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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

As we begin a New Year we begin by honoring Mary, the Mother of God on January 1. St. Cyril of Alexandria, a great Doctor of the Early Church and devotee of Mary gives us this reflection for us to think about as we begin a new year seeking the assistance of the Mother of God to help have a successful year ahead. He writes:

"Mary, Mother of God, we salute you. Precious vessel, worthy of the whole world's reverence, you are an ever-shining light, the crown of virginity, the symbol of orthodoxy, an indestructible temple, the place that held him whom no place can contain, mother and virgin. Because of you the holy gospels could say: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord..."

Behold then the joy of the whole universe. Let the union of God and man in the Son of the Virgin Mary fill us with awe and adoration. Let us fear and worship the undivided Trinity as we sing the praise of the ever-virgin Mary, the holy temple of God, and of God himself, her Son and spotless Bridegroom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year.

May God be praised,

Fr. Dominic

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Boy Scouts, Family, Widows and Friends...

Can you believe that it is 2014? I hope you all had a wonderful and exciting New Year's welcome. We are well on our way to another successful 2nd half of the Columbian year. With your help we will finish out stronger than before. In January we welcome the Scholarship Dance and the 91st Birthday of our beloved Father John Murray. May he have many more birthdays to come! Happy Birthday Father Murray, you are truly missed here at the council.

It was exciting to see that Pope Francis was named Time magazines, Person of the Year. He has come a long way in just a short period of time and this is a great accolade for him and our Faith. For without Faith, what do we have?

I would like to thank the following people for their help at the Children's Christmas party: They braved the snow and cold and still made the effort to come down and help; Donna Hayes, Francis Cassidy, Donna Hilcken, Frank Fundaro, Tom Formoso, Jim Brooks, Tim Hickey, Tony & Sheila Tully (all the way from Toms River!), my wife Cathy and especially my son Colin. Colin came down with me on that snowy and icy morning and shoveled the entire front of the council; he then spread out the rock salt so our guests would not fall. Thanks to these people, our guests had a great time especially when Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived. The kids could not believe that Santa was actually in the building. They all had a blast. Thanks Santa! I would like to thanks the Columbiettes for supplying the dessert. Thank you ladies!

In December we also had live entertainment in our lounge on a cold Friday night. Dave Lang and Margie played to a sold out crowd and everyone in attendance delighted in the great pizza made by our own Jerry Passano. Thanks everyone! Look for another pizza night coming real soon; I will let you know when in the next newsletter.

There are a lot of exciting things happening at St. John's, be a part of it!
Happy New Year, stay warm and may God continue his blessing over us all.

Vivat Jesus,

Charles Hollis

Charles (Chuck) Hollis, Grand Knight

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Sick & Wake Report - as of Dec. 15, 2013.

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

Special Note: this list will be deleted with this issue. A fresh new list starts with the February issue. Call Bill Connington at 201-385-9697 to put your name or the name of your relative back on the list.

Members

Dick Dorozynski	Fred Jacobsen, PGK
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Ed Orr	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock

Relatives & Friends

Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio.
Ann Marsigliano, sister-in-law of Jack Marsigliano;
Betty Haubert, mother-in-law of GK Chuck Hollis;
Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan.
Brian Long, son of Jack Long.
Bridget Martin, Columbiette & sister-in-law of Ed Kostka.
Dianne Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
Dorothy, widow of the late George Forbes;
Edward J, cousin of Columbiette Cathy McCabe.
Eileen O'Leary, widow of late Frank O'Leary.
Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman.
Francine Corbo, wife of George Corbo;
Frank Grana, brother-in-law of Linda Grana;
Herta Nelson, mother in law of Ed Trawinski;
Jill Ciotti, wife of PGK Tom Ciotti;
Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
Josephine, niece of PGK G. DiCostanzo
Kay, widow of the late Nicholas Slade;
Kristi Marie, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio.
Laurie, wife of Bob Knott;
Linda Grana, Columbiette
Lorraine Mooney, friend from St. Mary's church.
Louise Florio, sister of Ken Florio.
Mary Sforza, friend of council;
Michael Cullen, son of John Cullen;
Millie Graziano, sister-in-law of the late Art Rudolph;
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien;
Norma, mother of Columbiette Cathy McCabe.
Nunzia, cousin of PGK G. DiCostanzo.
Scott, son of John LaRaia;
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of Dick Dorozynski.

Wakes

Members: *William R. Murphy, PGK; John R. O'Neill;*
Relatives & Friends: *Rosemarie, Mother of John Rafti.*
Kathryn Murphy, sister-in-law of PGK Dave Benson.

Praying for Healing

"God, our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family and friends in God's name, Amen."

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday in January, or a special occasion.

