



A Note from Our Grand Knight

Brothers and Worthy Sirs,

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since I took over as Grand Knight. It's been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience and I'm left with so many pleasant memories! When I started collecting my thoughts for this, my Swan Song column, I was struck by how vibrant and active a council we really are. My primary goal was to continue the many activities that we were already committed to, and we certainly have done that! This past year we have been actively involved with Eyes for the Needy, a Sock Drive, serving coffee and donuts to our veterans in the PTSD at the Lyon's Hospital, supporting Operation Chillout, supporting a fund drive to benefit St. Michael's School in Netcong, supporting Arc Morris, and providing funds to Birth Haven in Newton. We also had a very successful Intellectually Challenged Drive under the competent leadership of Walt Lublanecki. Once again we ran Evangelization Radio ads at Christmas and Easter seasons. We had a very successful Basketball Free Throw this year, thanks to Bobby Scanga. We conducted two membership Drives. We supported Vet Fest. Our two Food Drives were very productive under the very capable leadership of Art Catalusci. Many of these activities are documented on our council's web site, administered by our very astute Web Master, John Larkin.

We also made significant progress in getting a First Degree Team closer to fruition, and we finally instituted a very functional Retention Committee, thanks to Mario Antonacci. We had another very fruitful auction, thanks to Pat Gibbons and the many Brothers who pitched in. My heartfelt thanks to Tom Smith for maintaining an excellent calendar of events for the council.

Again this year we honored our Parish Priests with our semi-annual "Dinner with the Padres". Many thanks to Fr. Joe Goode, Fr. Mike Drury, and Fr. Abuchi Nwosu for their unwavering support. I would also like to thank Deacon John Meyer and recently ordained Deacon Jim Jones for their spiritual guidance and compassion!

I sincerely thank all the Brothers for their generous support and cooperation with all of our activities, and to Grover Cribb for inviting us to his home for an annual picnic enjoyed by our wives and significant others.

I'm extremely proud to be a member of such a great group of Catholic Gentlemen! I cannot imagine there being a nicer group of guys in any other Council. I am honored to have served this past year as your Grand Knight, and I pray that you will give Pat Gibbons the same amazing support you have given me.

May the Lord keep you in His hand, and never close His fist too tight! [An Irish Proverb].

Vivat Jesus
Fraternally,
John H. Clary, Grand Knight

Who We Are

Our council was chartered June 27, 1990 and currently includes over 140 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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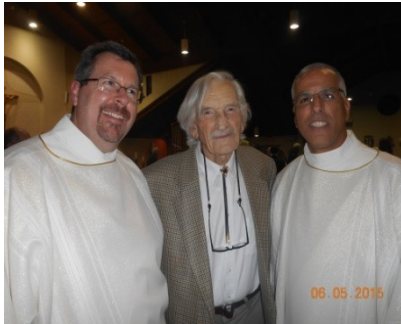
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New Deacons

After many years of study and preparation two members from our parishes completed their Ordination to become Deacons. Their Ordination took place on Friday June 5, 2015 at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany, New Jersey. Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli ordained 13 new Deacons in the Paterson Diocese, which included Jim Joes and Nick Ardito, which are assigned to our Parishes, Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark the Evangelist in Long Valley.

Deacon Jim Jones has been elected as our Council's Chaplain starting with the 2015-2016 Columbian year.



(Left to right) Deacon Jim Jones, Deacon John Meyer (our council's current Chaplain) and Deacon Nick Ardito.

Our council is very proud and honored to congratulate Jim Jones and Nick Ardito in becoming Ordained Deacons in the Catholic Church. We look forward to the guidance and support both new Deacons will provide us with in the future.

Pope Francis Visits America

The World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia (September 22-27, 2015) is expected to attract well in excess of a million people to the City of Brotherly Love. Archbishop Chaput and the Philadelphia archdiocese need volunteers to welcome and assist the many visitors and support the scheduled events.

In a spirit of service, Knights and their family members are invited to volunteer during the course of the six days of activities. Opportunities are available for a variety of tasks and events; multilingual volunteers are requested in particular to assist with translation.

All volunteers must be 18 or older, reside in the United States and apply through the World Meeting of Families website.

A Vatican-sponsored international gathering and visit from the Holy Father are not only rare, but a blessing for the United States and the Greater Philadelphia area. Please consider the significance of this occasion and the unique opportunities it offers to participate in such important events.

Please volunteer today!

Fraternally,
Andrew E. Lipenta
NJ State Deputy

Recruiting Drive & Open House

A big thank you goes out to all the brothers that volunteered their time for this Spring's Recruitment Weekend at the three parishes. Several brothers spoke at multiple masses, and we had an excellent turnout representing our council at the Open House.

All of the work resulted in 2 new brothers joining our ranks and completing their 1st Degree, and 2 more that submitted their Form 100s and will complete their degree at a later date.

Vivat Jesus!

Brother Mike Lennon
Chancellor

Intellectually Challenged Drive

I am very pleased to announce that our council raised \$2,551.26 (over \$ 100 more than last year) for the intellectually challenged during our annual fund drive held on May 15th (Friday) through May 17th (Sunday). This is a good amount considering that we were not able to solicit at some of the establishments this year. We did add the Schooley's Mountain General Store. Pete, the owner, let us solicit Saturday and Sunday, which made up for the others.

It should be noted that the following businesses/stores in Long Valley also allowed us to solicit in front of their establishments: Krauszer's Food Liquor - Dunkin Donuts - Bob's Long Valley Pizza, Deli & Bagels - Long Valley Pharmacy - Long Valley Post Office - Pezzo Pizza

The money will go to Special Olympics on the state level and Morris County Arc on the local level. We will be presenting the check to the Arc of Morris County sometime in July. I will email information when the time comes.

As always this fund drive was a great experience. We get to meet some very generous people and, for some of us, old friends that we haven't seen in a while.

I would like to thank all of the brothers who participated.

Fraternally,
Brother Walt Lublanecki

PRO-LIFE "Wings for Life"

The photographs to the right were taken on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. The occasion was the presentation to Dan Flaherty of a Pro-Life "Wings for Life" lapel pin in recognition of his hard work for Pro-Life during the past Columbian Year! The Culture of Life Program recognizes Brother Knights who have shown an exemplary dedication to life by participating in at least five Pro-Life activities during the current Columbian Year.



(Left) Dan Flaherty and(right) John Clary, our Grand Knight



Dan in a lighter moment

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

Typically there was adoration on the 2nd Friday of each month; however the **Adoration has been suspended until the fall.**

<u>June 2015</u>	<u>July 2015</u>
9 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 13 th — Beefsteak Dinner 23 rd — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 22 nd – Dinner for Vets at Lyons 5:00PM	14 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM
<u>August 2015</u>	<u>September 2015</u>
11 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 8 th — VetFest 31 st – Dinner for Vets at Lyons 5:00PM	9 th — Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM 22 nd — 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.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.