



A Note from Our Grand Knight

Brothers and Worthy Sirs – It is amazing how time flies, summer is just about over and football season has begun! We now look forward to a very busy 2013-2014 Columbian year, which got off to a great start with our support of Vet Fest in August and the Installation Ceremony on September 7. On behalf of the newly elected slate of officers I want to thank Mike Leyden and those departing officers for their service in 2012-2013. I want to especially acknowledge the leadership over the last year of GK Mike Leyden, we all know it was a trying year for Mike and his family but he never wavered in his role as Grand Knight. I enjoyed working with Mike and supporting him and thank him for all his has done for the Knights.

My goals as we head into this Columbian year is basically to continue what we as a council have done over the past years, build on what has been created – this is a great council and I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this council. My hope is to build on the foundation of great leadership provided by the previous Grand Knights. Specific areas I want to focus on are:

- 1.) Tighten up the budget process and prioritize where and how we spend our money. Focus as much of the money we raise as possible on those most in need and in need of help – including the unborn, homeless veterans, veterans in the PTSD Ward at Lyons Hospital, the mentally challenged and local families in need (supported via our food drives and financial donations to our local parishes). And finally, we created a focused budget on Evangelization with a sub-committee led by Brother Rick Wagner to increase our council's evangelization efforts. The first example of this was the radio ads that ran for two weeks on WRNJ advertising the start of RCIA programs at our three parishes!
- 2.) Implement another fund raiser for this year. We will do another Flapjack breakfast in November 2 which should help bring in some additional funds but we are looking to do something bigger in the Spring of 2014. Brother Walt has volunteered to lead this effort. There will be much more to come on this as plans get finalized.
- 3.) Continue the outreach to St. Luke's building on the support provided to Operation Chill Out as part of Vet Fest 2013. I'm a big believer in walking the talk, so one small way I will try to be engaged at St. Luke's is by attending mass at St. Luke's once a month. I will attend the 5:00 PM mass on September 7th, the 11:15 AM mass on October 6th and the 9:30 AM mass on November 3rd (this is the Mass for Deceased Brothers). Please come and join me. I want us to be present at St. Luke's and not just when we are asking for money.
- 4.) We will have a First Degree in February (thanks Brother JR for leading this effort).
- 5.) Strive for Star Council and membership growth. And hopefully get some inactive brothers more engaged and active.

For the upcoming Columbian Year, I look forward to continuing the great work that represents the best of what we have to offer as Catholic gentlemen of Our Lady of the Mountain, St. Mark's and St. Luke's. Let us remember all the blessings we have and let us give thanks for all God has given us.

I am humbled by the confidence you have shown in me in electing me Grand Knight. I thank you for your confidence and hope I can live up to your expectations. I ask for your support and prayers.

Vivat Jesus
Fraternally,
Lou Monteforte, 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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Vets Summer Fest

“Keeping fingers crossed and a steady stream of prayers for a good weather day for Vets Summer Fest 2013!” was repeated in multiple emails from Past Grand Knight Mike Leyden as August 10th was getting near. Mike headed up the group of Knights of Columbus volunteers working with the Operation Chillout (OCO) team over 6 months to make the largest fundraising event in OCO history come together.

The idea of holding the event outdoors at Vasa Park in Budd Lake and having the Knights of Columbus involved was originally inspired by a desire to both help Operation Chillout and to renew the relationship with Knights at St. Luke Parish in discussion between Robert “Bob” Scanga and Anthony F. “Tony” DeStefano, Major USAR (Ret.), National Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator, and fellow Knight. Bob was responsible for securing Vasa Park for the event and as Tony said about Bob, “He really was a ball of fire!”

“Think Big!” was apparently the unspoken motto as the event began being planned which included having 9 live musical acts, an Auto Show, a Cycle Show, Craft Vendors, Food Vendors, and Kids Activities. Sponsors were sought. Meetings took place every other week and eventually weekly as the event came together. Posters, flyers, postcards, were printed and distributed to local merchants and local roadside telephone poles by the team. A website and Facebook page were created just for the event. Public Service announcements and Press Releases went out to local newspapers, magazines, and radio stations. The list goes on and on!

The Knights threw a breakfast fundraiser at Applebee’s to help defray costs. Tramontin Harley-Davidson in Hope, NJ not only organized the Cycle Show, but a ride of bikers from their dealership to Vasa Park the day of the Vets Summer Fest with over 80 bikes roaring in tandem into the park. The Cornerstone Men of St. Luke not only volunteered to run a food booth at the event, but members donated the funds to offset the cost of the food so that everything sold was profit for OCO’s Homeless Veterans Outreach.

