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January, 2010

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

To all my Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires & Scouts,

A very Happy and Holy New Year of 2010 and please God, it will be a year of CHANGE from the Culture of Death to a Culture of Life, and incidentally, the change will make GOD very happy for He is the author of life. The change will also make Our Queen, the Mother of God very happy. Our founder, the Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney, would also be very happy for in founding the Knights of Columbus, the largest lay organization in the mystical body of Christ, he wanted all his Brother Knights to be with Christ (the Author of Life).

Let us put on "the Armor of God" as St. Paul tells us and hear more holy masses, say more rosaries (remember your First Degree) and Pray, Pray and Pray. The main reason St. John's Council being in the March for Life on January 22, 2010 is to try and do GOD's Holy Will. Please join us at Holy Mass at 6:00am that morning (January 22) in the lower church at St. John's Church in Bergenfield, and call our Respect Life Chairman Matt Hayes, PGK, PFN at 201-387-2310. Let us have a great turnout for it might be our last.

Quote of the month: "*The World would have Pease if the men of politics would only follow the Gospels*". St. Birgetta of Sweden.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. John F. Murray, S.M.A.

Chaplain of St. John's Council #1345 (Senior Knights);
Father Prior of St. Dominic Savio Circle #1622 (Junior Knights);
Chaplain of the St. John's Columbiettes (Ladies Auxiliary);
State Father Prior of the Columbian Squires (Junior Knights).

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires, & Scouts,

I hope that your Christmas and all New Year's festivities were filled with joy and the overwhelming warmth that comes with the celebration of our Lord's birth. As I write this it's the middle of December and there is still much to be done.

One of these to-dos is my 2010 resolutions. With each year that passes the list gets longer while the success factor diminishes. Although I find it easier to accept the fact that wearing size 32 jeans and playing music in crowded night clubs are now fond memories that continue to find a place on "the list".

There is one resolution that is coming off the list and that is...dare I say it...to try and live the life of a Saint. Please don't misinterpret that to mean that my faith is waning, if anything, the opposite is true.

So what on earth, you may be wondering, is my point? Well, I used to think that I could live the life of a Saint just by doing things that are pleasing to God. I have failed miserably. I pray, I go to Mass, I read scripture and I try to live a life that holds charity/love at its core. However, those activities are somehow separate from normal, everyday life. They become more lessons learned that need to be applied than integrated aspects of my being.

Last month Jesus' words to the two blind men in Matthew's Gospel smacked me across the head; "*Let it be done FOR you according to your faith*" and the proverbial light bulb went on. There is only so much...and it's pretty limited for most of us....that we can do on our own. Try as we might there is no way to will ourselves to live the life of a Saint. Trust me on this...I've been trying. The only chance any of us have is to place ourselves completely in the arms of our Beloved Lord. Amazingly it's so simple yet almost impossible to imagine achieving. It's going to be a very interesting year...ok...ok...maybe an interesting decade...or two.

On the subject of living the life of a Saint, in January we commemorate the birthday of our chaplain, our spiritual director and our friend Fr. John F. Murray. Please join us on January 24th as we come together to celebrate his life and raise money for the scholarship fund that bears his name.

Finally, I beg all brother Knights, sister Columbiettes, Squires and friends to consider coming with us to the March for Life in Washington DC. As we march through the streets, our hearts filled with love for the unborn and united with hundreds of thousands of other marchers, we lay aside our political and denominational affiliations. We march as God's children prayerfully fighting for our unborn siblings. Please join us.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Happy New Year

**2009-2010 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

Council Officers

Chaplain	Rev. John F. Murray	201-567-0450
Grand Knight	Tom Ciotti	201-385-7424
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Trustee - 1 yr.	G. DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	201-338-2617
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Community Affairs:	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
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-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
-SMA Mission	John McKay	201-244-1237
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Program Director:	DGK Dave Benson	201-385-1839
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Scholarship:	PGK G. DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Sick & Wake:	PGK G. Olszewski	201-384-9524
Squires:	PGK Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Webmaster:	GK Tom Ciotti	201-424-5472
Youth Activities:	PGK Ivan Hannibal	646-528-9592

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Waiter Chairman:	Steven Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
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Chief Squire:	Thomas Formoso, Jr.	201-501-8911
Chief Counselor:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695

Boy Scouts - Troop #1345

Scoutmaster:	Keith Hilcken	201-933-4476
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Sick & Wake - January

To add or delete a name on this list, call PGK George Olszewski at 201-384-9524. *ITALIC* indicates new names or change in condition.

