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Chaplain's Message



LENT Ash Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, the beginning of Spring are celebrations that help move us from one season to another.

With the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday we are called to self-awareness. Who are we? What are we becoming? Do we like the person we see when we look in the mirror?

Changes in our behavior can slip in so silently that we can become someone we don't know. Others around us may see the way we are changing, but we can remain blind. Sometimes the changes are good, but unfortunately they can also be bad. Are we ready to listen to the observations of others? Can we admit to ourselves that what they say is true? Self-honesty is the beginning of change and it is what we are called to be by the penitential season of Lent.

St. Patrick's Day, right in the middle of Lent, seems to remind us that we are not all bad. Good people in (Contd. P.2)

Grand Knight's Message

The Winter is coming to an end so get out of hibernation and get involved. We have a lot of things going on this month and the coming months ahead.

On March 15th, we have our St. Patrick's Party. If you haven't reserved yet, Contact Denis Kaiser at djkaser@gmail.com. 201-664-6817 or, if you can help out, contact Pete Cangelosi at 201-315-6932.

On March 28th, we are having **Texas Hold'em**. Please contact me to register or to help out.

The **Spectrum Canteens** begin this month on the 10th at 6:00 PM. Please contact Mike Carpenter @ 201-294-5052 if you would like to help out.

The "**Catholicism**" series continues Wednesday nights at 8:PM and **Friday Night Dinners** are back next month. **The Developmentally Disabled Drive** will begin during the first week of April. Please contact Mike Carpenter at 201-294-5052; we need a lot of help covering all the time slots. And let us not forget **Hot Meals** on the first Saturday of every month; contact Joe Laquidara at 973-668-2732. Help is always needed.

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(Chaplain's Column)

the history of our faith have overcome tremendous difficulties and survived to become saints. St. Patrick was captured in a raid and taken prisoner. He worked for years for his captors, but slipped away only to find himself drawn by God to go back and aid those who had made a slave of him. It is funny how even adversity can serve God's will and our own growth.

Challenges are there for a reason. With faith we can meet them, and move from one stage of growth to another.

Spring draws our attention to the rebirth of life. New growth reminds us that we too must continue to grow. We can't help but grow physically. It happens automatically, but growing spiritually, psychologically, and emotionally take some effort on our part.

While sometimes we compartmentalize all these areas of ourselves, in reality we are one united entity. One part plays on another and they all need to be kept in balance. Spring and the coming of Easter speak of hope and resurrection. From the old self can rise a newer and better image of who we are. We have to make conscious choices to change, but the result that can follow is well worth the insight, determination and honesty we must embrace in moving ahead.

Knights follow the Lord. The Lord himself was transformed on a mountain so that his followers could see his divinity shining through his humanity. That same transformation is asked of us. We travel through Lent to cleansing and new life. That new life allows us to be transparent so that the glory of God which dwells in each of us can shine through. Let us work this Lenten season to make that happen.

(GN 's Message)

We have a **Blood Drive, Stations of the Cross, Veterans' Luncheon, Memorial Mass, Golf Outing**...Please visit our web site to see what's coming up so that you can plan ahead to get involved.

The website is in the process of being updated so that it can be more useful to our members and others who visit our site. **Pay Pal** is being added to help people register and pay through our web page. I encourage you to check it out once or twice a month to become better informed with what is going on so you can plan ahead to help out or come and enjoy one of our events.

We shall be diligent to keep the site freshly updated each month.

Happy Spring!

Michael Guastella

Grand Knight

Spectrum Canteens and The Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Drive

Brothers,

On Monday, March 10th at 6:30 PM, we shall have our first Spectrum Canteen for 2014. Your usual help is needed and much appreciated.

Secondly, during the Month of March, I shall be calling members to participate in the Annual Drive for the Intellectual Disabled which will take place on April 3rd through April 5th. It is much earlier this year and we shall have the four stores we usually do but we are restricted to only the Five Corners in Westwood because of the on-going construction by the railroad tracks on the west side of town.

I look forward to the usual response and cooperation.

St. Andrews Needs Ushers

Brothers, St. Andrews Ministry of Usher is looking for Ushers, both Male and Female. We need ushers for the 8:00 Am Sunday Mass. If you or your wife would like to be an usher for that Mass, please contact Mike Daly at msdaly@optonline.net or 201-664-3463 or see me the center aisle during the 12:00 noon Mass every Sunday.

