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Chaplain's Message



All Hallow's Eve

Soon the goblins will be out in force as moms and dads lead the little ones in the rituals of Hollween. Because they may not realize its origins, the children can be helped to a deeper understanding of our faith by explaining why things are celebrated the way they are.

As we know, "All Hollow's Eve", or "Hollween" is the evening before "All Saints Day", the day we celebrate those who are "hollowed", or "holy". It was originally a time to remember those souls who wandered unsettled, not yet where they should be...the kingdom of heaven. It resulted in prayer for those who had died, that their spirits might find rest. It is why we still request Masses to be celebrated for our departed loved ones. It is a way of sending

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Grand Knight's Message

Grand Knight's Message, October 2014

Joe Laquidara

Somebody cheer me up.

I spoke at the end of each Mass at St. Andrew's church the weekend of Sept. 7th and I couldn't believe what I saw, or to put it more accurately, didn't see: enough people.

Where did everybody go? Certainly not church.

During a stroll through the parking lot at the 10:30 am Mass I was astonished to count twenty vacant parking spots behind the church, never mind spots by the parish center. About a dozen years ago this was unheard of. I remember the parking lot was packed and anyone arriving a few minutes late needed to park on the next street around the corner by the dead end. From my understanding this is by no means isolated to St. Andrew's for I am told neighboring parishes are struggling to fill their pews too.

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(GK Message)

“love”. Love is the way lives are transformed and salvation is achieved. God’s love is expressed through us and the way we care for one another.

Earlier times encouraged children to dress up as their patron or favorite saint. It was a way of educating them in the history of the holy people who punctuate our history and our own lives. The lives of the saints can be found on the internet or in a Catholic encyclopedia.

All the “saints” are not on the official Church calendar. We have all know family and friends who would qualify. It is important for the young to know that they too can become “holy”. Maybe they could be asked to think about who is like a saint in their own circle of friends and family. Questioning why they made their choice can help understand the way they think and correct any misconceptions.

While so many costumes for Halloween now are bloody and gory, so were the deaths many saints endured. Unfortunately it is a part of life and our Church’s history. The opportunity can be used to speak about the way people suffered for what they believed. Suffering led to heaven for those whose love was great. We can encourage the young to love greatly, even if it causes inconvenience and sacrifice. Sacrifice is a way we show love for one another. (Like when you give up your afternoon or evening to parade from house to house with the little “vampires”!)

So many opportunities present themselves in the course of the year to teach the young. Looking for the opening to discuss faith without being “preachy” can help build an integration of faith and life for them. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we seek to instill a knowledge and appreciation of our history in our youth. They will write the next chapters. They should know the great people who have gone before us, so that they can see the proud history they continue.

If I am wrong in my assessment please correct me and make the both of us feel better.

Here’s my take. There was a time when Sunday mornings were free of clutter. Not so anymore. The distractions of six days have spilled over and now the one true God must compete with other gods such as the god of soccer practice, the god of garage sales, the god of sleeping in late, the god of waking up early and taking a daytrip, and so on. These gods play together nicely although the god of taking it easy and the god of getting things done sometimes square off. Who’s got time for Mass?

If I come across as a holy roller you obviously don’t know me but no earthly diversion no matter how honest or pleasant can become a substitute for Mass. Hope to see you in church!

Friday Night Dinner August 15th

Our summer BBQ Friday Night Dinner of 2014 was a real treat! We served 97 people probably the best BBQ that any joint could make! (And I’m not just saying that cause I’m Grand Knight.) Grill Master George prepared delicious ribs and chicken and our top notch kitchen crew: Frank, Reno, Ray, John, Mike, Dave, Tom, and Jim prepared and served corn on the cob, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, pickles and water melon.

Spectacular dinner and if you missed it all I can say is you have to come to our next general meeting to enjoy some extra ribs we made.

Hope you can make our next dinner on Oct. 17th. It will be Italian night and on the menu is chicken parmigiana, sausage and peppers and a pasta dish. Spread the word!

Doors open at 6 pm. \$12pp, \$30 per family with minors.

Joe Laquidara

Grand Knight

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

OCTOBERFEST

Guten Morgen und Guten Abend (Good Morning and Good Afternoon)!

Our Council's October Friday Night Dinner will be held on Friday, October 17, 2014. This will be our Octoberfest Dinner with the menu consisting of Sauerbraten, Knockwurst, Bratwurst, Knockwurst, Potato Pancakes, Red Cabbage Sauerkraut and Apple Sauce. You do not have to be German, all are Willkommen (welcome).

The price of \$12.00 per person and \$30.00 for a family consisting of parent and minor aged children includes soda, coffee and tea, and dessert.

Ich hoffe euch dort zu sehen (I hope to see you there)

Please call Herr Mike Deangelo at 201-664-5396 for reservations.

