

A Note from Our Grand Knight

Brothers and Worthy Sirs - as summer nears its close and thoughts turn from vacations and summer fun to back to school, so too do we look to get our 2012-2013 Columbian year into full swing. On behalf of the newly elected slate of officers I want to thank Tom Sanders and those departing officers for their service in 2011-2012. They have set a "high-bar" for our council – accomplishments including: highly successful recruiting drives; our first blood drive; the rebirth of this newsletter and many others activities and fundraisers. I speak for the council – officers, committee chairman, and brothers all – when I say that with God's help and in His name we are ready and up to the challenge of the new year.



The gavel was passed from previous Grand Knight, Tom Sanders, to the current Grand Knight, Michael Leyden, on June 26, 2012.

For 2012-2013 I look forward to continuing the work that represents the best of what the Catholic gentlemen of Our Lady of the Mountain, St. Mark and St. Luke have to offer. As I

stated at an earlier business meeting, the goals for this Columbian year are – fiscal responsibility (risk review of auction and of the budget), healthily growth in membership and in insurance (Star Council, increase in active St Luke brothers), review and updates to our committee programs (revamp of Back to School Raffle and Spring Knight Out/ Beefsteak Dinner, affiliation with and support for Operation Chillout), and expand our reach to our neighboring council (upcoming St. Michael's visit by Principal Ernie Jackson to a business meeting, participation in the Pride in Our Priest Dinner).

As we look forward to 2012-2013 Columbian year let us remember to give thanks for what we have. For all of the blessing that God has bestowed on us. For the good work that we do in His name. Be inspired, uplifted, and blessed as we go forth to do His work!

Vivat Jesus Fraternally, Michael Leyden, Grand Knight

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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Events and Additional Information

Annual Auction

Plans are underway for our 21st annual Community Benefit Auction which, this year, is scheduled for Saturday, December 1st. As in past years we will be relying on the support and involvement of all our brother knights to support the auction. Proceeds from the auction fund our charitable community programs such as food and clothing for the needy, seniors, educational scholarships and veterans & youth activities. Since 1996, we have raised more than \$220,000 towards our charitable efforts. This year our goal is to raise \$22,000 and with your support we can reach our goal.

There are many roles to fill and we can use all your help and skills. We will be scheduling meetings on a biweekly basis starting in September. Be on the lookout for meeting notifications and please help support this very worthy cause. Please contact Lou Monteforte at <u>lmontefortesr@gmail.com</u> or <u>908-876-5229</u> for further information.

Somerset Patriot Baseball Game

A few tickets to the Somerset Patriot Baseball game are available. On Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm. come celebrate Knights of Columbus Night at the Somerset Patriot Game. Join other Knights from various councils in New Jersey. Tickets are \$5 each. Contact Lou Monteforte @ <u>lmontefortesr@gmail.com</u> for tickets or any questions.

Arc of Morris County

On July 18, 2012 our council visited the ARC of Morris County facility in Flanders and presented the Director of Habilitation, Margo Conley, a donation representing the funds we collected during the Intellectually Challenged Drive held in April. Margo gave us a tour of the facility, which in any given day provides therapy for up to 100 people. A good deal of the therapy entails functions involving "hand assembly". The facility has contracts with various corporations to assemble and package by hand (usually in plastic bags) the small components (nuts, bolts, dowels, plastic clips, etc) that accompany a variety of products ranging from toys to furniture and everything in between. The people get pay checks for this work, and the Morris Arc must compete for these jobs with other companies. Recently they lost some contracts due to "out-sourcing".

In addition to assembling and packaging components for various products, the facility will also take on projects involving collating, checking, and preparing promotional bags (goodie bags) for corporate meetings and conventions. If any of you work for or know of a company that may require the services of the Morris Arc please contact Brother Walt for further information.

Also the Morris Arc has an arts and crafts room where the people work on and create all sorts of good quality items for the home. These "arts and crafts" items have been sold at flea markets, at stores on Main Street in Chester and at numerous other fairs and events. Currently these items are being sold at the Morris Arc facility at 24 Main Street in Flanders. Please call first to see when the store will be open (973-927-1494).

Any support that we can extend to this facility will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Brother Walter Lublanecki at <u>908-510-3038</u> or via email at <u>walterl@lublaneckieng.com</u> for more information

Note from Our Insurance Agent

Insurance for Your Child

Have you ever said: Why didn't I buy life insurance when I was younger? Many of us have expressed this sentiment at one time or another because we realize, as we mature, that life insurance would have been less expensive when purchased at a younger (and often healthier) time in our lives. While we cannot turn back the clock for ourselves we can apply this wisdom to benefit our children by creating an advantage for them and their future.

Advantages of Life Insurance for Your Child:

Guaranteed Future Insurability: In the unfortunate event that your child develops a medical condition, he or she would not be forced to pay higher premiums or become uninsurable in the future.

Lock In lower Premiums: Buying a permanent policy on your child allows you to buy more coverage at a much lower cost and keep the same premiums for life.

Start Them on the Path to Saving: A permanent life insurance policy includes a savings element that builds accessible cash value over time. Protection plus cash that can be borrowed for any purpose.

Show the Importance: By having life insurance on your child, you are showing him or her the importance of taking care of loved ones.

Help Plan for the Future: Someday your child is going to go off to college, buy a car, get married and buy a home. All of these will involve some debt. A life insurance policy will help secure a loan with a bank.

Create Added Opportunity: If your child someday wants to become a small business owner, the bank will likely require life insurance to secure the loan.

For More Information contact our agent:

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Membership Drive and Recruiting

Our council is planning an open house on October 23, 2012 at 8PM. If you have any friends or relatives thinking of becoming members, this would be a great time for them to visit our council and see what we are all about.

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

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

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held at 7PM at St. Mark's before our business meetings. Join Deacon John and other brothers for this great opportunity to spend time in the presence of the Lord. 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.

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2012 Planning	November 2012	
September 2012	4 th — Memorial Mass 9:30AM St. Mark	
11 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM OLM	13 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM OLM	
13 th — Somerset Patriots Game 7:00PM	17 th & 18 th — Food drive at Chester	
16th — Church Picnic 12:00PM St. Mark	Shoprite 9:00AM	
25 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM OLM	27 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM OLM	
October 2012	30 th — Preparing for the Auction. St. Luke	
9 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM	December 2012	
OLM	1 st — Final setup for Auction 2:00PM St.	
23 rd — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM		
OLM	1 st — Annual Auction 6:00PM St. Luke	
	11 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM OLM	

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 #908-320-7115 or email at kevinjdaily@gmail.com.