



A Note from Our Grand Knight

Worthy Sirs,

Here we are in the middle of March—with two-thirds of the 2014-2015 Colombian year behind us. We’ve survived the frigid winter doldrums that was at times bitterly cold! We can now look forward to some nice walks in the woods, listen to the birds chirping, and just plain enjoy the outdoors. I’m actually looking forward to mowing the lawn. In spite of the frigid cold and numerous snowstorms, we did experience some very pleasant activities:

On Thursday, December 18, 2014 Remo Canova, Dan Flaherty, John Larkin, Tom Sanders, and myself drove to Birth Haven in Newton and presented Tina Figurelli, the Executive Director, with a check for \$925.00. This money came from our Roses for Life Drive that was held at all three Parishes back in October. On Sunday, December 28, 2014 our council, along with the Columbiettes, had a very successful After-Christmas Social. Sixty-one folks attended this social. The Knights and Columbiettes provided hors d’oeuvres, covered dishes, appetizers, and desserts.

On Saturday, January 17th Bobby Scanga orchestrated a very successful Basketball Free Throw that included a record 23 entrants. Seventeen of those moved on to the District level on Saturday, February 14th in Succasunna. One of the girls moved on to the Regional Level to be held on Saturday, March 14th in Morris Plains. On Thursday, January 22nd Fr. Abuchi, Remo Canova, Dan Flaherty, Bob Farrington, Eileen Farrington, and Walt Lublanecki took a bus to Washington, DC where they participated in the 42nd annual Right to Life March.

On Sunday, February 15th our council members joined the Columbiettes at Mass at St. Mark’s, followed by a very enjoyable Communion Breakfast. Food was provided by the Columbiettes. On Monday, February 16th Pat Gibbons, John Larkin, Mike Lennon, Alan McGrath, and myself enjoyed a very enjoyable dinner at the Valley Restaurant during our semi-annual “Dinner with the Padres”. We met with two of our Padres, Fr. Joe and Fr. Mike.

On Saturday, February 21st Mike Leyden and Bobby Scanga represented our council in the Annual Polar Bear Plunge at Seaside Heights. There were nearly 6000 participants at this year’s Polar Bear Plunge and they raised over \$1,700.00 which will be given to the Special Olympics New Jersey. On Monday, February 23rd our council provided dinner at the Lyon’s Hospital for the veterans in the PTSD Combat Ward. The group was headed by Walt Lublanecki and included: Barbara Lublanecki, Carol Guedez, John Larkin, Lou Monteforte, Bobby Scanga, Marge Sanders, and Tom Sanders.

I would like to leave you with one of my favorite prayers. “God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change. Courage to change the things I can and Wisdom to know the difference. Amen”.

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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March Madness Raffle

We have our March Madness Raffle drawing coming up on March 15th at 5:00 pm. The drawing will be held at Our Lady of the Mountain Church gathering space. The proceeds of this year's raffle will once again be given to the parishes to support needy families in our Long Valley Catholic community. We will be selling tickets after Masses on the weekends of March 7th and March 14th at all three churches. Sign-up sheets for each of the parishes will be distributed shortly by the parish coordinators.

Although tickets sales after Masses are important, the success of any raffle is dependent on us individually selling. Brothers, please help! Take a ticket book or two to sell to your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Remember that all net proceeds will be going to help those in need in our local Catholic community.

We will be raffling three great prizes:

1. Samsung 46" LED Smart HDTV
2. Apple iPad Mini 2
3. Amazon Fire HD 7"

Brothers, thank you in advance for all your assistance! For more information please contact Brother John Creamer, creamr1@comcast.net or by cell phone 908-642-5255.

Easter Food Drive

As most of you know, Council 10419 has been holding food drives twice a year for over 20 years. These would not have been possible without the many Brothers whose efforts make the food drives a success. This spring, the Easter Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday March 28th and Sunday March 29th at the Shop-Rite of Chester. Your help to needed again to make this Easter food drive a success.

In addition, several Brothers are needed to help with delivering food after the drive is complete.

Please contact Brother Art Catalusci, artcatal@gmail.com, if you are able to help with the drive.

Membership and Recruiting

We will be hosting an Open House at St. Mark's on Tuesday, March 24th at 8 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 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 regarding new membership please contact Brother Mike Lennon, mike.lennon@comcast.net.

4th Degree and Upcoming Exemplification

Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud... For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That is what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The Patriotic Degree allows K of C members to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title - it's a honor.

- Standing firm in support of the order - Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance and encouragement.
- Proudly serving the country - Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.
- Unwavering support of faith - Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending the laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.
- Honoring the legacy of Knighthood - the Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.
- Military Chaplain Scholarship - the Knights of the Patriotic Degree has established a scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the US Armed Forces. These funds will help produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to the spiritual needs of our US Armed Forces and their families.

The Augustus J Rampone Assembly #2450 supports members of the Long Valley Knights of Columbus Council #10419. Meeting at 8:00PM every 3rd Monday of the month, at the Joyce Kilmer Council hall in Hackettstown, we look forward to discussing how you can take being a Knight "one step further"! Vivat Jesus.

4th Degree membership is available for any Brother who is a Third Degree member in good standing. There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on April 19th, 2015 at 1:00PM at the Parsippany Hilton Hotel. This year, the Degree will be held in honor of Peter J. Bartkowiak, Former Master. For more information about the Exemplification or the 4th Degree please contact Brother Michael Leyden, mleyden@adeptmobile.com and feel free to visit the 4th Degree website: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/fourth/index.html>

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:	Mike Lennon	Chaplain:	Deacon John P. Meyer
Treasurer:	John Larkin	<u>Committee Directors:</u>	
Advocate:	Richard Wagner	Church:	John Creamer
Recorder:	Anthony D. LaFond	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:	Mike Lennon
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 ongoing. 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 2nd Friday of each month at Our Lady of The Mountain. All are welcome to attend!

<u>March 2015</u>	<u>April 2015</u>
4 th - 6 th — Relay for Life 10 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 15 th — March Madness Raffle drawing 5PM 24 th — Membership Drive 8:00 PM 28 th - 29 th — Food Drive – Chester	14 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 19 th — 4 th Degree Exemplification 22 nd — Mass for the Unborn 27 th — Dinner for Vets at Lyons 5:00PM 28 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM
<u>May 2015</u>	<u>June 2015</u>
12 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 14 th - 16 th — State Convention 17 th — Blood Drive 24 th — Breakfast a Lyons 8:00AM 26 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM	9 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 13 th — Beefsteak Dinner 23 rd — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 29 th – Dinner for Vets at Lyons 5:00PM



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.lvkofo.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.