Members

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Ken Malesky
Frank Messina, PGK	Dick Dorozynski
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Bill Murphy, PGK	Nicholas Slade
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Richard Burke	George Forbes
John Dillon, FDD, PGK	Larry Frisby
Timothy Keating	Warren Kaime
Walter Boettger	Frank Magda
Charles Dietz	

Relatives & Friends

Ann Sanders, mother of Bob Sanders PGK, PCCP
 Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;
 Anthony Matarazzo, son of Jos. Matarazzo, FDD, PGK;
Anthony Perrotto, brother-in-law of PGK G. DiCostanzo;
 Barbara, wife of Frank Fawcett;
 Ben, nephew of Dom Panfile
 Betty Haubert, mother-in-law of Chuck Hollis;
 Bill Presky, son-in-law of PGK Tom Trank;
 Diane Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
Geraldine, niece of PGK George DiCostanzo
 Helen Cavallo, wife of Frank Cavallo;
 Irene Ulisse, wife of Don Ulisse DD, PGK, PFN;
 Jackie Burdy, cousin of OG Charles Hollis
Janet, wife of Fred Jacobsen, PGK
 Jason, grandnephew of John McGill;
 Jean DeFalco, wife of Eli DeFalco;
 Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of PGK Frank Messina.
 Joseph Olivo, Master 4th Degree;
 Julie & Don Newey, daughter/son-in-law of Tony Tulli;
 Karen Glover, wife of Ray Glover
Kayla Rose Hannon
 Ken Michels, son-in-law of Tony Tulli;
 Marge Montagna, wife of Vincent Montagna
 Marie Fitzgerald, wife of Bob Fitzgerald
 Maureen McDonald, wife of Bob McDonald;
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien
 Niece of Bob Wrightington
 Norma, widow of late Jim Campbell.
Raymond Goode
 Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.
 Rose Rush, widow of James J. Rush, PGK.
 Sister Andree, sister of Fr. John Murray
The Grossman Children in Dumont, orphaned of parents.

Wakes

Michael Flanagan; Raymond Sippel;

Upcoming Degree Dates

First Degree:	Tues, Jan 12 at Westwood;
Second Degree:	Mon, Jan 25 at No. Arlington;
Third Degree:	Fri, Jan. 15 at Hasbrouck Heights;
Fourth Degree:	April 2010 at Parsippany Hilton;

Lecturer Program

Rev. Paul Cannariato is our next guest speaker for our program on Monday, the 18th of January, 2010. His topic will be: "The Priesthood: Of Ministers and of the Laity."

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Lecturer Chairman

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to members celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in January, especially our Chaplain Fr. John F. Murray, celebrating 87 years on January 25.

Traditional Marriage news... The NY Senate defeated a bill to make same-sex marriage legal, bringing total to 32 out of 32 states who have voted to maintain marriage as between one man one woman. The NJ Senate has postponed a debate and vote on legalizing same-sex marriage for a later date.

Congratulations to our Chaplain Fr. Murray, chosen to be Grand Marshall in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bergenfield.

Fr. Murray Scholarship Dinner Dance

Now is the time to make your plans to attend the annual Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance on Sat, Jan. 30, 2010, from 7pm to 11pm. Make Reservations by email at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com, or call 201-387-9750 and press option 3. We advise making early advance reservations and would appreciate a \$10 deposit.

Cost is \$27.00 per person; doors open at 6:30pm. Contact John E. McGill 201-384-7511 or Tony Tulli 201-385-6148 for more details.

Come and enjoy a fun evening of fine food and DJ music you can dance to. Celebrate Fr. Murray's 87th birthday, and help raise money for the Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Fund for Squires.

Contact Bill Bochicchio, Fr. Murray Scholarship Fund Chairman if you wish to make a donation to Fr. Murray's favorite charity!

Membership & Recruitment Activities

Congratulations to Sabino Rodano, Kenneth Freeman, Joshua Gibbons, and Martin Naughton, who joined our Order in the First Degree on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

Please make time to advance your degrees and fully enjoy the benefits of Knighthood. You are not fully Knighted until you take your Third Degree.

A very important date to remember, Friday, March 26, 2010, we will be hosting a 3rd degree exemplification at our council honoring William Bochicchio, FDD, PGK. My goal is to get all eligible members to the 2nd degree by February, so that they can take their Third degree "at home in our Council". And it would be a great honor for Bill, a brother who has worked very hard to help make this council what it is today.

