



A Note from Our Grand Knight

Brothers and Worthy Sirs – this time last year I was nervously approaching my tenure as Grand Knight. The shoes of past Grand Knights seemed several sizes too big for me to fill. While I knew that there would be challenges, I was confident that with your help and the grace of God all would go well. And so I report to you now “all is well” with the Long Valley Council # 10419.

So what did we accomplish in the 2012-2013 Columbian Year? We had another successful auction (thanks to Lou). We have continued to actively recruit and grow our “active membership” (thank you John Clary); we have a website and calendar that can be used to track our events and meetings (thanks for Lou and John Groel’s son-in-law); we have established an Evangelization group under the direction of the Church Committee Chairman (thanks to Deacon John); we incorporated a “5k run” into Right to Life to support anti abortion programs (thank you Patrick K and Dan); we have expanded our support for the veterans – committing to 6 dinners on top of the 3 breakfasts (thank you Walter); we supported the parishes financially with a very successful March Madness Raffle (thank you Pat G); we solidified our relationship with and support for Operation Chillout – expanding the successful event at the Stanhope House in 2012 to Vets Summer Fest 2013 this year (thank you Tony D and Bobby S); we executed two success foods drives – for the Thanksgiving food drive the Knights managed as Art was on a well deserved vacation (thanks to Bobby Z and Walter); we grew our relationship and integrated activities with the Columbiettes (thanks to Jane McKenna for putting up with me); we attended various functions held by surrounding councils (thanks to our DD John Castagna), we participated in the Pride in Our Priest Dinner and various Federation meetings and events to support of District Deputy and expand our exposure beyond the council. Thank you to Alan and John Creamer for keeping our financial books in order! And thanks to those programs and people not mentioned specifically by name! All these things count for our successful 2012-2013 Columbian Year!

In closing I want to thank Father Abuchi, Father Joe and Father Mike, Deacon John, the 2012-2013 slate of officers, the committee chairmen, the Trustees and brothers all. Please give Brother Lou and the entire slate of 2013-2014 officers the same support and respect that you provided me. As we look forward to 2013-2014 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

Faternally,
Michael Leyden
Past Grand Knight
Long Valley Council # 10419

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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Intellectually Challenged Drive/Arc of Morris

On Tuesday, June 18, 2013 several Brothers went to the Arc Morris in Flanders, New Jersey. The Brothers presented Bill Testa, the director of Arc, with a check for \$2,021.83. This check represented what our council collected during the Intellectually Challenged drive held earlier in the year which is managed by our Community Committee Chairman, Walter Lublanecki. Bill graciously gave the Brothers a tour through the facility. In addition to the Flanders location, Arc has two other locations in Morris County, one in Dover and the other in Whippany. These three locations are training centers. The Arc Morris also has 19 Group homes and a 20th home is nearly completed! Arc is housed in a building that was originally built in 1929 for the Flanders School. The bell atop the sign where we are standing is the original bell that was used to signal the beginning and end of classes.

Incidentally, this facility has a Gift Shop that is open to the public from 8:00AM until 4:00PM Monday through Friday. Various items are for sale, that some of the folks at the facility make.

Lyons Visits

Our council will begin hosting a dinner service for the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) combat unit at the VA New Jersey Healthcare System - Lyons facility on the 4th Monday of the even months starting in August. Brother Walt Lublanecki has taken on the co-ordination of this undertaking and will need as many Brothers as possible to help. Each service will require between (at least) 4 to 5 Brothers, as well as a few women to help with serving the women's unit. The first service will be on August 26, 2013 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. We ask that any and all Brothers, who would like to participate in this dinner service in any way, such as preparing the food, soliciting possible donors (restaurants, delis, butcher shops, supermarkets, etc.) and serving the food, please contact Brother Walt.

Special Olympics NJ Update

Brothers – As you know we recently completed the 2013 Special Olympics NJ Summer Games. While events scheduled for Friday, June 7th were dampened by rain, the spirit of the games and in particularly the athletes shined bright.

