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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

During this month of March, we honor St. Joseph, Foster Father of our Lord (March 19). Here is a beautiful reflection about him from Fr. Timothy Radcliffe O.P. former Master General of the Dominican Order: **St. Joseph: A Man of Honor...**

St. Joseph was "a righteous man." This is often translated as "a man of honor," someone who cared about his reputation. And so when he discovered that Mary was pregnant, he decided to do the right. To protect his good name, he would divorce her, and to protect her name, he would do so quietly, without making a fuss.

But obedience to God's messenger meant that he must jeopardize his own honor. He must take this woman who is pregnant, and not by him, into his home and raise her child. Ever since, Joseph has been open to mockery. He looks to the skeptical to be just what he would most have hated, a cuckold, an elderly man who has been made to look a fool.

Yet in embracing this destiny he is most closely identified with the son entrusted to him, who will die a shameful death on a cross, the most dishonorable fate imaginable. Joseph is shown to be just the father needed to raise a child who is Emmanuel, God with us, close to us in our shame and folly.

Joseph teaches us two ways in which we can prepare to join the company of Jesus (and I am not referring to the Jesuits!). First of all we must have care for other people's good name. For St. Thomas Aquinas, a person's reputation is his or her most prized possession, and to destroy it is not only unjust but robbery. Even if what we say about other people is true, and they have done terrible things, it is still wrong to destroy their name, unless there is some compelling necessity for the common good. We have to resist the succulent pleasure of passing on juicy gossip.

Every day the media casually destroy people's reputations, by accusation or insinuation. Celebrities are puffed up and then shot down. But Jesus took as his first companions those who had dirty reputations: prostitutes and tax collectors. Can we learn to shut our mouths and never say a word that will destroy the good name of another child of God, unless justice requires that we do so?

Secondly we must dare to put our own good name in jeopardy. We must take the risk, like Joseph, of being misunderstood and made the butt of jokes. St. Teresa of Avila's Spain was obsessed with honor. People were deeply sensitive to any slur on their good name.

For Teresa this was rubbish, "children building houses of straw." The priests who worked with her were distressed to find themselves accused of awful things, but Teresa just laughed, because all that matters is how we are seen by God.

And so let Joseph teach us how to welcome God's son into our lives, caring for everyone's reputation, and yet, if necessary, being unafraid to lose our own.

May God be Praised,

Fr. Dominic

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

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

Pax Vobiscum to all, we are in the month of March and have a few events coming up that I wish to make you aware of. On Sunday March 8 we will be holding a pancake breakfast to raise money for our council's scholarship fund; here's a great chance to support our Catholic youth to continue their educations. Prices are as follows: \$10 person, \$25 for families up to 5 people and children 5 and under are free. I encourage everyone to come to St. John's council and enjoy Brother Lou Pidi's famous pancakes and support the education of our Catholic youth.

We are also gearing up for our Special children's collection drive on 4/30 to 5/3 and we will be looking for volunteers to cover areas in Dumont. So far, we have raised an average of \$10,000 per year to donate to special children's charities in the area. Our Worthy Trustee Steve Martin will be chairing the drive so if he calls for help, please step up and help out Brothers.

Finally, on a special note I would like us all to keep our Worthy Financial Secretary George DiConstanzo in your prayer as he has been in and out of the hospital recently with many medical issues. He has been and will continue to be a valuable asset to our council for many years and we wish him to remain an asset for many years to come. Please keep George and all our Worthy Brothers, Sister Columbiettes and family members who are sick or in distress in our prayers. God' Blessings to you all my St. John's family.

Vivat Jesus,

Carmine Grillo, Jr.

Carmine Grillo, Grand Knight

2014-2015 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345

Council Officers (new)		
Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray	201-567-0450
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Treasurer	William Horn	201-385-7652
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Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	John McAvinue	973-563-0120

Council Chairmen & Directors		
Church Activities:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Community Affairs:	Lou Pidi, PGK	201-707-7253
Council Activities:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
Drug Awareness:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
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-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo	201-244-6579
-SMA Mission	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Parish Roundtable:	Carmine Grillo, GK	201-244-6579
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Rosary Hour:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Bill Connington, PGK,	201-385-9697
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Youth Activities:	Ivan Hannibal, PGK	646-528-9592