If you have a friend or neighbor who is a practicing Catholic gentleman, tell him about our council and bring him to a Friday night social. We'll be glad to answer any questions he may have in becoming a Knight. Contact me at 201-439-1984 for more information.

Lou Pidi, Chancellor/Membership

Attention: Teen Catholic Young Men

St. John's Council Knights of Columbus has a Squires auxiliary called a Circle. Squire Circles are the youth branch of the K of C. The Squires is a program that teaches teen young men how to be leaders that will be useful in the later years.

Join the St John's Squires and fulfill your charity requirements for confirmation. It looks good on high school transcripts too!

To get more information about the Squires Circle at St. John's Council, contact Tom Formoso at tformoso@horizonfoods.com or call (201) 707-9890.

NJ Devils Hockey Game

Sponsored by the Bergen Federation, a special ticket offer of \$40 (face value \$56). Friday, March 12, 2010, 7pm at the Prudential Center...Devils vs Penguins.

Tickets are in limited supply. Call Mike 201-747-3582 and say you are from Council 1345.

Substance Abuse Poster Contest

The final deadline/submission for the poster contest will be collected on December 18, 2009. All submissions of posters from

Transfiguration Academy will be selected upon and judged by January 18, 2010.

The Chairman of the Substance Abuse Committee, Keith Hilcken, will present the winner, along with all of the participants, with a certificate at the Council meeting.

Basketball Free Throw Competition

This year's basketball free throw contest will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 8:30am at Conlan Hall (St. John's Church, in Bergenfield).

The shoot out will be open to all boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14. All registrants must bring a copy of their birth certificate for verification.

Contact me at 201-501-0988 or 646-528-9592 for more details.

PGK Ivan Hannibal, Chairman

Knight of the Month



GK Tom Ciotti with Ed Kostka, recognized for his work this month with the Keep Christ in Christmas program.

Family of the Month



GK Tom Ciotti with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus (Tony Tulli and his wife Sheila). Recognized for their efforts during this Christmas season.

March for Life bus trip

Our annual bus trip to Washington, DC for the March for Life Rally on Friday, Jan. 22, 2010. Mass at St. John's Church in Bergenfield (lower church) at 6:00am, followed by a continental breakfast.

Buses depart from St. John's at 7:15am sharp. Donation of \$10.00 per person to reserve a seat. Come one and all as we proclaim the Gift of Life from Our Lord.

This year the defense of life is at an essential moment in our country's history. The attacks on our Faith and values the Founding Fathers bestowed on our country are seriously being undermined. The genocide on life has to stop. Contact me for additional information.

PGK Matt Hayes, 201-387-2310

Mass at NJ Veteran's Home

Especially in the winter months, our Catholic Veterans at the Home in Paramus are in urgent need of volunteers to assist them to, from, and during the Sunday Mass scheduled at 10:30am on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

A special mass will be offered on January 1, a holy day of obligation, at 10:30am. Try to make it if you can.



From left, Bob Dondero Mass Chairman, George Corbo and Ken Florio during a mass at the Home.

John E. McGill

Dates to Remember

Note: setups for rentals & council events are on Thursday's at 7:00pm, unless otherwise specified.

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

Fri, Jan. 1	New Years Day;
Sat, Jan. 2	Rental – 7pm to 10pm;
Mon, Jan. 4	Council meeting 8pm;
Fri, Jan. 8	Rental – 7pm to 11pm, Sweet 16 party; Friday Social 9pm – potluck.
Mon, Jan. 11	Officers meeting 8pm;
Wed, Jan. 13	Rosary Hour 8pm;
Fri, Jan. 15	Friday Social 9pm – pizza
Mon, Jan. 18	Council meeting 8pm; Lecturer program 9pm;
Wed, Jan. 20	Columbiettes meeting 7:30pm;
Fri, Jan. 22	March for Life bus trip 7am at St. John's; Friday Social 9pm – surprise; Karaoke 9pm;
Mon, Jan. 25	Columbian Club meeting 8pm; Fr. Murray's Birthday;
Sat, Jan. 30	Free Throw Contest 8:30am at St. John's hall; Fr. Murray Scholarship Dinner Dance 7-11pm;
Sun, Jan. 31	Corporate Communion Mass St. Mary's 7:45am; Breakfast at Council after mass;
Mon, Feb. 1	Council meeting 8pm;
Sun, Feb. 7	Super Bowl Party 5pm;

Friday Night Socials

Come and join us for an hour or so and see all the good things going on Friday nights. Complimentary food snack, Karaoke night, Movie Night, Sports Bar, 50/50 Raffle, and most important, a friendly relaxed place "where everybody knows your name". Try it one time, you may enjoy it and come back again.

