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Chaplain's Message



New Inspiration Is On Its Way! May Brings New Life!

All life has its cycles and my tenure as chaplain is now about to be over. This will be my last column for the Knights as they prepare to welcome Fr. Alex Barbieto from St. Andrew's in Westwood as their new chaplain. We wish him well as he begins this important service to the Knights.

Reflecting on the past few years, (I think I have written for the knights since July 2012), I am happy to know that Fr. Alex's new role will allow him to bring a different flavor and experience to the role of chaplain. I'm sure he is very anxious to share his time and insights with you.

This May is the opportunity we have to be refreshed by all that is new and blooming around us. It is God's way of re-invigorating hope and a prospect for a bright future. The very experience of new life fills us with hope and it comes in the wake of the celebration of the feast of the Resurrection.
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Grand Knight's Message

The weather is great, the days are long, children are playing outside and everyone seems to have more time and energy. Well, maybe not more time.

The time you do have should be well spent. Your Faith and family comes first and, by necessity, your livelihood. But what comes next?

As you give this some thought consider some volunteer hours with the Council!

We are involved in a host of activities that run the gamut of everyone's interests. From among the various works of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism we've got it covered at Council 2188! Just visit us at www.kofc2188.org and check out the calendar of upcoming events that might interest you.

After you look at the upcoming events ask yourself a question,

Do you have some time?

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

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(Chaplain)

Every May I get this feeling that everything will be okay. The color and scent of the flowers coming up just fills you with energy and expectation. That energy should find its way into our faith life too. We must pour into our prayer the belief in the promise of Jesus to be with us always. It is a promise that when we work for the glory of God and the service of our neighbor, God will be with and bless us with success. This has been the history of the Knights of Columbus and with God's help, the Knights will continue to grow and produce good fruit.

Under the leadership of a very upbeat and positive new pontiff, Pope Francis, we are seeing a new challenge being made to Christians to put themselves into the works of their communities so that they can have a positive influence and be a force for good. This is another effect of the power of the Holy Spirit being released in our world. The Knights have always stood behind His Holiness in his efforts to assist those in need and to keep the Church abreast with the times. It promises to be an exciting time in the life of the Church.

As I leave I pray that the joy of the Resurrection and the feast of Pentecost empower us all to respond to the challenges of our times. May God bless you and your families as you strive to do God's will and act as his messengers of the Gospel today!

Spectrum Canteen

Brothers,

The next Spectrum Canteen for the Developmentally Disabled is May 9th at 6:30 PM. Your help is always appreciated by the "Spectrum Family".

Developmentally Disabled Drive

Brothers,

In spite of the restrictions placed upon our drive at street locations, our drive reached a total of \$8,968 thanks to the efforts of 48 members and 11 friends of Council 2188 with a total of 160 hours at 7 locations.

Many members worked multiple hours and multiple days.

God Bless

Mike Carpenter

Cpl. Gonzalez

The St. Thomas More Council 2188 of Westwood/Hillsdale presented a check for \$3000 to the Marine Corp. League Detachment #744 for the purchase of a standing wheelchair for wounded veteran, Cpl. Visnu Gonzalez, of Hillsdale. Cpl. Gonzalez was injured in 2004 during his second tour of Iraq which has left him paralyzed from the chest down. The Marine Corp League based in Oakland has helped wounded veterans like Cpl. Gonzalez come home with the support needed to improve their quality of life. In the picture Grand Knight Joe Laquidara (far left) and Deputy Grand Knight Joe Bisi (far right) present a check to members of the Marine Corp. League Peter Alvarez, Les Derbyshire, and Ed Korek (left to right). This donation was made possible through a Super Bowl Party jointly held by the Council and the "Estate at Florentine Gardens" in River Vale last February.



Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Brothers,

The Exemplification at the Sheridan "Tara" on 4-17-2016 was a success. There were 120 new Sir Knights in attendance. Our April meeting was held on 4-26-16 at the Waldwick Council. For future references it is located on West Prospect & Smith Street. Our May meeting will be held at the Wyckoff Council, located at the church. The date is May 24th 2016 at 8:00pm.

In June we will have our Communion Breakfast location TBD. We are coming to the end of our fraternal year and will be announcing a new slate of officers. If you are interested in becoming an Officer, please attend the next meeting.

In closing I would like to quote St. Faustina Kowalska. "Pure love is capable of great deeds, and it is not broken by difficulty or adversity. It knows that only one thing is needed to please God: to do even the smallest things out of great love.