Congratulations to Pope Francis, named "Person of the Year" by Time Magazine.

Nativity Creche in Central Park, at 59th St & 5th Ave. Placed by the Catholic League for all to see at a major crossroads in Manhattan.

The Rosary Hour

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

The next rosary hour is Wednesday, Jan 8, 2014.

The Twelve – Matthias

The Bible says Matthias followed Jesus "beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us." (*Acts 1:22*). This was important because Judas Iscariot who had betrayed Jesus had to be replaced, and whomever they chose had to have followed Jesus throughout His ministry.

A ray of light shone down from the heavens to rest upon Matthias' head, thereby verifying that he was indeed the right choice as one of "The Twelve".

Symbol: Lance. Feast Day: May 14.

George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN.

**note: this concludes the series. Hope you enjoyed the information.*

Deputy Grand Knight Message

I hope you all had a great Christmas with your loved ones. I wish all my fellow Brothers and Columbiettes a wonderful new year and may God bless you in all ways. Happy New Year. *Vivat Jesus*

Carmine Grillo, Deputy Grand Knight

Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment

Congratulations to Robert Auth who took his first degree last Dec. 10.

Next degree dates are as follows: First Degree – January 14, 2014 & Second Degree – January 23, 2014. I would like to request the help of all my brothers in recruiting new members. It'll be the best time to recruit young men for it'll be Christmas break and they will be available to take the scheduled first and second degrees.

Brothers, I need your assistance to encourage our first degree members to take their second degree and take their third degree in our Council on Feb. 7, 2014. We need your support to make the third degree ceremony at our council a successful one.

You can email me at: lbrivera@optonline.net or call me at: 201-315-0456 if you have family members, relatives, friends or colleagues who want to be members.

Lauro Rivera, Membership Chairman

Financial Secretary Report

The annual dues bills will be mailed out by the end of December in time for the New Year. For regular members the dues have increased to \$30.00. For Life members the dues remain at \$10.00. For Honorary Life members there are no dues.

There is a \$5.00 voluntary donation noted on the dues bill. This is for those members who wish to donate \$5.00 towards our Scholarship Fund. The fund allows the Council to grant scholarships to children and grandchildren of members to assist with tuition expenses.

We respectfully ask our members to be prompt with the payment of the annual dues, and save us the extra expense of second, third and fourth mailings to collect delinquent dues.

Ed Koska, Financial Secretary

Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance

It's that time again. **On January 25, 2014 at 7:00pm** we will be celebrating Fr. Murray's 91st birthday and scholarship dance. This dance helps to fund the State Fr. Murray Scholarships and our Council scholarships.

Our menu for the night is salad, pasta, and our main course is roast beef, baked potato with string beans almandine. (Fr. Murray's favorite menu.) For dessert we will have a birthday cake to celebrate Fr. Murray's 91st birthday. Our live entertainment will be Dave, Marge, and Carmine.

Please get in your reservations as soon as possible as this is a very popular event and we don't want to disappoint anyone. The cost is \$30.00 per person.

Please contact Larry at 201-315-0456 or by email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

Phil Fredericks, PGK chairman;

Bill Bochicchio, PGK co-chairman

Respect for Life Report March for Life Bus Trip

Dear Brothers, the March for LIFE in DC is Wednesday January 22 2014. WE have reserved 2 buses for that day. The day begins with Mass in St. John's lower church at 6:00am followed by bagels, coffee etc. The Bus leaves at 7:00am sharp, and returns from DC about 10:30 PM.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Suggest you bring a sandwich for lunch and some \$ for dinner at Golden Corral (\$13.00 last year) at 5:30 PM.

This is always a great day. Last year about 500.000 marchers were there. We would like to fill both busses; they accommodate 49 each. We continue to pray that this will be the LAST March for Life. Contact Matt Connell 201-387-7187 reserve a seat and bring a friend. *Vivat Jesus*

Matt Connell, Chairman

Super Bowl Party

Our Annual Super Bowl Party will be held on February 2, 2014. **Reservations are a Must!** The cost is \$25 per person. Contact Steve Martin at 201-262-2764 with your reservation.

PGK Steve Martin, Chairman

Keep Christ in Christmas Photo Gallery



Our Nativity Creche at Dumont Boro Hall parking lot, blessed by Deacon Duberley of St. Mary's Church as part of the "Light Up for Christ" campaign.

