



## A Note from Our Grand Knight

Brothers and Worthy Sirs—Here we are in the middle of December—with another year behind us. We can now put thoughts of mowing the lawn and raking leaves out of our minds. It's time to start thinking about shoveling snow and braving the cold blustery weather of another Northeast winter.

We enjoyed a very fine family picnic at St. Mark's on Sunday, September 21st—the weather was fabulous. Although our Membership Drive in October wasn't as successful as we would have liked, I am looking forward to taking up the slack in our Membership Drive scheduled for March 21st and 22nd in 2015.

On Monday, October 13th we had our semi-annual "Dinner with the Padres". Pat Gibbons, Lou Monteforte, Tom Sanders, and myself met with our Parish Priests Fr. Joe, Fr. Mike, and Fr. Abuchi for dinner at Bea McNally's in Hackettstown. It was a very pleasant get-together where we were able to discuss any problems that might exist between the Priests and the Knights. I'm happy to report that there weren't any problems.

We had a very successful final quarter of 2014—we did extremely well with our Sock Drive, our Eyes for the Needy, and Roses for Life. Following those three drives, we had an even more successful Food Drive during the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. We collected 494 bags of groceries, 44 frozen turkeys, one ham, a few miscellaneous frozen items, and \$640.00 in cash. We distributed what we collected to 12 needy families in Washington Township, 39 seniors at the Robert Cole Center in Chester, and 24 needy families in the three Catholic Parishes in Long Valley. We had enough items left over that we were able to donate canned goods and frozen turkeys to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown.

On Tuesday, November 11th our Former District Deputy John Castagna attended our council meeting in order to present our current District Deputy Lou Monteforte with the coveted Double Star Award honoring our council.

We also had a very successful auction—thanks to our very capable Deputy Grand Knight, Pat Gibbons. We had our usual crowd of folks at the auction and everyone enjoyed themselves during the auction and also while consuming a delicious buffet dinner provided by our very own JR Bracer and his kitchen crew.

I am looking forward to celebrating our council's 25th anniversary in June 2015. I thank all of you for your devotion to the less fortunate in our society and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Social which is scheduled to take place on December 28th in the Parish Center at St. Mark's Church.

Vivat Jesus  
Fraternally,  
John H. Clary, 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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## The Annual Auction



Behind the scenes with the Kitchen crew, JR, Bobby Scanga, Walter Lublanecki, John Creamer and John Larkin.



Let the show begin! The Grand Knight, John Clary addressing the crowd.

Our Council's 23rd Annual Community Benefit Auction was held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at St. Luke's Church in Long Valley. While the bids were not as high as we might have liked, the event went off without a hitch and everyone had a great time! There were about 110 folks in attendance. We netted over \$15,000. 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 and 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, Pat Gibbons



A good looking group of Knights including the Grand Knight, John Clary, and the Deputy Grand Knight, Patrick Gibbons.



A helping hand from the auctioneer, Col. Dennis G. Cassidy, and several youth group kids.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

I am pleased to report the results of this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. But first the Brothers, the Columbiettes, and members of the St. Luke and OLM Confirmation Classes who helped over the collection weekend should be thanked. Their willingness to join in and their unselfish participation in this most worthy event made it easier for all involved. Many thanks to all!!!

Now for some numbers: at Shop-Rite 494 bags of groceries, 44 frozen turkeys, 4 turkey entrée dinners, 3 frozen pasta entrees, and 1 ham were collected and pre-sorted for delivery to St Luke. In addition, \$640.00 was donated by generous Shop-Rite customers.

At St. Luke, food was stacked and organized on tables and divided. In total 474 bags of groceries were given to needy families and to various organizations:

- 12 needy families, identified through the Washington Township school system, each received 5 to 6 bags. Each family also received a \$25.00 Shop-Rite gift card.
- 39 seniors at the Robert Cole Center in Chester received 3 bags each. Each senior also received a \$20.00 Shop-Rite gift card, compliments of St. Luke parishioners.
- 24 needy families identified through the three Long Valley RC parishes and other organizations each received 6 bags. Each family also received a \$25.00 Shop-Rite gift card.
- 35 bags of canned food items and frozen turkeys to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown.
- 35 bags to the Drakestown Methodist Church.
- 12 bags to the OLM Food Pantry.
- 59 bags to the Long Valley Food Pantry.

It is important to note that the value of the distributed gift cards exceeds donations collected at Shop-Rite. The difference was made up from the donations of Shop-Rite gift cards from generous St. Luke parishioners. The bags donated were augmented in part with paper products, boxed milk, coffee, oatmeal that was donated by 126 St. Luke parishioners.

Assuming the average weight of a bag of groceries is about 15lbs per bag (Google) times 474 bags equals 7110lbs, add 44 turkeys at 20lbs each (880lbs) and 7990lbs of food were collected.

Again thanks to all who helped with this most worthy event! - Brother Art Catalusci, PGK

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**

<b>Grand Knight:</b>	<b>John Clary</b>	<b>Lecturer:</b>	<b>Armand Catalusci</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Patrick Gibbons</b>	<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	<b>Alan McGrath</b>
<b>Chancellor:</b>	<b>Mike Lennon</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>Richard Wagner</b>	<b>Church:</b>	<b>John Creamer</b>
<b>Recorder:</b>	<b>John Scala</b>	<b>Right To Life:</b>	<b>Patrick Koba &amp; Dan Flaherty</b>
<b>Warden:</b>	<b>Anthony DeStefano</b>	<b>Evangelization:</b>	<b>Richard Wagner</b>
<b>Outside Guard:</b>	<b>David Cherubin</b>	<b>Council:</b>	<b>Bill Conover &amp; John Groel</b>
<b>Inside Guard:</b>	<b>Michael Schaffer</b>	<b>Community:</b>	<b>Walter Lublanecki</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Jim Jones</b>	<b>Family:</b>	<b>Mike Lennon</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Michael Leyden</b>	<b>Youth:</b>	<b>Bob Scanga</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Tom Sanders</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.

**OLM Construction**

The Construction at Our Lady of The Mountain will be ongoing. 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 every second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

**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>December 2014</u></b>	<b><u>January 2015</u></b>
6 <sup>th</sup> — Annual Auction 9 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 28 <sup>th</sup> — Christmas Social	13 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 17 <sup>th</sup> — Free Throw contest at St. Luke's 22 <sup>nd</sup> — March for Life in Washington, DC 27 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM
<b><u>February 2015</u></b>	<b><u>March 2015</u></b>
10 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 16 <sup>th</sup> — Dinner with the Priests 23 <sup>rd</sup> — Dinner at Lyons 24 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> — Relay for Life 10 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 15 <sup>th</sup> — March Madness Raffle drawing 5PM 24 <sup>th</sup> — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 28 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> — Food Drive – Chester



**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).