



A Note from Our Grand Knight

Brothers and Worthy Sirs—It seems that in the blink of an eye—another year has passed. A very pleasant summer, with memories of Grover's picnic behind us, we can now look forward to another autumn that brings with it school days, more picnics, and another round of raking leaves. On behalf of our newly elected slate of officers I want to thank Lou Monteforte and those departing officers for their service in the Columbian year 2013-2014. Those departing officers and committee chairmen leave a hard act to follow. With God's help I believe we are ready to meet the exciting challenge of the new Columbian year 2014-2015.

I am looking forward to continuing the many activities that our great council has been involved with, such as providing meals and companionship for our disabled veterans, collecting food for the needy, Roses for Life, Eyes for the Needy, support of Birth Haven, support of ARC, and perhaps even adding other projects. I am also looking forward to another successful auction in December—and celebrating our council's 25th anniversary in June 2015.

I truly feel humbled by the confidence you've shown by electing me as Grand Knight. I feel confident that I can rely on your support in the coming months and only pray that I can live up to your expectations. I look forward to a very successful year working with such a committed group of Brothers!

Finally, I want to wish Lou Monteforte good luck in his new role as District Deputy.

Vivat Jesus
Fraternally,
John H. Clary, Grand Knight



Assuming his new role as Grand Knight, John Clary, on June 30, 2014.



The gavel was passed from previous Grand Knight, Lou Monteforte, to the current Grand Knight, John Clary, on June 30, 2014.

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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Father English Community Center “City of God”

The prophet Isaiah referred to the “City of God” (9:1-7) where each one works to “raise up the foundations of many generations; to be called the repairer of the breach; the restorer of the streets to dwell in” (Isaiah 58:12)”

The Father English Community Center is very much like the “City of God” that the prophet Isaiah was referring to. The Mission Statement of the Center is “to create hope and make a lasting difference in the lives of those who seek help within the communities in the Diocese of Paterson”. The Vision Statement of the Center is to “advocate for just social structures that work to maintain the dignity of all whose lives are sought to enrich”. The Center is where people in need come to for help, a place where all in need feel welcome.

The Father English Community Center, named after Father Francis English, is built upon his dream. He wanted to have a complex of buildings providing many of the essential services to the poor people in the City of Paterson, New Jersey. The Center has been providing services for over four decades and is continually growing in terms of the number of families that it serves. Currently the Center's Food Pantry & Clothing Boutique serves over 4,900 families a month, with some estimates even higher. This program provides food, clothing and furniture assistance to the working poor families of the community. The following is a list of programs and services the Center provides.

- Bob and Carol's Food Pantry & Clothing Boutique
- Child Care Food Program (providing meal service “in house” to preschool and school-aged children)
- Teenage After-school Program (youth are trained to act as peer counselors with the emphasis on becoming good citizens)
- Outreach to At-Risk Youth (providing recreational and educational alternatives to negative influences that surround the youth in the community)
- Project Youth Haven Group Home/Emergency Shelter (providing safe shelter for girls ages 11-17 who are the victims of abuse, neglect or homelessness)
- Passaic Teen Center Group Home and Emergency Shelter (providing safe shelter for boys ages 11-17)
- After Care and Summer Camp (providing programs for at-risk children, ages 5-13, of working parents)
- Case Management (provides families with not only emergency assistance but with long term planning)
- Work Assistance/Computer Training (assists people in finding employment)
- English as a Second Language (English classes are taught in consecutive ten-week sessions)
- El Mundo del Nino Child Care (pre-school classes for the children in the surrounding community without regard of their race, creed, color, gender, national origin or religion)
- El Mundo de Colores Child Care Center (translated “A World of Colors Child Care Center” located at 44 Ward Street in Paterson provides full time educational, social and after school and summer care services to hundreds of children year-round)

What can we do?

Currently our Council has been involved with collecting furniture, appliances, clothing and all other types of household items and arranging to deliver them to the Center. The Center has a truck capable of carrying all types of large furniture and appliances. The truck comes to Long Valley every so often for a scheduled pick-up and will make several stops if necessary. For smaller items and bags of clothing the Knights may arrange to pick these items up and deliver them to the Center directly. For information call 908-510-3038 or call the Center at 973-881-0280. Deacon Bob Head of Our Lady of the Mountain Church is the Site Director of the Father English Community Center.

Auction

Our council is currently in the midst of planning our 23rd annual Community Benefit Auction, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, 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 \$26,000.00. 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 in the St. Mark's chapel at 8pm the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month up until the Auction. Please plan to help this very worthwhile cause.

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

Vets Summer Fest

Operation Chillout would like to thank all the Brother Knights and Cornerstone brothers who helped with the planning and execution of this year's Vets Summer Fest. We all proved we can all work together in harmony toward a common goal!

Operation Chillout would like to specifically thank brothers Bobby Scanga, Mike Leyden, Dan Flaherty, Bill Callahan, Pete Halko, Stephen Polakowski, Joe Mascott, Walt Lublanecki, John Larkin, Joe Vacca, Dave Kibler, Sam Bonafante, Lou Moteforte, Bob Dunne and the 4th Degree Color Corps who participated and helped in so many ways with the event.

At the end of the day Operation Chillout raised some money to continue its operations and help homeless veterans in the process, which is the reason we put all this work in... so THANK YOU.

Fraternally, Anthony F. "Tony" DeStefano

Membership and Recruiting

We will be hosting an Open House at St. Marks on Tuesday, October 28th 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 after many of the masses on October 18th & 19th as well as October 25th and 26th. Bobby Zampese will be sending out a sign up sheet for volunteers for the drive. Please try to sign up and help make this drive another successful one! Also feel free to 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!

Finally, Bobby Zampese will be seeking volunteers for the membership committee. If you are interested in becoming part of the committee, or have any questions regarding the membership drive, please feel free to contact Bobby Zampese.

For the 2014-2015 Columbian Year, we would like to provide to you a complete list of the officers of Council 10419.

2014-2015 Officer Slate, Council 10419 and Committee Directors

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

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.

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.

For the near future, the meetings will be held at 8PM at St. Mark's ever second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Adoration

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

<u>September 2014</u>	<u>October 2014</u>
9 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 21 st — Picnic at St Mark's 28 th — Breakfast at Lyons 23 rd — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM	13 th — Dinner with the Priests 14 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 24 th – 26 th — KofC Retreat 27 th — Dinner at Lyons 28 th — Open House 8:00 PM
<u>November 2014</u>	<u>December 2014</u>
2 nd —Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers 11 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 22 nd – 23 rd — Food Drive 24 th — Pride in Priest Dinner 25 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM	6 th — Annual Auction 9 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 28 th — Christmas Social 29 th — Dinner at Lyons



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.