Dates to Remember

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

Wed, Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Sun, Jan. 5	Rental Vantage Health 2-6pm.
Mon, Jan. 6	Council mtg, 8pm.
Wed, Jan. 8	Rosary Hour 8pm.
Fri, Jan. 10	Lorraine Mooney Fundraiser 6pm.
Sat, Jan. 11	Rental 7pm.
Mon, Jan. 13	Officer mtg 8pm.
Wed, Jan. 15	Columbette mtg 7:30pm.
Sun, Jan. 19	Rental 4pm.
Mon, Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Day Council mtg 8pm, Lecturer 9pm.
Wed, Jan. 22	March for Life bus trip to DC 6am.
Sat, Jan. 25	Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance 7pm.
Sun, Jan. 26	ASCPG orientation 1:30pm.
Mon, Jan 27	Columbian Club mtg 8pm.
Sat, Feb. 1	Rental 6pm.
Sun, Feb. 2	Super Bowl party 5pm.
Fri, Feb. 7	Council Closed – Third Degree 7pm.

Troop 1345 Boy Scouts Report

Troop 1345 will be hosting its annual Klondike Prep weekend on January 11 in Stony Point, New York with younger scouts from Dumont, Bergenfield, and Cresskill. This is where the scouts from the troop teach outdoor skills to the younger scouts while camping for the weekend.

On another note, Troop 1345 reports that Keith Hilcken has retired from the troop as our Scoutmaster effective this past December 6. Keith was one of the founding members of Troop 1345 back in April 2008, and has served as the troop's Scoutmaster for the past 5 ½ years. The troop thanks Keith for his service, and wishes him well in his new endeavor working as a Unit Commissioner for the BSA Northern New Jersey Council.

Rick Merkovsky has been promoted to the role as the troop's new Scoutmaster, and we are confident that Rich will continue in the strong scouting tradition that Troop 1345 has brought into the Knights of Columbus. Please welcome Rich into his new role of mentoring and leading our scouting organization.

Lastly, Colin Hilcken passed his Eagle Board of Review on December 1, and is awaiting the verification of his records with Northern New Jersey Council and BSA National. Once all of that paperwork is verified, Colin will become the troop's seventh Eagle Scout.

Ray Ziemba, Adult Counselor

Columbette Report

The Columbiettes celebrated the new year with our annual get together at Il Mulino's restaurant in Dumont. It's always a good way to start the new year and re-connect with all of our Sister Columbiettes.

Now that the new year is here it's time for us to "Get Back To Work!"

Our first event will be a fish fry on Friday evening, March 14 at the council hall. Our very own "Columbette Cook Team" will be handling the kitchen duty for that night, *however*, we will need volunteers to help with setting up, serving the dinners and of course cleaning up. Please let President Joan Winant know if you are able to help.

Also mark your calendars for our ever popular "Tea Party" which will be on Sunday, April 6. This as you know has been an **EXTREMELY WELL ATTENDED EVENT each year!** Preparation for this event has already started; anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the planning, let us know.

Many thanks for all you do...Here's to a *Fantastic 2014!!*

Peace, Roberta Elwell, Vice President

Religious & Civil Rights Report

On Sunday, November 24th, an incident took place in Argentina that was one of the greatest witnesses to our Catholic faith that I have ever seen. For me this incident, which was captured in a YouTube video, was more powerful than any fiery homily or politically influenced diatribe by one of the two branches of 'partisan' Catholics.

Approximately 7000 radical feminists, and their male supports, converged on Buenos Aires for the National Women's Encounter. This is a government sponsored annual gathering that takes place in Argentina and usually deteriorates into vandalism against churches and violence against Catholics.

Because the mob actions were anticipated approximately 1500 Catholic men surrounded the Cathedral and locked arms creating a human barrier. They prayed the rosary and came face to face with manifest evil. That is the only way to describe the actions of the topless mob of women who spit in the faces of these men, cursed them, spray painted them and in a final act burned Pope Francis in effigy. If you have the stomach for it you can find the video by using the following link (http://youtu.be/fOCD_T9Qqpc) but I don't want to misplace your focus.

The real story here is the men. After my initial reaction of outrage I watched the video again and this time all I saw were men of God acting exactly how Christ taught us to act in the face of the evil that corrupts the hearts of so many in the world. This is what it looks like to be a Christian. More specifically this is what it looks like to be a Catholic, Christian man. They displayed strength without loss of love and passive resistance without fear or weakness.

I pray that if I ever stand against something this nefarious I can do so with the same prayerful dignity that these brothers from Argentina display. **Powerful.**

PGK Tom Ciotti, Chairman

Scholarship Applications

Applications and Instructions for the 2014 Scholarship Awards will be available at the Council (at the bar...ask the bartender). Applicants must have a parent, grandparent, or brother member to be eligible. Awards are for first year students only for College or Catholic High School.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman, 201-338-2617.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Co-chairman, 201-387-0240.

Atlantic City bus trip – Mark the date Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014.

Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our functions are a must! There are (2) ways to reserve your place or table:

--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,

--Call: Chancellor Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.