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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Knights, Columbiettes, Boy Scouts, and Squires:

We have two great feasts in the month of December:

1. The feast of our Queen and also the Patroness of our country, Mary and the feast of the Immaculate Conception;
2. The great feast of Christmas commemorating the birth of our Savior, who gave us our greatest gift: everlasting life. So great is this feast that "Jesus is the only reason for the season." So great is this feast that you make out your checks to this one company in Virginia "Christ is Christmas." So great is this feast that The Church prepares us with Advent, a month long.

So please don't let the lights and tinsel distract you. Think instead like the late, great Archbishop Fulton Sheen (soon to be beatified), who said, "If you give that newborn Christ your humanity, He will give you His divinity. If you give that newborn Christ your time, He will give you His eternity."

Yes, by giving you receive more--so give that you might receive more. May the newborn Christ bring you great joy.

I shall remember you and all your loved ones at Holy Mass on Christmas. Please remember: "The holier the feast, the happier the feast." Make Christmas holy so it will be happy.

Quote of the Month: "At the end of life we shall be judged by love (charity)"--St. John of the Cross

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. John F. Murray, SMA

Chaplain and State Father Prior Emeritus of the Columbian Squires

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires, & Scouts,

Another busy month approaches us as we enter into the Advent Season. Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the council. Along with bringing a grab bag present for Santa Claus to hand out for fun that evening, please bring some can goods or any kind of food that you can donate for our collection to the food pantries this year.

I am asking all Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Squires, and Scouts to start collecting food for the food pantries that we donate to. We will set up several boxes at the council where you can drop it off. Because of the hard economic time we are facing, every day men and women are losing their jobs or benefits and are having a hard time making ends meet. The pantries cannot keep up with the demands. We as members of this great organization must remember our first principle, Charity. I know money is very tight in most families today, but if you can donate some can goods or a couple of boxes of pasta, it would make a great big difference to a family in need.

December 18, is the Children's Christmas Party so spread the word to all the little children in our area that Santa Claus is coming to town. There will be plenty of fun and games and a visit from "The Big Man Himself".

The Columbian Club will be hosting the New Years Eve Party at the council on December 31st and there will be a live band and great food and drink. Please consider coming out that night for a great time.

Remember to keep Christ in Christmas again this year. Too many people are forgetting what December 24 and 25 are really about. Let us all open our hearts to the less fortunate and pray on that day for peace so our men and women can come home from the war and be safe in their homes with their families.

I hope the members of the 076—zip codes read my letter last month and will be able to give us some time at the council. Every little bit helps.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year, and may Almighty God continue to bless you all and #1345.

Vivat Jesus,

Louis Pidi

Grand Knight

**2011-2012 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

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Troop #1345 Boy Scouts

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Nov 15.

Call Ed Kostka at 201-387-9482 to add or delete a name on this list.
Italic indicates new name or change in condition.

Members

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Jack O'Brien
Dick Dorozynski	Fred Jacobsen, PGK
Bill Connington, PFN	Peter Duffy
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Frank McCoo	Walter Boettger
Richard Burke	George Forbes
Larry Frisby	Timothy Keating
Bill Gilligan, PGK	Rev. John Murray, SMA
Tom Schmidt	Mike Daly
John Graham	<i>George DiCostanzo, PGK</i>

Relatives & Friends

Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;
Ben, nephew of Dom Panfile;
Dianne Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
Francine Corbo, wife of George Corbo;
Geraldine Cleary, wife of John Cleary
Helen Wojick, cousin of Dick Dorozynski;
Herta Nelson, mother in law of Ed Trawinski;
Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of the late PGK Frank Messina;
Joseph Idell, son of the late George Idell;
Lauren Hollis, niece of Chuck Hollis;
MaryAnn Murrin, daughter of Joseph Welsh;
Millie Graziano, sister-in-law of the late Art Rudolph;
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien;
Nicole Cafarelli, niece of Bob Wrightington;
Nina DiCostanzo, wife of PGK G. DiCostanzo
Peggy Keating, wife of Timothy Keating
Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.
William Whelan, son of Jim Whelan;

Wakes

Michael Hess, Bishop Dougherty Scholarship State Chairman;

Wake Notice Phone List

If you'd like a call when a member dies, call 201-387-9482 to add your name.

Ed Kostka, Chairman

Email Notification List

Keep in touch with notices that are sent out with sick calls, wakes notices, Council events, or, messages from the Catholic League with the latest attacks on Catholicism & religion in general.

Add your name to the "email notification list". Mail your request to: Editor, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628, with name, phone and email address, or email directly to: papagdc@aol.com.

G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN, Editor

Lecturer Program

None in December. A blessed Christmas Season to all.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

Troop #1345 Boy Scouts

Any boy interested in joining our troop, contact Scoutmaster Keith Hilcken at 201-993-4476.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating their birthday in December, especially Joan Trank, wife of PGK/Trustee Tom Trank.