Golf Outing

There may be a chill in the air due to the Polar Vortex and you may be sick of the snow, but, take heart, the Annual Golf Outing is only three months away. This event is very important to the Council as it provides funds for the scholarships and our general charity donations.

June 9th is going to be here before you know it and we are asking once again for your help with this fund raiser. There are many ways that can assist:

- Help set up for the luncheon or clean up the Hall afterwards.
- Solicit the local businesses in Westwood, Hillsdale, Rivervale and Emerson for door prizes, donations and/or hole sponsorships.
- Ask your place of employment to sponsor a hole.
- Be a player in the outing.

This is an opportunity for you to actively participate in the work of the Council in providing funds for those in need some financial assistance. Can you spare an hour or two or more to guarantee the success of the Outing? We would genuinely appreciate all the help we can get.
Ray Polomski

Calendar for March and April 2014

March

03/01	Baby Bottle at St. John's	
03/05	Catholicism.....	8:00 PM
03/06	General Meeting.....	8:00 PM
03/09	Daylight Savings Time Begins...	2:00 AM
03/10	Spectrum Canteen.....	6:30 PM
03/11	First Degree.....	7:30 PM
03/12	Catholicism.....	8:00 PM
03/13	Columbian Club.....	8:00 PM
03/15	St. Patrick's Day Party.....	7:30 PM
03/17	St. Patrick's Day	
03/19	St. Joseph's Day	
03/19	Catholicism.....	8:00 PM
03/20	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM
03/26	Catholicism.....	8:00 PM
03/28	Texas Hold'em.....	8:00 PM

April

04/02	Catholicism.....	8:00 PM
04/03	DD Drive	
04/03	General Meeting.....	8:00 PM
04/04	DD Drive	
04/04	Memorial Mass.....	7:30PM
04/05	Hot Meals	
04/05	DD Drive	
04/08	First Degree.....	7:30 PM
04/09	Catholicism.....	8:00 PM
04/10	Columbian Club.....	8:00 PM
04/11	The Passion.....	7:00 PM
04/11	Stations of the Cross, St Andrews	7:00 PM
04/12	Blood Drive.....	9:00 AM
04/14	Spectrum Canteen.....	6:30 PM
04/15	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM
04/16	Catholicism.....	8:00 PM
04/18	Friday Night Dinner.....	6:00 PM
04/20	Easter Sunday	
04/23	Catholicism.....	8:00 PM

Hot Meals at St. Joe's March 1st

We served 40 people a hot lunch at St. Joe's Community Center in Paterson on Saturday, March 1st.

This is a first come first served luncheon we provide to all in need in the area.

I am happy to say we had plenty of help! Thank you Alex, John, Jim, and Mike for serving and Frank and Ray for cooking! Also thank you Vinnie for bringing the box of snacks from Mini Mart in Haworth.

If you are interested in participating we are doing this the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Joe Laquidara

Deputy Grand Knight

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly

An open letter inviting all Qualified Third Degree Knights, of the St. Thomas More Council 2188 to join the Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665.

The First New Jersey District of the Saint Isaac Jogues Province will be holding the Spring Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on March 30th 2014. The Exemplification will be held in the Parsippany Hilton, located on the west bound side of Route 10. It will start with Mass at 9:30 AM in the hotel. Registration of Candidates will follow starting at 11:00 AM.

Qualified Third Degree Knights are required to have taken their First Degree at least One (1) year prior to the March 30th 2014 date. All Candidates must be in possession of a valid (Signed) Third Degree card.

There will be a cost of \$70.00 for each candidate. It is required that all candidates be formally attired. White shirts with lay-down collars, (NO WING TIPS or RUFFLES) Black Tuxedos, Black; Cumberbund, bow tie, socks and shoes. Dinner costs for guests will be \$50.00. The Joseph F. Lamb Assembly will sponsor a dinner guest for each candidate.

I encourage ALL Sir Knights of the St. Thomas More Council to participate in this Exemplification. We would hope that your help in furthering the involvement of your brother knights to take that final step in becoming Sir Knights. It is an important portion of your membership to continue to get involved in advancing our membership throughout the order.

For further information and applications contact:

FN Giuseppe Soriano 1-973-513-1949

Cecil Jackson 201-664-0681

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Andrew's Church on every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 PM. Each week, the Stations will be presented by a different ministry or organization affiliated with the Parish.