The Warren County leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run www.njtorchrun.org went off as scheduled. Representing the Knights of Columbus were Charlie Shipley (Joyce Kilmer Council #3483) and Michael Leyden (Long Valley Council #10419).

The Food Tent and BBQ grills turned out a record number of hamburgers and hotdogs for athletes, families, and support staff. In excess of 18,600 “burgers and dogs” were grilled. Participating from the Long Valley Council were Tom Sanders, Tom Smith, Bobby Scanga, Dan Flaherty and Mike Leyden. Long Valley Columbiettes Ann Greszczak and Marge Sanders participated as well.

A word about the 2014 USA National Special Olympics Games being held in and around Mercer County New Jersey (<http://www.2014specialolympics.org/>), “Every four years Special Olympics conducts a National Summer Games in the United States that includes athletes from all 52 US Programs...” To register and volunteer, please visit:

www.2014usagames.theregistrationsystem.com/en/1381

Membership and Recruiting

Since my tenure as Membership Chairman is coming to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those Brothers that helped to make my task easier. I would also like to once more extend a hearty welcome to those new Brothers who joined our great Council during the past year, namely: Mario Antonacci, Sam Bonfonte, Patrick Conboy, Brian Cox, John Notte, Chris Thomas, and Lou Waxmonsky.

Fraternally,
 John H. Clary

Adoration

Deacon candidate James Jones and I will be conducting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Mountain during July and August on our council's meeting dates, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Adoration will be held at 7:00PM and go until 7:45PM.

Hope to see you there!
 Deacon John

Auction

We are just beginning plans for this year's auction. The auction will take place on Saturday, December 7 at St. Luke's at 6:00PM. This silent and live auction is our biggest event of the year. Proceeds generated help us support various community projects, our Scholarship Program, and our other charitable interests. Be on the lookout for upcoming notices on meetings that will start in mid to late July. Please help us in any way you can to make the auction a success.

Father Kevin Young

Brothers Art Catalusci, Grover Cribb, Lou Monteforte, Tom Sanders, Tom Smith, and John Clary attended our seminarian (now reverend) Fr. Kevin J. Young's First Solemn High Mass last evening at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Boonton. It was a very spiritual evening. We all received a special personal blessing after the service! Fr. Young was ordained on June 1, 2013 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He celebrated his First Low Mass on June 2, 2014 in Omaha, Nebraska.



A picture with Fr. Kevin Young

From left to right John Clary, Tom Sanders, Grover Cribb, Fr. Kevin Young, Tom Smith and Lou Monteforte.

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 Leyden	Treasurer:	John Creamer
Deputy Grand Knight:	Louis Monteforte	Chaplain:	Deacon John P. Meyer
Chancellor:	John Clary	1st Year Trustee:	Thomas Sanders
Advocate:	Grover Cribb	2nd Year Trustee:	John Arrambide
Recorder:	Kevin Daily	3rd Year Trustee:	Porfirio Bracero, Jr.
Warden:	John Larkin	Youth:	Bob Scanga
Outside Guard:	Edward Sommerkorn	Church:	Pat Gibbons
Inside Guard:	Richard Wagner	Family:	Ed Sommerkorn
Lecturer:	Armand Catalusci	Community:	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.

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.

June 2013

16th — Father's Day

25th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM

July 2013

4th — Independence Day

9th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM

August 2013

10th — Vets Fest

13th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM

15th — The Assumption of Mary

17th — Officer Installation – St. Luke's
6:00PM

26th — Dinner at Lyons Facility

September 2013

2nd — Labor Day

10th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM

11th — Patriot Day

12th — Somerset Patriot's game

22nd — St. Mark's Picnic

24th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM



Website

Our website has gone through a major over-haul! Be sure to visit our website for all the recent events and updated calendar.

The website address is www.lvkofc.org

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.