



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

## A Note from Our Grand Knight

Brothers and Worthy Sirs –

I started my last message with the comment of how time flies and as we now we turn toward Christmas, I can sure attest to that! My last message spoke about my goals/our goals for the upcoming year but then our year took a sudden turn with the shocking passing of our beloved Brother Ed Sommerkorn, who died on Sunday, September 29. We all continue to miss Ed and all he did for all of us. Already, at various different events we had all said “Where’s Ed? Ed would have taken care of that”. Please see the next page of this newsletter for more information on the support we have provided to Ed’s wife, Kathy and her two sons, Brandan and Ryan. I have never been more proud to be a member of this council and the Knights of Columbus than I was with the way we came out to honor our Brother Ed, a great tribute that was very well deserved.

It has been a busy couple for months with many different activities occurring. Highlights include a very successful Recruiting Drive, which brought us 4 new members and a few transfers – GREAT job by our Chancellor, Pat Gibbons. More details can be found on the next page.

We then had a very successful Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser at the Applebee’s in Mount Olive, thanks to Brothers Bobby Scanga and Walt Lublanecki for leading this effort.

We continue to visit our veterans in the PTSD ward down at the Lyons VA under the leadership of Brother Walt Lublanecki. Thank you Walt for your leadership!

Then we had our Food Drive the weekend before Thanksgiving at the Shoprite in Chester. Despite the cold weather we are able to meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community. We collected 150 bags of food, 17 turkeys and 7 hams; that’s over 2700 pounds of food! Food was provided to 25 needy families in our community plus 38 seniors at the Robert Cole Center in Chester. Thank you Brother Art Catalusci for your continued leadership of the Food Drive.

And of course last but not least we have just completed our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Auction. Under the leadership of our DGK and Auction Chariman John Clary we had a very successful auction. GREAT job, John. See more about the auction on page 2 of the Newsletter.

And now we get ready for a busy 2014. I will not list all the activities that are coming up – please check out our calendar on our website .... [www.lvkofc.org](http://www.lvkofc.org)

I will leave you with this Christmas Message ..... It is Christmas Time each time you let God love others through your faith; It is Christmas time each time you smile at someone and offer them your hand and heart.

This is EXACTLY what we do each day as Knights of Columbus! Thank you for all that you do!

Merry Christmas!  
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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## The Annual Auction



**Kitchen Crew:** Walt Lublanecki, JR Bracero, Bobby Scanga, and John Groel

Our Council's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Benefit Auction was held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at St. Luke's Church in Long Valley. It was a tremendous success! There were about 150 folks in attendance. We had 92 items in the live auction and 170 items in the silent auction. We put 21 of those items in something new this year called a Silent Secret Auction, where bidders weren't allowed to know what other bids had been made. The Silent Secret Auction worked out well. The auction is our council's major fund raising event of the year and the proceeds go to funding the many programs that we support.

The auction wouldn't have been a success without all of the hard work of many of our members. Of course we wouldn't even have had an auction if it wasn't for the generous support of our many benefactors who donated so generously. A special thanks to the Columbiettes for both the items they donated plus their support, especially with their help passing out Hors d'oeuvres and selling raffle tickets for the Basket of Cheer, the Restaurant Board, and the 50/50 Drawing.

Lots of work went into the preparation of this event before it ever got off the ground. Countless hours were spent by some of our Knights seeking donations from many merchants. JR Bracero and his kitchen crew also spent many hours buying and then preparing a most delicious buffet that was greatly enjoyed by the folks attending the auction. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves!

Fraternally, John H. Clary

## Membership and Recruiting

Our council is always seeking new members. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 our council had another successful Open House. Based on this Open House we are proud to announce that we have four new members who have joined our council, David Cherubin, Bernard Connell, John G. Scala and Joseph Vacca. In addition to these new members, our council has had a few transfers from other councils. We welcome all the members who have joined our council. We are excited about having them as part of our organization!

If you know of any other potential brothers, or if you have any questions regarding the recruitment process, please contact Patrick Gibbons at [patgibb@gmail.com](mailto:patgibb@gmail.com).

## In memory of Ed Sommerkorn

We cannot even begin to express how we all feel over the loss of such a special Brother. We have so much sadness in our hearts. Ed was a brother and a true friend. Ed was a vital, active member of our council and cared for all of us. He made our council better and stronger with his infectious warm-hearted personality. Our Council will carry part of him with us forever.

Ed had a unique and special ability to make everyone feel welcome and included. He always extended the invitation to join people together and once we were together he made sure everyone was well cared for. When Ed was around you knew you wanted to be there. He helped other brothers and provided good advice to many of us. We all remember his kindness and concern for his other brothers and will never forget him. Ed made all our lives better just by knowing him. He will be missed.

Our council sprang into action after we heard the devastating news of Ed's passing. Initially we sent Ed's family a fruit basket and a Mass Card. In addition, In Honor of Brother Ed's schedule to become a Forth Degree Sir Knight this coming April, many current Forth Degree Sir Knights, from various Assemblies, stood at the ends of his caskets throughout the entire Wake service. At the Funeral Mass, many Brother Knights and Sir Knights escorted the casket in to Our Lady of the Mountain Church and back into the Hearst in "Full Honor" for our Beloved Brother Ed. Typically this honor is reserved for "Fallen Sir Knights". However given that Brother Ed embodied everything a Sir Knight stands for it was unanimously agreed that we extend this Honor to Brother Ed.

After the Funeral Mass, our council donated the beer and wine for the repass and helped with the set-up and clean-up after the repass. Our council then presented Kathy with a check from the Knights and we have provided additional financial assistance to Kathy since Ed's passing. We are currently considering additional fundraisers for the Sommerkorn family in the coming year.

First and foremost please continue to keep Kathy, Ryan and Brendan in your prayers and to that end we have scheduled 5 masses to be said in Ed's memory, 12/29 @ 7:45 AM at OLM; 1/18 @ 7 PM at St. Pius; 1/25 @ 7 PM at OLM; 2/2 @ 11 AM at St. Mark's and 3/2 @ 11AM at St. Mark's. It would be a wonderful tribute if as many brothers as possible attended these masses for their departed brother.



Cecelia Gibbons (w/stained glass panel) and Spotter Jim Jones



John Larkin, John Clary, John Creamer, Alan McGrath, and Tom Sanders



Mellisa Circelli (w/dozen eggs as first item) and Auctioneer Colonel Dennis Cassidy

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**

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

**Adoration**

There will be adoration on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<u><b>December 2013</b></u>	<u><b>January 2014</b></u>
7 <sup>th</sup> — Annual Auction 10 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 25 <sup>th</sup> — Christmas Day 29 <sup>th</sup> — Christmas Social	6 <sup>th</sup> — Dinner Service at Lyons 5:00PM 14 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 18 <sup>th</sup> — Free Throw Contest 9:00AM 26 <sup>th</sup> — Breakfast at Lyons 8:00AM 28 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM
<u><b>February 2014</b></u>	<u><b>March 2014</b></u>
11 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 15 <sup>th</sup> — Valentine's Dance 6:00PM 24 <sup>th</sup> — Dinner Service at Lyons 5:00PM 25 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM	9 <sup>th</sup> — St. Patrick's Day Parade 11 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 16 <sup>th</sup> — March Madness Raffle Drawing 25 <sup>th</sup> — Open House 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](http://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](mailto:kevinjdaily@gmail.com).