Healthy Food Notes: Cauliflower...protects against prostate cancer, combats breast cancer, strengthens bones, banishes bruises, guards against heart disease.

Buy American... this Christmas Season and in the New Year, let's try to buy American whenever we can. Read the barcodes for products made in the USA & Canada that begin with the numbers 00-09. Let's exercise our principles of **charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism** by supporting USA made products. We could save someone's job, or better yet, we could help add jobs.

ASCPG pilgrimage to Lourdes... each year at Easter time. If you would like to have a petition taken to Lourdes, place it in an envelope, and mail to: ASCPG Petition, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Remember...no cash; prayer intention only.

Reservations Procedure

Important note: please include the names of your guests when making your reservation so that they can be listed on seating chart. Reservations for all of our functions are a must! There are three (3) ways to reserve your place or table:

1. **Reply form at the bottom of the flyer enclosed with our newsletters. And you can include your check payment too. This is the preferred method.**

2. **Call 201-387-9750;** let it ring until you hear menu and press #3. Leave your name, phone #, and # of guests with their names.

3. **Email reservations to:** kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. Leave all of the same information as above.

Membership & Recruitment Activities

Next degree dates....

First: Tues, Dec. 13, Westwood Council;

Second: Wed, Dec. 14, Lodi Council

Charles Hollis, Chairman, 201-314-8599.

Financial Secretary Report

Dues Increase: 2012 dues will be \$28.00, a modest increase of \$1.00 to offset diminishing revenue through attrition and Honorary Life members, which now total just under 200.

Dues Bills: The 2012 dues bills will be mailed the week after Christmas. We respectfully request that you pay your dues by the end of January or sooner.

Scholarship support: as we did last year, there will be an option to make a \$5.00 donation to our Council Scholarship Fund that assists the children and grandchildren of members. Any amount will be appreciated and is purely voluntary.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

"Home for the Holidays" Christmas Party

A traditional holiday dinner and dance at our Council for the annual Christmas Party Dec 17. Cost is \$27 per person. Enclosed is the flyer with all the details. You can email your reservations by reply email directly to me at papagdc@aol.com.

And, we will have our traditional food & toy collection, gift grab bag, and visit by Mr. & Mrs. S. Claus.

And, remember our **Children's Christmas Party** on Sunday Dec. 18 from 2pm-5pm for boys and girls age 10 and under, and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Let's Say Thanks to the Troops

The holiday season is upon us; Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's. A special time for us at home to gather with family and friends. But, not for our troops who are deployed

If you go to this website, www.LetsSayThanks.com, you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and send it to a soldier

currently serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services.

Let's try and do that for our service men and women.

PGK George DiCostanzo.

Church Activities Report

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. The next rosary is December 14. Refreshments served afterwards.

George Corbo, Church Activities

Keep Christ in Christmas Program

Brother Knights, the Christmas Season is just around the corner. As in years past the Knights of Columbus has led the fight to **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS (KCIC)**. Sadly there are people who would eliminate Jesus from the celebration of HIS birth and it is our duty as Knights to stop this from happening.

As you travel through Dumont & Bergenfield, take a moment to notice our **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** banners located at St. Mary's Church, Calvary Methodist Church, Old North Church, and St. John's Church. Remember the reason for the season!

Lawn Signs... To further deliver the message of Christmas, the Council has purchased a small supply of Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs. Anyone wishing to display a sign, please call me at 201-387-9482. A small donation is requested

And, *The Light Up for Christ* program, our annual blessing of the Nativity Creche, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Dumont Boro Hall at 7:30pm. Please try to attend, profess your faith in Christmas and enjoy the freedom to have this display in town.

Greeting Cards... if you plan to send family and friends a Christmas greeting card, remember to use the **Christmas Stamp of Madonna & Child** available at your post office. If they do not have it, ask them to get it for you.

Ed Kostka, KCIC Chairman

Columbian Club Report

New Year's Eve Party... Enclosed with this mailing is our New Year's Eve party flyer with complete details for our annual top-shelf extravaganza. Mail your reservations with full payment or a 50% deposit. Or, call PGK George D at 201-338-2617 or email him at papagdc@aol.com.

PGK Phil Fredericks, Chairman

Bar Prices... We have held the line on prices for many years now, but, costs have risen to the point where we have to raise the price of all beer and liquor being served at our bar. The price increase is effective December 1. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Cremin, Bar Chairman

Rental Catering... now taking reservations for dates for the July-Dec 2012 period, and into 2013. A few dates remain for the Jan-June 2012 period. Call me at 201-338-2617 and give us a chance to make a bid for your party or event.



