



## A Note from Our Grand Knight

Time sure does fly! Can it be that my year as Grand Knight is coming to an end? It's been a busy year and a successful one in my mind but when I look back on my tenure at Grand Knight it really begins and ends with my thoughts about Brother Ed Sommerkorn. Ed was a tremendous brother and my friend and his death back in September was shocking and such a big loss for all of us. I am proud of all we have done for the Sommerkorn family to date and expect that we will continue to support Kathy and the boys going forward. I miss my friend Ed and know you all do too.

I took a look back at my goals coming into this year and while not hitting all of my objectives, we made significant progress on some if not all of them.

- 1.) Tighten up the budget process and prioritize where and how we spend our money. I believe we have done that and we are on solid footing. We have focused additional funds on our Veteran's in the PTSD Ward at Lyons and on Evangelization. Our efforts on Evangelization were recognized at the State Council where we entered a motion for the State to provide financial support for such efforts as ours. It is currently under consideration but the feedback from the State has been very positive.
- 2.) Implement another fund raiser for this year. We did a Flapjack breakfast in November which helped bring in some additional funds and we had a successful Beefsteak Dinner on June 7 thanks to the leadership of Brother Walt Lublanecki. The proceeds from the Beefsteak Dinner will support our work down at Lyons. More on that on page 2.
- 3.) Continue the outreach to St. Luke's building on the support provided to Operation Chill Out as part of Vet Fest 2013. I think some progress has been made with a couple of new brothers joining from St. Luke's but more work still needs to be done.
- 4.) I set an objective to have a First Degree in February. We fell short of that objective but under the leadership of Brother JR Bracero we have a degree team that is practicing the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and I expect will be certified soon. I expect we will be holding a first degree in the next Columbian year!
- 5.) Strive for Star Council and membership growth. We have had an AMAZING year with 20 new brothers joining our council! Thanks to Pat Gibbons and all brothers for their efforts in recruiting new members. It's too early to tell if we will hit Star Council but we have a very good chance of making it.

Not bad, not bad at all! And what a busy year, Flapjack Breakfast, Auction, Breakfast at Lyons 4 times, Dinner at Lyons 6 times, Intellectually Challenged Drive raising more money than ever before, Beefsteak Dinner, Evangelization Radio ads at Christmas and Easter, and the list goes on ... Basketball Free Throw Contest, Valentine's Dance, Membership Drives, Sock Drives, Eyes for the Needs, our support of Operation Chill Out and Vet Fest. And don't forget our Thanksgiving and Easter Food Drives under the leadership of Brother Art Catalusci with over 4000 lbs of food collected!

I am so proud to be a member of this vibrant Council! I thank all my brothers for the support you have given me over the past year as Grand Knight. I ask that you provide that same kind of support to Future Grand Knight, John Clary.

As you may know, I will become the District Deputy of District 36 effective July 1. This is as much about all this council is doing than it is about me. The Paterson Diocese and State recognize all the great work you do. I thank you for that and look forward to continuing to work with you in my new role.

Vivit 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.

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## OLM Construction

The Construction at Our Lady of The Mountain will be starting soon. Based on this construction the locations of the meetings will move from St. Luke's to St. Mark's depending on the week. Our council will try the best we can to be flexible on the dates and locations of the meetings. Therefore it is important to attend the meetings and check your emails or the Google calendar to determine the locations for each of the upcoming meetings.

The meeting on Monday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 will be held at St. Luke's at 8 pm. As each meeting comes up, the date and location of the following meeting will be announced to the council.

## Membership and Recruiting

Our council hosted another extremely successful Open House on March 25<sup>th</sup>. As a result of our council's hard work we had 10 new members and one transferred member join our council! Congratulations are in order for the 10 new brothers: Trevor Zampese,, Nicholas Fania, Richard Fania, Kevin Mullin, Robert Farrington, Max Gomez, John Petronella, Daniel Bitecola III, Carlo Nardone, Anthony LaFond, and Steve Valentino. These new members are part of the 17 members our council has added in this Columbian year.

