 Raffle Tickets will be available at this Month's Business Meeting. This year we sold 107 tickets netting the Council \$2500. for our charity work. We would like to sell all 300 tickets this time netting us a total of \$7500 for charity and \$7500 in prizes. The tickets will also be available at October's breakfast. If you don't want to sell them then buy one for yourself. You have 60 chances to win all year (such a deal).

## October's Events

Oct 6 Officer's Meeting

Oct 8 & 9 Membership Drive Ascension

Oct 13 Business Meeting

Oct 22 Halloween Party

Oct 23 Breakfast Buffet and Raffle Drawing

Oct 29 & 30 Membership Drive Holy Innocents

## Upcoming Events

Nov 12 Memorial Mass & covered dish

Dec 10 Council Christmas Party

## Halloween Party

October 22, 2016

at The

Council Home

7PM to 11PM

Costumes Incouraged

Prizes for Best, Funniest  
and Creative.

Snacks

BYOB

\$10.00 per person

Proceeds to benefit Coats for Kids  
You never know who will show up

Frankenstein, Wolfman or ??? it's up to you!

## August's Raffle Winners

1st Prize Anthony Pappa \$89.17

2nd Prize Lucille & Gerald Coppola \$44.58

3rd Prize Tom York \$44.58

4th Prize Jim & Lisa Emmons \$22.29

5th Prize Raymond Barnes PGK \$22.29

## October Birthdays Brothers, Happy Birthday!

Herb Daley

Tom Giambalvo

Walter Golembiewski

Richard Jarosz

Jeff Kamen

Mike Killeen

Tom Lynch

Francis Maguire

Andrew Orefice

Jamie Paztiro

Daniel Rust

John Scarfo PGK

John Schaad

Walter Stepien

Robert Woods

## Degree Alert

Congrats to Stephen  
Grandinetti who made  
his Second

Degree on Sept. 21.

There is a 3rd  
Degree scheduled

for Oct 21 at the Keyport  
Council. Call our Worthy

GK Herb Hagmann: 732-  
245-5388

## 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, It's that time of the year and time to think about Turkey Baskets. Remember the charge at your **First Degree, CHARITY**. Our 50/50 raffle will help this year but we are splitting the funds between Turkeys and Coats for Kids and will come up short for both programs. With your donation we can put more to the Coats for Kids Program. Try to imagine how it is for the poor people who won't have the means to have a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. God will bless you and reward you for your charity. Please send your contribution to the Council Home at 203 West Sylvania Ave, Neptune City. Put "Turkey Baskets" in the memo section of your check so we can keep those funds separate.

God bless, Joe Lynch PGK