*Dining Room decorated for a recent wedding reception.
PGK George DiCostanzo, Rental Chairman*

Dates to Remember

Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Thurs, Dec. 1	Setup 7pm.
Sat, Dec. 3	Rental 7pm.
Mon, Dec. 5	Council mtg 8pm.
Tues, Dec. 6	Setup 7pm.
Wed, Dec. 7	Rental – St. Mary’s Altar & Rosary.
Thurs, Dec. 8	<i>Feast of Immaculate Conception (holyday).</i> Setup 7pm.
Sat, Dec. 10	Rentals 12pm & 6pm; Dumont Jr. Football
Mon, Dec. 12	Officer meeting 8pm
Tues, Dec. 13	First Degree – Westwood
Wed, Dec. 14	Rosary Hours 8pm. Second Degree – Lodi.
Thurs, Dec. 15	Setup 7pm.
Sat, Dec. 17	Christmas Party 7pm.
Sun, Dec. 18	Children’s Christmas Party 2pm.
Mon, Dec. 19	Council mtg. 8pm.
Tues, Dec. 20	Newsletter mailing 10am
Wed, Dec. 21	Columbiettes mtg 7:30pm.
Sat, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Sun, Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Mon, Dec. 26	TBCC meeting 8pm.
Tues, Dec. 27	Dues bills mailing 10am.
Thurs, Dec. 29	Setup 7pm.
Sat, Dec. 31	New Year’s Eve Party 8:30pm.
Tues, Jan. 3	Council meeting 8pm.

Columbiette Report

Rescheduled - our Halloween Murder Mystery Dinner Show which was to be held on Oct. 29th, was postponed due to the unexpected snow storm. It has been rescheduled for October 27, 2012 so mark your calendars now and watch the Knights Times for additional info. Thank you to all who called for reservations. We hope to see you next October.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

December Meeting – Wed. December 21 - 7:30 p.m.
January Meeting – Columbiettes Christmas Party – details to be announced at our next meeting.

Annual Tea Party (March, 2012) & the return of “The Neighborhood” 50/60s band to Dumont (May 11, 2012). Watch this paper for additional information.

Come join the fun while supporting those in need. Why not consider becoming a member of the Columbiettes? Money raised from fundraising events we hold during the year goes to support women’s & children’s charities in our local area. For further details, please call VP Donna Fredericks @ 551.427.7180

On behalf of all of your Columbiette Officers, may I wish you and your families a very Happy, Healthy & Blessed Christmas, and New Year “2012”.
Joan Winant. Secretary / Publicity

Hungry & Homeless

Next year we are scheduled to feed the hungry & homeless on Wed. Jan. 25, 2012. Start donating turkeys now! We will probably need at least 150 to 175 lbs of turkey meat to serve, which translates to about a dozen good size turkeys.

I am fully aware that times are getting tougher for everyone and those turkeys may not be on sale anymore after Thanksgiving. If you have a turkey that you did not cook for Thanksgiving, consider donating it for our next feeding. Think about how much tougher it is for our neighbors who are homeless or do not make enough money to feed themselves properly. Any questions, contact me.

John E. McGill, Chairman 201-384-7511

Insurance Agent Report

Ability insurance... what would happen if your most important ability – your ability to earn an income – was taken away from you? How would your family survive?

That’s why the Knights created Income Armor...to protect your ability to earn a living against illness or injury. Income Armor can guarantee that your paycheck, and all that it provides, is safe.

Just give me a half-hour of your time to review your insurance plans. Email me at donald.stappenbeck@kofc.org, or call my cell at 551-265-3489.

Fraternally, Don Stappenbeck

Photo Gallery



Deputy Grand Knight John McGill presenting a Past Grand Knight plaque to PGK Dave Benson at our PGK Dinner Dance.



Photo of our Veteran's that were recognized at the PGK Dinner Dance in honor of Veteran's Day 2011...11-11-11-11.

Scholarship Program

Donations support... Your donation will help increase the amount of money the Council has for the Fund. A modest \$5.00 donation is suggested, but, any amount larger or smaller is appreciated.

Our scholarship program benefits the children and grandchildren of our members. Funds are awarded to first year College entrants, and to first year Catholic High School entrants.

Last year... 3 college awards of \$1000 and 2 high school awards of \$500 each were given out for a total of \$4000. Many of our members donated to the Fund through the Dues Bills.

Applications for this year... will be available at the Council after January 15, 2012 for pickup at a meeting, or a Friday Night Social. Or, you can call me at 201-338-2617 and I will mail you a copy.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Something to Think About

I recently read in the newspaper that the number of openly gay couples living together has dramatically increased throughout New Jersey and many of these same sex couples want to raise children as their own. I wonder where these children will come from!

As a very young child, I was taught by my parents that all children come from the union of a mommy and daddy. I understand that 50% of traditional marriages now end in divorce. My parents married for better or worse and lasted 46 years when my father suddenly died. They raised two children in the Catholic Faith and instilled in us Catholic family values that I hold dear today. I never married, but my sister did, had three children who grew up, got married, and now have children of their own.

My sister and her husband will be married 50 years on Dec 30, 2011. They allowed me to be their children’s “favorite uncle” and “a second Father”. To this day we’re all still a very close family even though we live far apart. What has happened to our country that this is no longer considered the norm! Something to think about.

John E. McGill, Deputy Grand Knight