Vivat Jesus

Al Lukievics

Calendar of Events
May and June 2016

May

- 05/05 Ascension of the Lord
- 05/05 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 05/07 Meals for the Needy..... 9:00 AM
- 05/09 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 05/10 First Degree.....8:00 PM
- 05/12 Columbian Club.....8:00 PM
- 05/19 Officers' Club.....8:00 PM
- 05/20 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM
- 05/30 March in Memorial Day Parade.....8:30 AM

June

- 06/02 General Meeting..... 8:00 PM
- 06/04 Meals for the Needy.....9:00 AM
- 06/09 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 06/13 Council Golf Outing Breakfast.....6:00 AM
- Tee Off.....8:00 AM
- 06/13 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 06/14 Flag Day
- 06/14 First Degree.....7:30 PM
- 06/16 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 06/17 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM
- 06/19 Father's Day

Golf Outing 2016

The Annual Golf Outing is only one month away and there are many preparations necessary to make it a success. As we all know, the purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Scholarship and General Funds. The minimum goal is to clear \$3000 to provide three \$1,000 scholarships from the Council and anything above that will benefit the work we do through the General Charities Fund.

Your help is needed in a number of ways: to help at the Hall for the luncheon, play in the outing, soliciting gifts and hole sponsors and helping out at the outing. If you can give just a little bit of your time to making the outing successful, you shall be fulfilling one of the roles of a Knight. Please consider taking some active part in this endeavor.

Forms for the golf outing including hole and gift sponsors and golfer registration are available at our website, www.kofc2188.org. You will also find letters explaining the purpose of the event that can be given to prospective sponsors which include our tax ID number.

The cost of the outing remains at \$150 per golfer for an all-inclusive fun day on Monday, June 13th, 2016. Included is the hot buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart at the River Vale Country Club, door prizes and a luncheon at the Hall.

If you can assist in any way, please contact me by email at r7429@optonline.net or by phone at 201-664-3920 after 10 AM. Thank you for your support and aid in the past and I look forward to your assistance again this year.

Ray Polomski
Chairman

THANK YOU MIKE CARPENTER

As I was collecting money off a street corner during the recent Developmentally Disabled Drive my mind started to wander and I thought about all the time and effort that goes into the drive, particularly the time dedicated by Mike Carpenter.

This is the 23rd year that Mike has been the chairman of the drive. He is the chairman but it is virtually a one-person committee. Mike begins writing letters to the town and storeowners months before the drive begins to acquire permits and request permission to collect in front of the stores. In February, he makes out his coverage schedule and begins making phone calls and sending e-mails to get help to fill the time slots. This takes hours upon hours and often involves telephoning or e-mailing people three or four times before he makes contact. During the three days of the drive Mike takes vacation days from work so that he can be available to make sure all collection places are covered and to drive around to the stores and streets on which we collect to take the money and lighten the weight of the collection tubs.

Members of our council, relatives and friends of Mike's spend a few hours helping to collect money and all the help is appreciated but Mike devotes hundreds of hours to the drive each and every year. Too often we take this for granted.

I wanted to take the time and say "THANKS MIKE" on behalf of all the members of our council as well as all the Developmentally Disabled people who benefit from your efforts.

Frank Zimmerman PGK

MAY FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

When: May 20, 2016

Time: Doors Open at 6:00 PM
Dinner is served at 6:30 PM

Where: The Council Hall 40 Crest Street, Westwood, NJ

Menu: Boneless Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Apple
Sauce
Tossed Salad, Dessert, Soda, Coffee and Tea

Cost: \$12 per person, \$30 for a family consisting of parents and
minor-aged children

Reservations: Call Frank Mariconti at 201-497-6763 prior to Wednesday,
May 18th

Why: The Friday Night Dinners are fundraisers and all proceeds are
donated to charity.

If you are not going to the dinner but able to help, come to the hall at
6:00 PM. If you would like to help cook, come to the hall at 3:30PM. Help is
always needed at the dinner.

Officer Nominations for Columbian Year 2016-2017

Brothers,

The following list of new officers for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year will be entered as follows:

- Grand Knight.....Joseph Bisi
- Deputy Grand Knight.....Frank Mariconti
- Chancellor.....Ken Fodor
- Warden.....Mike Malure
- Treasurer.....Ray Polomski
- Recorder.....Joseph Meyerson
- Inside Guard.....Paul Bonanno
- Outside Guard.....Anthony Cannarito
- Advocate.....James Keegan, PGK
- Trustee First Year.....Joseph Laquidara, GK
- Trustee Second Year..... Jim Abrams
- Trustee Third Year.....Michael Guastella, PGK

Our Financial Secretary, who is appointed, not nominated, remains Angelo Restivo.

The names of the candidates for office will be presented to the Council on May 5th.


The council will vote at the June regular business meeting for the election of officers for the new Columbian Year.

Sincerely,

Nominating Committee (DGK Joseph Bisi, Warden Frank Mariconti, Inside Guard Mike Malure)



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