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### Chaplain's Message



*Well... Gobble,*

*Gobble, Gobble!*

The month is just starting, but I'm sure households are already trying to figure out how to manage Thanksgiving Day!

Who are you inviting over? What are you serving (turkey most probably, but how will you prepare it and with what will you serve it?) Who sits next to whom? How do you decorate the table? Which and how many desserts?

There are many more questions that center around the Thanksgiving Feast, but for the Christian family, certainly one question should be, "Who and how will someone thank God for being at the table and the blessings that have been given to those present (and maybe not present) this year?"

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### Grand Knight's Message

November 2015

Brothers, this month will conclude our Friday Night Dinners for the year.

Once again it has been our 'bread and butter' fundraising event for the charities we support. I am happy to say that we had great attendance at these dinners this year. There was a time in the not too distant past when it was a struggle to make a 'profit' but not so anymore.

A large part of the success of our Friday Night Dinners belongs to the kitchen crew which over the past year has relied on a few good men to carry this through. However, this small group needs your support! It is quite an undertaking to prepare this event

You know specifically how and when you can help. And if that doesn't work according to your schedule why not make a reservation to dine with us on November 20<sup>th</sup>? The menu is lasagna with meatballs at a cost of only \$12 per person!

Thank you for your support.

Joe Laquidara

It certainly won't be much of a "thanksgiving" if no one is expressing any thanks. It will be a shame if it just turns into a "pig out" (in which case, maybe roast pork would be a better choice!) Since essentially the celebration was established to express gratitude for blessings received, someone needs to sum up what your particular family has to be grateful for.

Sometimes in life we assume everyone knows we appreciate what they do for us. Most times people do understand that we are grateful. But wouldn't be nice to say so to those who make our lives easier and pleasant? Yes, at Christmas-time we perhaps give a gift to those who have loved us, but Thanksgiving is about the gift of ourselves. It is about pouring out the sense of wonder that those around us are so thoughtful and that we feel a need to express how much it all means to us.

While thanking those who are a blessing to us, however, do we thank the One who has placed them in our lives? Do we see that all of us are called to be channels of blessing to one another? Do we grasp that every kind thing that has happened to us would not have happened if each of those people who blessed us had not chosen to let it happen?

For people who are members of the Knights of Columbus, it probably has dawned on them that behind every good deed is a motivating force. A thought, an inspiration, a feeling has pushed the button that began the blessing. We see the movement of God in this. The Holy Spirit spreads through the world touching hearts that God's love for his creation might be felt. He seeks to do it through you and through me.

All blessings have their source in God. Whether or not an inspiration is acted upon is our part in the process. Whether it is a Thanksgiving meal during which we gather our loved ones, an act of charity for the homeless or suffering, a concern for the fiscal security of people's futures, they are all part of the same channel of Providence.

Let us take time to remember who is at the root of it all and not be afraid to speak our gratitude to God, the source of all blessing.

## **Respect Life March Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Brothers,

I am happy to report we had a very good turnout for our first Respect Life March from St John's in Hillsdale to St Andrew's in Westwood!

This march was coordinated among the respect life ministries and social concerns of St. John's and St. Andrew's parishes, New Hope, Inc., the Color Corp. of the Joseph F. Lamb Assembly, and we knights of the St Thomas More Council.

We were about 120 people strong! We had a diverse group ranging from young families to those who were in their golden years. Nonetheless we shared in one common goal; to show the 'world' we are a people who embrace the sanctity of life. As we marched we prayed the Rosary for our intentions. Reverend Fr. Alex of St. Andrew's joined us for the march and celebrated Benediction at St Andrew's at the conclusion of this event with musical accompaniment from brother Domenick Panfile.

I think I can speak for everyone who participated when I say it was very gratifying to show solidarity and be one voice for the sanctity of life!

Joe Laquidara

## **Silver Rose Rosary and Mass**

Brothers,

On Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew's we gathered to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe with a rosary and Mass in the church. This was our first time participating in the Silver Rose program which has been around since 1960. The Silver Rose program was inspired by knights who wished to honor Our Lady as the Patroness of the Americas. The running of the rose as it was originally called involved a real rose that traveled from Canada through the States to Mexico in time for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. It quickly transformed into a rose made of silver crafted from artisans in Mexico. Today there are six roses that travel throughout North America that arrive in Mexico City in time for the Feast. Our rosary and Mass was prayed in English and Spanish for this special occasion.

Joe Laquidara

## **Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665**

Chancellor Newsletter/Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Brothers,

The Exemplification is fast approaching.

Location: The Fiesta 255 Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075

Registration begins at Noon on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 and will end by 12:45pm.

All candidates must have a valid & signed 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Card. New candidates should know the Name & Number of their new Assembly.

Dress Code is Black Tux, White shirt without ruffles or winged collars, black bow tie, cumber bund, socks and shoes.

Degree Starts @ 1:00PM Cocktails, start around 3:00pm. Banquet & Program begins at 4:00pm.

I believe there will be a gathering of new candidates before the big day. Time & Place TBD.

In closing this article, I would like to quote a prayer of The United States Catholic Bishops.

“God of justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor.

Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited.

Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares.

Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen”

Fraternally, Al Lukievics PGK, PFN

## **Calendar of Events**

### **November and December 2015**

#### **November**

11/01	All Saint’s Day	
11/02	All Soul’s Day	
11/04	Council Memorial Mass.....	8:00 PM
11/05	General Meeting.....	8:00 PM
11/07	Meals for the Needy.....	9:00 PM
	Fraternal Mass and Installation of Officers @ St. John’s.....	5—9:00 PM
11/09	Spectrum Canteen.....	6:30 PM
11/10	First Degree.....	7:30 PM
11/12	Columbian Club .....	8:00 PM
11/19	Officers’ Meeting.....	8:00 PM
11/20	Friday Night Dinner.....	6:00 PM
11/26	Thanksgiving	
11/29	First Sunday of Advent	

#### **December**

12/03	General Meeting.....	8:00 PM
12/05	Meals for the Needy.....	9:00 AM
12/08	First Degree.....	7:30 PM
12/10	Columbian Club Meeting.....	8:00 PM
12/14	Spectrum Canteen.....	6:30 PM
12/17	Officers’ Meeting.....	8:00 PM


## **Spectrum Canteen**

The Spectrum Canteen will be held at our Hall on November 9th. It begins at 6:30 PM and we need help getting the food ready for distribution to the attendees. Hope to see you there.

Mike Carpenter



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