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Chaplain's Message



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THE FROST IS ON THE

The days are growing shorter, the light changing, the trees shedding their leaves. It all reminds us of the coming sleep of winter. As Halloween appears on the horizon, All Saints' Day prepares to emerge and we are reminded at such an early date that "there are only "x" amount of shopping days until Christmas, we pause briefly to remember the relative bounty with which we live.

The harvests are in. We are safe in the prospect of food for the future and we prepare a snug abode for the chill winter days ahead. While secure in so many ways, we are reminded to think not only of ourselves, but also those whose future is not so "snug"!

This is the time of year for gratitude and reflection; for preparing for ourselves and giving to others. Christians have long dedicated themselves to (P 2)

Grand Knight's Message

October 2015

Hope you are looking forward to cooler weather like I am. Autumn is a spectacular season especially around here. The days are warm and the nights are cool and there are plenty of activities to keep you busy, in a fun way of course!

Of course we never need an excuse to keep busy at our council! We have several events this October that I hope will be well attended. There is a Spectrum for Living walk at Van Saun park AND a parish picnic at St. Andrew's on Oct. 4th. We need men to cook at both events!

On Oct. 7th we will participate in the Silver Rose program which has been a Knights of Columbus event since 1950 where six silver roses travel from Canada through these United States down to Mexico in time for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. As you already know one of the titles of Our Mother is Patroness of the Americas.

On Oct. 10th we will hold a Respect Life Walk from St (Contd. P. 2)

(Chaplain)

helping others. It was Jesus' command, and it was his admonition that "whatever you do to the least among you, you do to me." We seek to aid in demonstrating charity and thoughtfulness.

This season is a chance to remind a future generation that life is not all about "me". Small children are not too young to learn consideration of others and the role they are called to play in giving to those less fortunate. How helpful to their formation is encouraging them to offer something of what they have, to those who have little. The Knights of Columbus spend a great deal of time and energy on charitable works. Make sure your children understand that charity is part of growing into mature Christians. Help them take part in efforts to relieve suffering. Point out what their Church is doing to help. Let charity be a family effort. It will make everyone to be better adults.

The abundance of the harvest time prepares us for the frugality of winter. It is a time to learn to control desires, so supplies last. Use it as a time to teach about saving money and resources. Let the young learn to spend wisely. Supervise their spending, explaining the options they have for the limited funds they possess. Teach them to budget over the monthly period. It is good training for married life. You would be surprised how many engaged couples never learned to budget or look to the future of their lives.

The cycle of the seasons is an excellent opportunity to teach the lessons of life and faith. Jesus calls us to be good stewards of the time, talent and treasure we possess. Before we get caught short, let all of us ask what we are doing to prepare for our ultimate future, the kingdom of God. Have we been faithful to the practice of our religion? Have we attended to the religious education of our children? Do we lead them to Mass? Do we understand the responsibility we have before God to help our children develop a faith-life?

We will one day be called to account for what we have done with what we have been given. Let us be sensibly prepared!

Grand Knight)

John's in Hillsdale at 10 am to St Andrew's in Westwood where Benediction will be held at 12:30 pm. This walk is sponsored by the respect life ministries of each church, New Hope, Inc. and our council. I hope and pray that this event will be well attended. Invite your friends and neighbors!

But wait there's more!

Oct. 16th is our Oktoberfest Friday night dinner where we do NEED a host. If you could be host for dinner it would be greatly appreciated and it really is easy to do. Rounding out the month we have a Halloween Party on Oct 24th (should be a hoot) and the following day, Oct 25th, we cook for the Alzheimer's walk at Bergen Community College.

I'm not even including all the other monthly events we handle!

So in addition to keeping busy with the things we enjoy this Fall, why not add a little something to help out your council too.

Joe Laquidara

Spectrum Canteen and Walk-A-Thon

Dear Brothers,

A **Spectrum Canteen** will be held on Monday, **October 12**.

The annual **Spectrum Walk-A-Thon** will be held at **Van Saun Park in Paramus** on **Sunday, October 4th**. We, as Knights in support of this Walk, help to set-up and clean-up from 7AM to noon. Please give of your time when you can.

Thank you to all who have expressed your interest in my recent hip surgery which turned out excellent.

God Bless

Mike Carpenter

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Brother Knights:

Chancellor Article/Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Brother Knights We are still waiting for further information on the up-coming

Exemplification/Military Ball.

The next meeting of the Assembly will be on October 27th 2015. Location TBD.

On October 25th 2015, we shall be holding our PFN Dinner for Jim Hans. It will take place at Le Neves , 276 Belmont Ave. , Haledon N.J. Reservations are required. Cost \$30.00pp.

Contact George Thompson Jr.

A quote from St. Alphonsus Liguori

“It is not necessary to acquire riches, nor

To obtain dignities, nor to gain a great name.

The only thing necessary is to love God.”

Al Lukievics PFN PGK

Calendar of Events
October and November 2015

October

- 10/1 General Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 10/03 Meals for the Needy.....9:00 AM
- 10/04 Spectrum Walk-A-Thon..... 7:00 AM
- Parish Picnic @ St. Andrew’s.....12-5:00 PM
- 10/12 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- St. Andrew’s Picnic.....12-5:00 PM
- 10/13 First Degree.....7:30 PM
- 10/15 Officers” Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 10/16 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM
- 10/24 Halloween Party.....8-12:00 PM
- 10/25 Alzheimer’s Walk..... 6:00 AM—2:30 PM

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 Club8:00 PM

Columbian Club Report

The Columbian Club has been making plans to replace the rooftop units that cool and heat the hall, replacing the material on the mansard roof with 3D shingles and replacing the bulbs in the hall with high efficient LED bulbs. Thank you to Mike Carpenter for securing estimates for the first two projects and Mike Malure for the last project.

Our meetings are held at the Council on the second Thursday of the month at 8 PM. All Knights are members and welcome to come to the meetings to give their advice and suggestions on how our building and grounds can be improved.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease 2015

Sunday / October 25th

Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ

Last year we ranked #29 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 12 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. This has really become a great fraternal event as we help serve the Alzheimer's Association and to all of you new members who have helped our council achieve Star Council this past year – This is the event to be at to see what can be accomplished when Knights work together!

On Sunday, October 25th, 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—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,





It might be scary, it will be fun
But you'll never know unless you come...

Annual Knights of Columbus HALLOWEEN Party

Saturday October 24, 2015
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