



From everyone in the Long Valley Council 10419, have a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

### A Note from Our Grand Knight

Brothers - while I realize that this newsletter is to present the council events from the recent past and short term future, it is hard to not mention what is happening today. As I am completing my final draft, the news of the shooting in Newtown, CT is all around. It is in these times that we must ask God for strength. We must pray for the souls of the children, teachers, and the families that have lost loved ones. How do we make sense of this? We put our faith and trust in God!

Closer to home Hurricane Sandy "was" the big news. The much hyped "it can't happen here" storm really came to New Jersey. While we did not get the storm surge that hit those at the coast, we did experience unprecedented damage. Through what was up to two weeks without power, many helping hands and hearts in the greater Long Valley and Hackettstown communities came together to support all in need. And this need will not go away anytime soon. So we pray and look to provide support to those people impacted by Sandy for the foreseeable future.

Now down to the business of "Knights Business"... It has been a busy three months: Rose for Life, St. Mark's Picnic, Sock Drive, Eyeglass Collection, support for Chillout, Food Drive, Auction, partnering with the Columbiettes, Deacon John's Christmas message, and more... All of this in the midst of taking care of our families, the birth of our children, the loss of loved ones, running our businesses, our going to work, our looking for work. As a Catholic gentleman I say to you "thank you". Thank you for being there for others and each other. I look forward to continued momentum and support in 2013.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas social. And I wish for all of you a Blessed Christmas. Vivat Jesus.

### Christmas Social

Our council will be having our annual Christmas Social on December 27, 2012 at 8:00PM at Lou Monteforte's house. Please let us know if you and your spouse will be attending so we may appropriately prepare the food for the event.

### Membership and Recruiting

Our council is always seeking new members. We are proud to announce that we have three new members who are in the process of joining our council, Mario Atanochie, Chris Thomas and John Notte. In addition to these new members, our council has had a few transfers from other councils, Brian Cox and Lewis Waxmonsky. We welcome all these new members and all the members who have joined our council. We are excited about having them as part of our organization!

### Who We Are ...

Our council was chartered June 27, 1990 and currently includes over 130 members. We are a three-parish based council. We are affiliated with the Long Valley parishes of Saint Luke, Saint Mark, and Our Lady of The Mountain.

The Knights in our council are active in their parish ministries and volunteer their time in support of programs and activities serving the Church, the community, and those in need. As Knights we are guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but by our belief in each other, and in ourselves. We believe that a man is defined by his actions as a follower of God, the Catholic Church, and as a leader in his community.

Our Council meets twice monthly at 8:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at Our Lady of The Mountain Parish.

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## Recent Events

### Annual Auction

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Benefit Auction took place on Saturday evening December 1, 2012 at St. Luke's and it was a huge success. We had roughly 150 people in attendance; we had over 90 live auction items and about 120 silent auction items. This year we were able to raise \$14,864.52, which is slightly less than last year but right in line with what we are averaging for the last few years. This event is our major fundraiser of the year and goes to fund the many programs we support.

The auction could not be a success without all the hard work of many of our Brother Knights and of course a special thank you goes out to all the Benefactors who donated items to the auction, without them there would not be an auction. And as a reminder, we should patronize these local businesses that supported the auction. A special thank you to the Columbiettes for all their support, donating auction items, selling raffle tickets, helping set up on Friday and Saturday, serving the appetizers plus I am sure they were whispering in their husband's ears with other insights!

There is so much to do in preparing for the auction starting with the number one task of soliciting the local community for auction items, to selling tickets, putting up signs, attending the auction meetings, the logistics and room prep, set-up and clean-up, cooking, coordinating the runners and managing the live auction items, the recorders, serving food and drinks, the back office team that processes all the sales and everyone out, etc. etc.



**The Kitchen Crew.**

(left to right)JR Bracero, Walt Lublanecki, Bobby Scanga, Bill Conover & David Kiebler



**Black tie optional.**

(left to right) Auctioneer Dennis Cassidy, Grand Knight Michael Leyden, & past Grand Knight Kevin Cronin.

Everyone had a great time and thanks again to all those who help make this auction a success.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

Many "THANKS" to all who supported this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your concern for the less fortunate made it possible to provide:

- 15 local families in Washington Township each with a minimum of 5 bags of canned goods, fresh vegetables, a frozen turkey, and a \$20.00 Shop-Rite gift card,
- 34 seniors living in the Robert Cole Center in Chester each with canned goods, fresh vegetables, paper products, and a \$20.00 Shop-Rite gift card,
- Trinity Methodist Church (which served as a shelter in Hackettstown in the aftermath of Sandy) with 90 bags of canned goods to restock their shelves,
- Long Valley Food Pantry with many bags of canned goods for less fortunate families living in Washington Township.