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 Brother Patrick Gibbons, [patgibb@gmail.com](mailto:patgibb@gmail.com)

## Celebrating Deacon John's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Deacon

June 15, 2014 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Deacon John has been a Deacon. In celebration of this anniversary several brothers from our council, including many other parishioners, attended the 8:00AM mass at St. Mark's on June 15, 2014. A small reception after the mass was held in the gathering room. Our council is extremely grateful for Deacon John's support and guidance over the years. We could not be more proud of Deacon John and this achievement!



**(Right) Picture from the celebration:**

Long Valley Knights of Columbus Council 10419 members—Alan McGrath, Ed Parker, JR Bracero, Jim Jones, Remo Canova, John Creamer, Dennis McKenna, Art Catalucci, Deacon John Meyer, Lou Monteforte, John Clary, Grover Cribb, John Larkin, Walt Lublanecki Tom Sanders, Pat Gibbons, and Libo Barbagallo

## Fourth Annual Beefsteak Dinner/Dance Fundraiser for Disabled Veterans

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday evening, our council hosted the fourth annual beefsteak dinner/dance at St. Mark Church in Long Valley. The dinner dance was held as a fund raiser for disabled veterans at the Lyons campus of the Veterans Administration New Jersey Health Care System (VANJHCS). Over 130 people were in attendance, and, as a result of their generosity, we were able to raise over \$2,000 which will help fund our dinner service program for the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) combat unit at Lyons. Most of the veterans in this unit served in either Iraq or Afghanistan and are undergoing various forms of therapy to help them assimilate back into society and live normal lives. In addition to providing this dinner service our council assists at mass periodically in the chapel of the PTSD building and provides coffee and donuts prior to mass to all the PTSD wards.

The theme of the dinner dance was *"To give back to our disabled veterans who have sacrificed and given so much to us"*. The hall was decorated in a way to honor our veterans from all branches of the service and create the type of atmosphere that underscored the theme of the event. The evening began on a very patriotic note with our youngest brother knight, Trevor Zampese, who is also a current member of the Army National Guard, leading us all in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the playing of the National Anthem with many people singing along. The mood was set. Our current Grand Knight, Lou Monteforte, was introduced, and he thanked all of the brothers who worked on the event. All past Grand Knights were acknowledged and the veterans in the audience were asked to stand to the applause of all that were present. The distinguished clergy that were in attendance were also introduced. Monsignor Joseph Goode, the Pastor of both St. Mark Church and Our Lady of the Mountain Church, and Father Abuchi Nwosu, Parochial Vicar, were able to join us, as well as Dr. J. Aaron Nagel, the pastor of Long Valley Presbyterian Church. Monsignor Brendan Madden, in his 63<sup>rd</sup> year of priesthood, was the visiting celebrant at the mass at St. Mark Church that evening and led us all in prayer before dinner.

The dinner was catered by the renowned Giresi Caterers of Lodi, New Jersey and featured "all you can eat" filet mignon beefsteak with all of the trimmings. The door prize tradition was upheld with many of the brother knights donating door prizes in honor of family members and friends who served in the military. Usually the door prize is a bottle of the honoree's "favorite beverage". In addition to the door prizes there was a 50/50 raffle with a substantial amount going to the winner, reflecting the generosity of the crowd that evening. There was plenty of dancing, comradery, good fun and a feeling of patriotism that marked the entire event.

The evening was a big success, and already plans are underway for next year's beefsteak dinner/dance.

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

**Calendar—Meetings and Events**

Please note that Council meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. When those days conflict with holidays or other events, changes to the schedule will be announced.

**Adoration**

There will be adoration on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at St. Mark's. All are welcome to attend!

<b><u>July 2014</u></b>	<b><u>September 2014</u></b>
28 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM	9 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM
<b><u>August 2014</u></b>	21 <sup>st</sup> — Picnic at St Mark's
9 <sup>th</sup> — VetFest	28 <sup>th</sup> — Breakfast at Lyons
9 <sup>th</sup> — Officer Installation	29 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM
25 <sup>th</sup> — Dinner for Vets at Lyons 5:00PM	
26 <sup>th</sup> — 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](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).