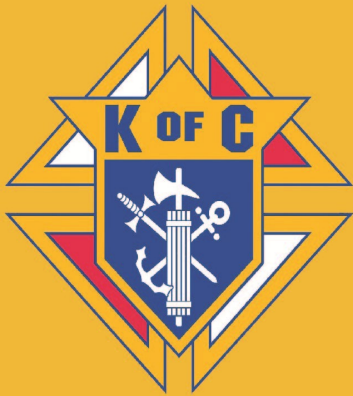
Our Council will be one of the presenters as we have been the last two years. We shall be making our presentation on April 11, 2014. The themes of our Stations are Right to Life, Poverty and Charity. If you would like to participate in our presentation, by holding a candle or the cross during our Council's Stations, please email me at FZpackPM@aol.com.

The object of the Stations of the Cross is to help the faithful make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer through meditating on the chief scenes of Christ's suffering and death. It has become one of the most popular forms of devotion for Roman Catholics, particularly during Lent.

You are invited to attend the Stations each week. Your attendance and support at our Council's presentation on April 11th will be appreciated.

Frank Zimmerman, PGK

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Council Blood Drive April 12, 2014

Our Annual Council Blood Drive will be held at our council Hall on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. This year, we shall partner with Emerson Council to broaden our reach and have a more successful drive which equates to more donors and more blood.

We need one thing to make our drive successful.....YOU! YOU are needed to get the word out about the drive. YOU are needed to donate blood, if eligible. YOU are needed to bring your spouse, your relatives, your friends and neighbors and your aged 16 and over children to the drive.

Who is eligible to give blood? Most people who are between the ages of 16 and 75 who are in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. (Parental consent is required for those 16 years of age.) At age 76, the donor must provide a yearly letter from his/her private physician stating he/she is in good health and capable of donating a pint of blood.

Yes, we need you but your blood is needed by so many others. Here are a few facts about blood and donations.

- One pint of blood from a single donor can save three lives
- Every three seconds, someone in this country needs a lifesaving blood transfusion.
- About one in seven people in the hospital need blood.
- Blood products are perishable , requiring consistent and continuous donations.
- Blood is in constant demand to treat patients with traumatic injuries and illnesses such as cancer and hemophilia and for use during surgeries.

What do you get for giving blood? The satisfaction of knowing that your pint of blood may have saved a life.

So, save the date.....**April 12, 2014**

2014 Education Awards

The Knights of Columbus St. Thomas More Council 2188 is proud to announce its 2014 Education Award Program. Awards will be made to students who have distinguished themselves in school, church and community, Need factors will be taken into consideration. Children and grandchildren of Council members, members of local parishes as well as other worthy and/or students demonstrating need proposed by Council members in good standing are eligible. Last year, **four** scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded. **As members of the Knights, please look around and reach out to those truly worthy of this award.**

Completed applications, letters of recommendation and any other supporting materials should be sent by March 30, 2014 to: Knights of Columbus, 40 Crest St., Westwood, NJ, 07675, Attn: Anthony Fiorica.

Email: triumphvar@aol.com.

Thank you and God Bless

Anthony Fiorica

Education Chairman

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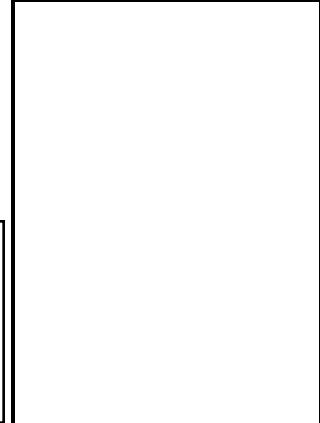
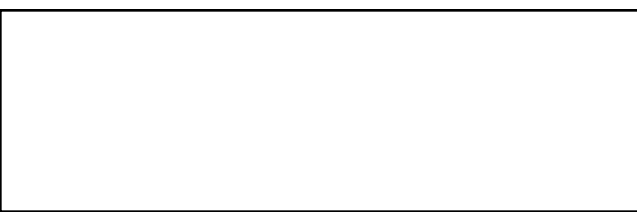
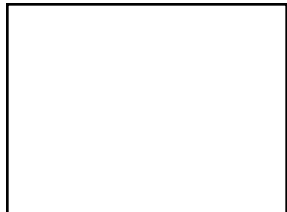
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