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Chaplain's Message



A Little Goose Anyone?

I don't know about you, but I'm all for giving the turkeys a break and having a nice roast goose this Thanksgiving. My neck of the woods is replete with Canada geese, and while the grass is always green, it's about all I can say in favor of the beasts.

While the first celebration of a Thanksgiving feast by the pilgrims may or may not have had a few wild turkeys thrown in, the poor turkey has become, for most families, the "bird of choice" for the celebration. Sometimes being popular is NOT a good thing!

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Grand Knight's Message

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By the time you read this the temperature has dropped a few more degrees and Fall is in full swing. Fall is a great time of year. The air feels cleaner, the foliage looks wonderful, the mosquitoes are gone and there is a welcomed change in sports, especially when your warm-weathered team has had a lackluster season.

Many people wish they could fast forward this season along with winter to get back to the warmer months but you're not one of those people!

Don't wish away the season. We have plenty of events at our council to warm your heart. Come to the regular business meeting which is always the first Thursday of the month to learn more about the activities in our council.

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(Chaplain)

Whatever your choice, we know that the feast is only the medium for the act of “thanks giving”. We are so fortunate in this country in so many ways. We have a lot to be grateful for, even if these are less than perfect times.

For Christians “thanks giving” should be a part of daily life. It is also the weekly act of worship for the Catholic community. The word “Eucharist” is Greek for “thanks giving” and sums up the understanding of Christians regarding their worship service. We give thanks to God for the sacrifice of Christ. In giving up his life in response to the Father’s will, he demonstrates the willingness of God (in Christ) to die for His creation. God raises his Son to show us that there is something more to come after death. He couldn’t have done that unless first Christ gave his life for those whom God loves...us.

In our celebrations we express our gratitude for the blessings of life, family and friends. Whether rich or poor, we recognize that the most important thing to us is to have people with whom we share our lives. We see, in our human relationships the channels through which God shares his love with us in a concrete way we can appreciate. Every hug and kiss we share this Thanksgiving is not just the contact of one human with another, but also the touchstone we have with an all-present God who is given flesh and blood by those who communicate His love.

May your sharing of the Thanksgiving feast be for all of you a reminder of how much you are loved, not only by your family and friends, but by the God who called you and them into existence. May that knowledge bring you peace and a sense of your own tremendous worth.

(Grand Knight)

Come to the Columbian club meeting the second Thursday of the month if you are interested in maintaining and improving the building and premises. Come to the officer’s club meeting on the third Thursday of the month if you want to dive into the nitty gritty of council workings or perhaps suggest an event of your own that would benefit and promote the ideals and principles established by Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney so many years ago.

Get involved! There is SOMETHING IN OUR COUNCIL THAT INTERESTS YOU. Don’t be one of those brothers who will look back on 2014 and say “next year I’ll give some time”!!

NOVEMBER FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

The final Friday Night Dinner of the year will be held on November 21, 2014. The menu will consist of lasagna and meatballs and a tossed salad.

The doors of the Council will open at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

The Friday Night Dinners have once again been successful, however, they would be much more successful if more Knights from our Council and their families supported our Council by attending the Friday Night Dinners.

As stated in the past, where can you go out and get a home cooked meal with dessert and soda included for \$12.00 per person and \$30.00 for a family consisting of parents and minor aged children?

Plan on attending the dinner and enjoy a delicious Italian dinner at a great price.

Call Mike DeAngelo at 201-664-5396 for reservations.

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

In connection with Election Day & Veterans/Memorial Day I would like to repeat a Prayer for our Nation from the Sacramentary. All-powerful God, today we rededicate ourselves To your service, and to the works of justice and Freedom for all. As you have called us from many peoples to be One nation, help us to give witness in our lives and in our life as a nation to the rich diversity of your gifts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. REMEMBER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY. Meetings & Functions for the Month. Military Ball 12-6-4 @ Fiesta 3:00PM PFN Dinner 12-23-4 @ LeNeves 2:00PM For further information see your liaison officer. Fraternally, Al Lukievics PGK PFN

