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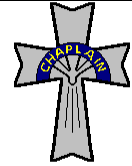
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Chaplain's Message



My dear Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes,

As you are undoubtedly aware, our Holy Father Pope Francis has proclaimed this year (from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016) a Jubilee Year of Mercy. This is a special time for the Church as she commemorates the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. In this jubilee year we celebrate the infinite and triumphant mercy of God that has been shown to us in His Son Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on this saving and life-giving attribute of God, I am often in awe of how often the Father's power manifests itself in the humility of His only begotten Son. Yes, the ability to be merciful is indeed powerful. The world sees power as the ability to coerce, to force, to impose one's will upon another. This exercise is in reality a sign, not of power, but of weakness. It arises out of fear and ignorance and has been practiced by dictators and despots throughout history, and is evident in so many parts of the world today. The Mercy of God, on the other hand, invites to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord" by accepting His merciful love, and in turn extending that merciful love to others.

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Council Breaks 100 Members, The Day Before 7th Anniversary of Council!

On November 12th, the Council hosted a First Degree for two new candidates: William McLoone and John Likley. Joining us for the Degree was our District Deputy Bob Doucet. As you know, all First Degrees are significant however this one had a particular distinction - we celebrated the additions of members 100 and 101.

Crossing the 100 member mark is a wonderful milestone for a Council that was formed in only 2008. In fact, our Council was created on November 13, 2008 with 41 Charter Members and it is fitting that our 100th member is the son of one of our Charter Members Jim McLoone.



(Charter Member Jim McLoone, with son William)

The very next day after this Degree we celebrated our 7th Year with 101 members! ... Thanks to all of you!



(William McLoone, GK Michael Mitts, John Likley, DD Bob Doucet)

Pope Francis tells us that this mercy is "the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us", and "the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life", and "the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever, despite our sinfulness" (Bull of Indiction, *Misericordiae Vultus*). As Catholic men and women we are called to be "Merciful like the Father", and to that end I have put throughout the Church prayer cards which remind us that the practical ways we can put mercy into our everyday routine is through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. These ageless practices have been a part of Catholic life for a long time, but take on renewed meaning as we celebrate the Year of Mercy. I also hope that you will make the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet a part of your daily lives. This beautiful devotion reminds us that as we have received God's mercy through His Son, so we are to extend mercy to one another. (I will be sharing more about this beautiful devotion as we come closer to Lent).

Brother and Sisters, God's mercy is not oppressive, nor is it exclusive. It is meant for all, to be shared by all, and cannot but compel us to do likewise to others. That is true power, the kind of power that comes from the Savior as he hung upon the cross, because it appeals to the very heart of God Himself, **Who is Love**.

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Frank

2016
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Fourth Degree Corner

By Jim Ambery



The next meeting of the John Barry Assembly is January 18th, at 8 pm at Bishop Kearney Council 4299. Located at 79-05 31st Ave, Jackson Heights.

The next Fourth Degree is April 9th in Brooklyn time and location TBD.

We are serving the Pro-Life Mass at Saint James in Brooklyn on January 23rd at 5 pm.

Any Fourth Degree members looking to join the Honor guard please see me at any of our meetings. The Assembly is giving money for cost of the regalia. If want to visit different churches and serve with a bunch of wonderful guys - the Honor Guard is for you!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Results



Our Council held its 2nd Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest this year. The winners were announced at the CCD Christmas party on December 20th. The results are:

First Place:

Nate Shoule (8-10 age)

Emma Shoule (5-7 age)

Second Place:

Xavier Murphy (8-10 age)

Owen Cassano (5-7 age)

Thanks to all who participated! Some of the art work will be displayed on the Knights of Columbus Bulletin Board in Church during the Christmas Season.



Thanks to all who participated!



Generosity abounds in Bayside!

Jim Tavcar

Once again, take a bow and pat yourself on the back. The Fairway Food Collection was a massive success! We collected a total of 112 bags of food, with 106 of them going to Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach - a new record. In the cash sector, we collected \$485.62, enough for the Mets to start a re-sign Cespedes Fund!

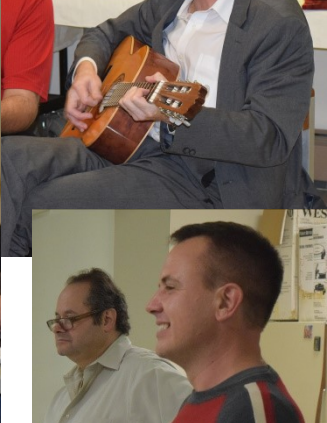
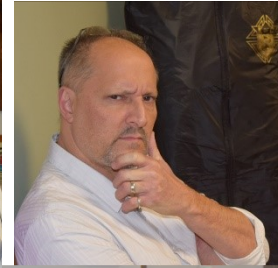
Thanks, Marie DeAngelis for all your help sorting and Lil, thanks yet again for lending your support. The children were a sight to see - thanks so much for coming. Thanks Bobby - Happy Birthday, Samantha and Destiny, thanks to Sofia, Sophia and Sophia, thanks Emily, Emily and Julie. Thanks also to Caterina. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. You guys were great!





**Christmas Party
December 10, 2015**

*Merry
Christmas*



Insurance Agent's Message

Brother Knights,

I write to you today to share some wonderful news. On November 3rd, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate – let me tell you why.

It's not about the number. It's not that \$100 Billion isn't impressive – it is. It's not that it doesn't matter – it does. But it's about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves.

It's \$100 billion of protection for brother Knights and their families. It's \$100 billion of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when a breadwinner suddenly dies. It's a \$100 billion promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It's not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Council office tells me that on an average night that 74 brother Knights passed away. 74 of them. And yet only 30 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows somewhere out there to whom we have nothing to give. To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don't have enough. We don't have enough to send the children to school. We don't have enough to save the family home. We don't have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number of brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a brother Knight – just as Father McGivney would have wanted.

What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me.

For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family's financial future: thank you for your trust.

For those of you that haven't yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be. That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours.

Vivat Jesus!

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