**Several brothers packing up the food donations.**

(left to right) Dennis McKenna, Marty Miktus, Bob Dunne, Bobby Zampese & Walt Lublanecki

This would not have been possible without the help of many people who helped out over the weekend. These people should be recognized for their time and efforts: Brothers Walter Lubanecki and Bobby Zampese who stepped up to manage the food drive in my absence, the confirmation class students who earned community service hours and valuable experience by helping at the Shop-Rite of Chester, Deirdre, Maureen and Fr. Mike for their continued support of this most worthy cause, the ladies in the back room (Dottie, Pam, Christina, and Toni) for their tireless efforts with lugging, sorting, re-bagging, and organizing the many bags of groceries for pick up and delivery.

And, last but not least, you my Brother Knights should be recognized for helping with the two day collection at Shop-Rite, and for getting up early to make the Monday morning delivery to the seniors living in the Robert Cole Center.

Many thanks to you for supporting this most worthy cause, Art Catalusci, PGK

For the 2012-2013 Columbian Year, we would like to provide to you a complete list of the officers of Council 10419.

### 2012-2013 Officer Slate, Council 10419 Program Directors

<b>Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Michael Leyden</b>	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>John Creamer</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Louis Monteforte</b>	<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>Deacon John P. Meyer</b>
<b>Chancellor:</b>	<b>John Clary</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Thomas Sanders</b>
<b>Advocate:</b>	<b>Grover Cribb</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee:</b>	<b>John Arrambide</b>
<b>Recorder:</b>	<b>Kevin Daily</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Porfirio Bracero, Jr.</b>
<b>Warden:</b>	<b>John Larkin</b>	<b>Youth:</b>	<b>Bob Scanga</b>
<b>Outside Guard:</b>	<b>Edward Sommerkorn</b>	<b>Church:</b>	<b>Pat Gibbons</b>
<b>Inside Guard:</b>	<b>Richard Wagner</b>	<b>Family:</b>	<b>Ed Sommerkorn</b>
<b>Lecturer:</b>	<b>Armand Catalusci</b>	<b>Community:</b>	<b>Walter Lublanecki</b>
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	<b>Alan McGrath</b>	<b>Council:</b>	<b>Bill Conover</b>

## Fund Raising

As you may know, our annual auction is a key event in our fundraising goals. Additional events throughout the year are required in order to meet our charitable plans each year. Your help at these events are crucial and we also need new chair people and ideas for new fundraisers.

Please come to our business meetings and propose new ideas or volunteer current events.

## Adoration

Typically adoration is held at 7PM at St. Mark's before our business meetings. **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament has been put on hold for the winter.** We are hoping to start adoration back up in the spring. For more information, please contact Deacon John.

### **Calendar—Meetings and Events**

Please note that Council meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday of most months. When those days conflict with holidays or other events, changes to the schedule will be decided on published. Location of Council meetings will be Our Lady of the Mountain unless otherwise indicated.

#### December 2012

11<sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM  
**OLM**

25<sup>th</sup> — Christmas Day

27<sup>th</sup> — Christmas Social 8:00 PM **OLM**

#### January 2013

1<sup>st</sup> — New Years Day

8<sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM  
**OLM**

12<sup>th</sup> — Free Throw Contest

21<sup>st</sup> — Martin Luther King, Jr's Day

22<sup>nd</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM  
**OLM**

27<sup>th</sup> — Lyons Visit

#### February 2013

3<sup>rd</sup> — Memorial Mass 11:00AM **St. Mark's**

12<sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM  
**OLM**

14<sup>th</sup> — Valentine's Day

14<sup>th</sup> — Presidents Day

26<sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM  
**OLM**

#### March 2013

12<sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM  
**OLM**

17<sup>th</sup> — St. Patrick's Day

17<sup>th</sup> — March Madness Raffle drawing

26<sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM



## Annual Programs

Our Recent Events outline only a few of the special fundraising events or causes we support throughout the Columbian year. If you have any special talents you could contribute by leading and/or planning an event, please attend a meeting and suggest the event for consideration during the "new business" segment of the business meeting. Your time, talents and leadership are not only welcomed but greatly appreciated. Event coordinators and support are always needed and appreciated.

**Editor's Notes:** Please direct any articles or event notifications and announcements you wish to have inserted into the newsletter to our email or postal addresses, attention of Kevin Daily, telephone #908-452-5467 or email at kevinjdaily@gmail.com.