Calendar for October and November

October

- 10/01 Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 10/04 Hot Meals... ..9:30 AM
- 10/05 St. Andrew’s Parish Picnic.....2:00 PM
- 10/09 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 10/11 Mass & Installation of Officers...5:00 PM
- 10/12 First Degree (Council 7784).....2: 00 PM
- 10/13 Columbus Day
- 10/13 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 10/14 First Degree (Council 2188).....7:30 PM
- 10/16 Officers’ Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 10/17 Friday Night Dinner.....6:30 PM
- 10/18 Child ID Kit10:00 PM
- 10/26 Alzheimer’s Walk.....6:30 AM

November

- 11/01 Hot Meals.....9:30 AM
- 11/06 Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 11/10 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 11/11 First Degree Council 2188.....7:00 PM
- 11/13 Columbian Club.....8:00 PM
- 11/15 Membership Drive @ St. John’s
- 11/16 Membership Drive @ St. John’s
- 11/20 Officers’ Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 11/21 Friday Night Dinner—Lasagna... 6:00PM

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

The Assembly is off and running. Our first meeting was held at Fairlawn Council under the direction of the new Navigator, Jim Hans. Many interesting subjects were covered.

The major happening is our up-coming Exemplification. It will take place on October 19th, 2014 starting at 1:00 PM. It will be held at Leneves in North Haledon, NJ.

The next meeting of the Assembly will take place at the Ridgewood Council on October 28, 2014 starting at 8:00 PM.

In closing, I would like to quote St. John XXIII: “What gives us dignity is not our wealth or good fortune or noble birth but a worthy and virtuous life and the dignity of our labor.”

Fraternally,
Al Lukievics, PGN, PFN

Westwood Fire Department

The Westwood Volunteer Fire Department will hold an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 26, from 8 am to noon at the fire-house, located at 93 Center Avenue, Westwood. The event will feature pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee or tea. Price for adults is \$10 per person and \$5 for children up to age 12.

The Pancake Breakfast will be followed by the Westwood Fire Department 16th annual Harley raffle: 1st prize is a 2014 Fat Boy; 2nd prize is a \$500 gift certificate to O’Toole’s Harley-Davidson in Wurtsboro, New York. Harley raffle tickets are \$20 per ticket and only 2,500 tickets will be sold.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease 2014
Sunday / October 26th
Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION

This Walk has grown so large that the Bergen County Parks Commission won't let it be held at Van Saun Park anymore.

Last year we ranked #21 in the country in over 300 walks. The organizers of this year's Alzheimer's Walk are anticipating a larger turn out than ever before and hope to bring it into the top 10 of Alzheimer's walks throughout the country.

In the past 11 years members from several Councils have become a vital part of the Northern Walk's success. Their efforts have continued to help the Alzheimer's Association and our Order to become more prominent in the local community. This year I'm asking you to help spread the word and get more Brother Knights from other Councils to come and help – the more the merrier! This has really become a great fraternal event as we help serve the Alzheimer's Association.

On Sunday, October 26th, Councils from Northern New Jersey will once again be providing the following assistance: setting up in the morning, grilling 1000 hamburgers and 2000 hot dogs and cleaning up. We finish up about 2:00 in the afternoon.

As in the past I'm asking you to come

Set-up – 6:30 and 7:00 in the morning to slice and serve Bagels and coffee. (no raking and blowing leaves and acorns anymore, the BCC grounds crew will do that!)

Cook – 9:30 light the grills and cook the burgers and dogs.

Clean-up – 12:30 - 2:00 knock down tables, pick-up litter and then back to the Saint Thomas More Hall in Westwood to clean the pans, trays and utensils.

Any time you can give is truly appreciated

Please sign up for -- set-up, cooking and serving or clean-up

So I am asking all of you to come and please help on October 26th, for more information you can call me at 201-664-6870 or email gemfw@msn.com

Thank-you,
George E. Mulhauser, PGK 2188

NJ State Council Chairman of the
Alzheimer's Respite Care Fund

Knights of Columbus Jackets

Any Brother Knight wishing to buy a new white nylon K of C Jacket can find them on-line at <https://www.cardinalactivewear.com/products/jackets/nylon-windbreaker-coaches-jacket-light-lined-adult.asp>.

The jackets are about \$20.00, depending on the size ordered. Mine was 3X.

After you get the jacket, you can take it to the **Toni Embroidery Shop, 475 Broadway, Westwood, (201-664-6909)**. Tell the woman there (Toni) you are a member of the Westwood Knights of Columbus. Toni has done many jackets for other Knights. She has the computer all set up for us. The cost of the embroidery will be \$25.00. Toni will ask you how you want your first name on the jacket. I just got mine done there and I wore to the Friday Night Dinner on September 19.

Mike Daly

ST ANDREW'S PARISH PICNIC

Brothers start the grills! OK, it might not be as impressive as the announcement prior to an auto race, but hopefully it will be as effective in getting your attention.

St. Andrew's parish will be holding a picnic on Sunday, October 5, 2014, as one of the celebrations of the parish's 125th anniversary. The picnic will be held in the grassy area beyond the church parking lot.

Our Council has been asked to shop for and prepare the food for the picnic. No, your help is not needed to shop, but IT IS NEEDED TO BARBEQUE THE FOOD. We will be cooking hot dogs, hamburgers and cheeseburgers on our council's two large grills. This will be an easy task for all you master grillers.

The picnic will begin approximately 1:15 PM, immediately following the 12:15 PM Mass, so help will be needed starting at 10:30 AM. We will be cooking throughout the afternoon and will be taking turns manning the grills after the initial rush at the start of the picnic.

Come have fun while helping the parish and maybe we will even be able to recruit new members to our Council.



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