George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Columbiettes News

Our next meeting is on Wed, January 20, 2010. On behalf of the Officers, we hope you all had a Blessed & Merry Christmas. A new year has started and our membership numbers keep growing. Keep up the good work.

If you know anyone who would like to be a Columbiette or just need information about us, have them call Roberta at 201-244-1323.

Remember to save your stamps from all your Christmas cards. We collect them for charity. Bring them to the next meeting.

We are planning our events for 2010. When finalized, we'll let you know what and when. Have a happy and healthy New Year.

Nina DiCostanzo, Treasurer/ Publicity

Boy Scout Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 24th at the Knights of Columbus. Please come on down and support a very active and quickly growing Scouting organization that is proud to be chartered by the Knights of Columbus, Saint John's Council #1345.

Troop 1345 will also be active in January, participating in a Klondike Derby in Ringwood, NJ on January 23, and hosting a Life-Saving course at Ramapo College of New Jersey's swimming pool on January 17.

Novena & Prayer Services

At our Council: Rosary Service every second Wednesday of the month. Next Rosary Wed, Jan 13 at 8:00pm. Coffee afterwards.

At St. Mary's Church: Rosary for Peace every Friday 7:30pm; OLPH Novena every Wednesday 7:00pm. Daily Rosary after 8:45am mass. On First Saturdays Rosary at 7:30am.

At St. John's Church: Rosary, Divine Mercy & confession every first Friday of the month, beginning at 7:30pm. Followed by Overnight Eucharistic Adoration from 9pm to 7am.

George Corbo, Church Activities Chairman

Squire's Report

The Squires are happy to welcome newcomer **Zachary Bilis**, who joined the Columbian Squires in December.

We have been working the coat room lately. The money earned goes straight to the Squires Fund, and will help us coordinate various activities and charities for our Circle. Thanks to everyone for past and future support of the Squires.

Reminder: meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. For information on joining the Squires contact Tom Formoso at 201-707-9890 or tformoso@horizonfoods.com.

Thomas Formoso, Chief Squire

Raffle Results

Thanks to generosity of members and friends, our Fall Raffle was very successful, collecting \$3010.00. Congratulations to the winners who received a payout of \$1505.

1st -- Bunnie Affrunti.....\$1053.50;

2nd – Pat Kieman.....\$ 301.00;

3rd – Tom Lawlor.....\$ 150.50;

PGK G. DiCostanzo, Chairman

Hungry & Homeless

There are insufficient words in the English language to adequately give thanks to all our brothers who spent so much of their time and talent for the feeding of the hungry patrons on December 9th. Our meal consisted of turkey (all donated), yams, mixed veggies, bread stuffing, cranberry sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, gravy, bread, coffee, iced tea, hard boiled eggs, and Christmas Cookies for dessert.

Many thanks to all who donated the turkeys. If you have a turkey you are not going to use, please consider donating it for our next feeding on January 27, 2010. We hope you and your families had a Holy and healthy Christmas and New Year Eve. Bless you all.

Bill Horn, Chairman

Religious & Civil Rights

Evangelical, Catholic and Orthodox Christians are united to show their support for the pro-life movement, traditional marriage and the right of religious freedom with something called the Manhattan Declaration. I strongly encourage all of you to take a few minutes to investigate it. The website is <http://www.manhattandeclaration.org>.

After you spend a few minutes reading the Declaration you can show your support by signing it, if you wish. If you don't have a computer you can always stop by any Public Library for access to the internet. It's a wonderful thing to see brothers and sisters in Christ lay down their ecumenical differences for the greater good.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Membership dues

Membership dues has increased from \$25 to \$27. This is not an effort by the Council to bolster the operating or charitable funds. The Council pays the Supreme Council a per capita fee for each active member.

Supreme has assessed an additional \$2.00 fee for all dues paying members to help fund the Order's Pro-Life activities. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 201-424-5472, or the Financial Secretary Bob DeWald at 201-384-2259.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Light Up for Christ



Blessing of our Nativity display, and "Light Up for Christ" ceremony.