Warm Clothing Drive

This year our Council will be kicking off the Warm Clothing Drive on December 6th at Westwood’s Home for the Holiday Parade. The Westwood Chamber of Commerce has asked if we would set up 3 drop off locations, one on each of the 3 downtown blocks. So we need at least 6 Brother Knights to help man these locations – 2 at each, in front of Westwood Gallery, Current Consignment Boutique and between L&N Grand and Pompilio’s . If you can help please contact me, Thank-you, George Mulhauser, PGK

Calendar for November and December

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
- 11/27 Thanksgiving

December

- 12/04 Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 12/06 Hot Meals.....9:30 AM
- 12/08 Immaculate Conception
- 12/08 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM
- 12/09 First Degree.....7: 00 PM
- 12/11 Columbian Club..... 8:00 PM
- 12/18 Officers’ Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 12/25 Christmas Day

Child ID Kit Giveaway

On Saturday, October 18th from 10AM until noon, the Council held a Child ID kit distribution event for the public in the parking lot of the hall. A Child ID card to be filled out by parents containing emergency contact and medical information, fingerprint, and photo location was provided to all children in attendance. Assisting us that day was Detective John Hurtuk of the Westwood Police Department who fingerprinted the children. Special thanks to the following Knights who helped me plan and assist in this event: Joe Laquidara, Keith Dugan, and Mike Klein.

Glenn Rametta.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's 2014

October 26th – It was a great day for The Walk to End Alzheimer's at the new venue on the campus of Bergen Community College. I did have some anxiety about the move from Van Saun Park after holding it there for the past 12 years. We had a routine, but, with all our success there, we had to move to a larger venue – it's all about the parking. Knights from River Edge, New Milford, Westwood and the very welcome newcomers Ramsey were there to help.

After spending Friday afternoon shopping with Charlie at Restaurant Depot, spending Saturday loading my van with 2200 hot dog buns and 800 hamburger buns, hot boxes and everything else we needed from our hall's kitchen, along with finding brother Knights to transport boxes of T-shirts, bagels, hotdogs and burgers, I felt pretty comfortable that we were ready. So that evening Christine and I went to Finnegan's to relax and have dinner and then I got "the Call" -- Starbucks in Paramus was not going to supply the 400 cups of coffee for the morning – YIKES!

Ok, so we quickly decided to brew our own with our Council's two 100 cup urns. Luke, the owner of Finnegan's, gave us 500 coffee cups and off my wife and I went to the store to buy coffee, sugar, etc. Fast forward to 6:30 Sunday morning – now we need to brew the coffee. We got Security to unlock a door close to the food tent and with long extension cords we were all set until the circuit blew. We solved that and then Mike "Starbuck" Carpenter parked himself in front of those urns and waited patiently for the light to turn green, Thank-you Mike for watching 600 cups brew!!!

I must say that, from the beginning of the day at 6:30 to finishing up at the hall with the clean-up crew at 2:00, this was the best year yet! To all of you Brother Knights, your wives and children who came out to help – THANK-YOU! You should know that the Alzheimer's Association truly appreciates our help and realizes that this walk would not be as successful as it is without the help of The Knights of Columbus.

Gratefully yours,

George Mulhauser, PGK 2188



Council Mass and Installation

On October 11th St Thomas More Council celebrated their Council Mass and Installation of Officers. We joined the regularly scheduled Mass at St. John's in Hillsdale but we sat together as a council with our families. We were especially recognized by Fr. Pikulinski, who made us feel welcome.

Immediately following the Mass, we conducted our Installation. With great honor, we were accompanied by the Fourth Degree of the Joseph Lamb Assembly. Our District Deputy Chuck Hollis was present to confer the titles and responsibilities to each officer. At the close of the installation, Fr. Korbela, pastor of St. John's and our Chaplain, was present to bless our efforts and endeavors for the upcoming Columbian year.

To top off this very special occasion we enjoyed dinner together in the parish center.

I am deeply grateful to all of you who were present. An event like this is most important especially when you become Grand Knight!

Joe Laquidara

Hot Meals at St. Joe's Oct. 4th

This month we served about 40 people a hot lunch at St. Joe's Community Center in Paterson on Saturday, Oct. 4th. We served ziti and meatballs. This is a first come first served luncheon we provide to all in need within the area.

Many thanks to our kitchen crew and Joe Bisi, Jim Abrams, and Dave Stewart for serving lunch!

If you are interested in participating, we are doing this the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. You can sign up directly on the website calendar, kofc2188.org.

Joe Laquidara



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