The Knights in full regalia performed the color guard ceremony at the official start of the day’s activities. Both Knights and Columbiettes sold 50/50 tickets for 3 different drawings. Team members sold tickets at the gate and ran security. And Major Tony played lead guitar with Lenny & the 45’s

The efforts of Council 10419 of the Knights of Columbus, and other area Knights, were key to the event’s success. Tony commented, “Their strong work ethic and desire to help was instrumental in getting this project off the ground. For the past six months, the Knights of Columbus have been planning and brainstorming with Operation Chillout in regular meetings. They helped with every aspect of the Vets Summer Fest: logistics, sponsorship, moving gear to the event, putting up signage and posters around town in several locations, providing food donations for the bands, and helping find the musical acts for the concert side of the show. The Columbiettes were instrumental in picking up food donations from sponsors and getting it all to Vasa Park on time. The Knights live up to their ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism—the four ‘degrees’ of the K of C.”

Oh, and did we mention... Mike’s prayers apparently paid off! It was a perfect day, weather-wise, and a great day was enjoyed all who attended!

For more information contact Tony DeStefano, majord04@msn.com.

Auction

Our council is currently in the midst of planning our 22nd annual Community Benefit Auction, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, beginning at 6:00 PM. As in past years we will be relying on the support and involvement of all of our brother Knights. Proceeds from this auction are used to fund our charitable community programs such as food and clothing for the needy, senior citizens, educational scholarships, veterans, and youth activities. Since our first auction in 1996, we have raised more than \$240,000.00 towards our charitable efforts. This year our goal is to raise \$23,000.00. With your support we can reach that goal! There are many roles to be filled and we can use all of your help and skills. Auction meetings are going to be scheduled every couple of weeks. Watch for meeting notifications and please plan to help this very worthwhile cause.

For more information contact John Clary, johncrary205@comcast.net

Membership and Recruiting

We will be hosting an Open House at Our Lady of the Mountain Parish Center on Tuesday, October 22nd at 8:00 pm. All men 18 and over are welcome to attend to learn more about becoming a member. Food and refreshments will be served. Come out and join us.

We will be soliciting members at St. Luke’s on October 12th & 13th and at OLM and St. Mark’s on October 19th & 20th. Please stop by and help solicit if you are not already scheduled for the Mass you are attending. We are always looking for good candidates to join our ranks, be sure to have a form 100 with you and always be prepared to explain to a potential candidate what we do as Knights and how we support our local parishes and the community. Be proud of who we are, who you are, what we do and share that with others!

For more information contact Patrick Gibbons, patgibb@gmail.com

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 of the year. Originally our council was to take this event over in August, however we will start to host this event in September. 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 September 23rd 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 Walt Lublanecki with any questions. The 2nd Lyon’s dinner will be held on October 28, 2013. Brother Walt is seeking help from the Brotherhood to serve that evening. Brother JR will be preparing the food.

In addition to these dinner services, our council will be visiting the Lyons facility on September 22nd, 2013. During this visit, our council will be assisting at mass in the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) building and serving coffee and donuts to the residents in many of the wards in that building prior to mass.

For more information contact Walt Lublanecki, WalterL@lublaneckieng.com.

For the 2013-2014 Columbian Year, we would like to provide to you a complete list of the officers of Council 10419.

2013-2014 Officer Slate, Council 10419 and Committee Directors

Grand Knight:	Louis Monteforte	Lecturer:	Armand Catalusci
Deputy Grand Knight:	John Clary	Financial Secretary:	Alan McGrath
Chancellor:	Patrick Gibbons	Chaplain:	Deacon John P. Meyer
Treasurer:	John Larkin	<u>Committee Directors:</u>	
Advocate:	Grover Cribb	Church:	John Creamer
Recorder:	Kevin Daily	Right To Life:	Patrick Koba & Dan Flaherty
Warden:	Richard Wagner	Evangelization:	Richard Wagner
Outside Guard:	Ed Sommerkorn	Council:	Bill Conover & John Groel
Inside Guard:	Anthony DeStefano	Community:	Walter Lublanecki
1st Year Trustee:	John Arrambide	Family:	Ed Sommerkorn
2nd Year Trustee:	Thomas Sanders	Youth:	Bob Scanga
3rd Year Trustee:	Michael Leyden	Public Relations:	Pete Halko & Joe Mascott

Adoration

The summer program for Adoration has come to an end. However, based on the great participation, Our Lady of The Mountain has allowed us to continue the Adoration going forward. Therefore starting in September, there will be adoration on the 2nd Friday of each month at Our Lady of The Mountain. All are welcome to attend.

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.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2013</u></p> <p>10th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 12th — Somerset Patriot's game 7:00PM 22nd — Breakfast at Lyons 8:00 AM 22nd — St. Mark's Picnic 11:00 AM 23rd — Dinner Service at Lyons 5:00PM 24th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 30th — Dinner with Priests 6:00PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November 2013</u></p> <p>2nd — Flapjack Breakfast 8:00AM 3rd — Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers at St. Luke's 9:30AM 12th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 23rd & 24th — Food Drive 9:00AM 25th — Pried in Priest Dinner 6:00PM 26th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 2013</u></p> <p>8th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 13th — Fourth Degree Exemplification 22nd — Open House @ OLM 8:00 PM 25th – 27th — KofC Retreat 28th — Dinner Service at Lyons 5:00PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December 2013</u></p> <p>7th — Annual Auction 10th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 30th — Dinner Service at Lyons 5:00PM 27th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM</p>



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.