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers(update in Sept.)		
President:	Louis Pidi	201-707-7253
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Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
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Columbiette's Ladies Auxiliary (new)		
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Sick & Wake Report – as of Feb. 22, 2015

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, contact PGK **Bill Connington, 201-385-9697.**

Members

-Fr. John F. Murray, SMA;	-Ed Orr
-Jack McHugh, Sr.	-Joseph Johnson
-John Scalice;	-Mike Mullarkey
-Dick Dorozynski	-Jim McEntee
-John McGill, PGK;	-Bill Horn
-Tom Trank, PGK	-Tom Ciotti, PGK
-Thomas Ahearn	-John P. McGuire
-Bob Dondero, PGK	-Geo DiCostanzo, PGK

Relatives & Friends

- Andrew DiCostanzo, grandson of PGK G. DiCostanzo;
- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Barbara Dunkin, wife of Randy Dunkin;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Nunzia, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Raymond Johnston (Tuck), cousin of Dr. Geoff Sadock.
- Robert Murphy, nephew of PGK Dave Benson;
- Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barkley.

Wakes

Members: Jonathan Westray; James Mulroy; Thomas Defeo.

Relatives & Friends: -Aunt of DGK Larry Rivera;

Prayer 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."

Reservations Procedure & Payment

Advanced Payment and Reservations for all of our functions are a must.

--Email: lbrivera@optonline.net, OR,

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

****Mail: your check when you make your reservation**..**

Scholarship Applications

Applications for 2015 awards are available at the Council beginning on Friday January 30. Just ask the bartender for a complete set, including instructions.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

NJ K of C State Convention

Friday & Saturday, May 15-16. Applications are now available. Call PGK George DiCostanzo for a copy, or email to: papagdc@aol.com.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in March. PGK G. DiCostanzo on March 14; PGK B. Bochicchio on March 17.

Father Murray update: Fr Murray has moved to a new facility ...Sunrise in Cresskill, an assisted living facility. If you wish to send him a card, the address is: 4 Tenakill Park East, Bldg #3, Room 220, Cresskill, NJ 07626.

K of C 2015 Bowling Tournament. March 8-9, and March 14-15. Cost \$30 per bowler. Call Barry at 732-370-0562.

4th Degree Exemplification...Sunday, April 19 at Parsippany Hilton Hotel. Complete your K of C journey to Sir Knighthood. Call SK G. DiCostanzo 201-338-2617 for details if you wish to take your Fourth.

Battle of Iwo Jima, 70th anniversary, Feb. 19, 1945. Say a prayer for those who fought and those who died.

Deputy Grand Knight Report

Last week of January and February had been tremendously cold that led to postponement of our council and officers meetings. Also, it led to very few members and sisters to come on our Friday night social.

Come March, I'm requesting you my brothers to show support to our council by attending our council meetings and our events such as the following:

- Pancake Breakfast on March 8
- St. Patrick's Day Parade March 15
- Irish Nite – March 28
- Corporate Communion – March 29

In addition to the above events, I'd like to request you to show support to our Sister Columbiettes events such as Fish Fry on March 13 and Columbiettes 10th Anniversary Mass and Dinner on March 22.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank brothers Frank Gallacher, Frank Polise, Ken Armellino, John Racanelli, Bill & Gloria Horn, Ed Orr and Joe Welch who have continuously supported me on our council events, rental setups and Friday night socials. Also, thanks to all our brothers who in one way or another help as kitchen cooks, dishwashers, waiters, etc. on every council events and Columbian rentals.

Brothers, we still need help. I am asking you to consider coming to our meetings, volunteering to help on council events or just come back and get involved. If you haven't been to our council in a while, we welcome you with an open arms. Attend our council meetings which is being held on 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month. Come on Friday nights and get reacquainted with your brothers and enjoy a complimentary snack.

If you can, kindly help us in the coming months on our rentals and council events. Any help in the kitchen, waiters, dishwashing and setup are greatly appreciated. An hour or two of your time is all what we ask for. Again, I'd like to remind that our council is open every Friday from 8:00–11:00PM. Come on down and chat with your brothers, new friends while enjoying a complimentary snack.

DGK Larry Rivera

The Rosary Hour (note: new time 7:00pm)

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

The next rosary hour is **Wednesday, MARCH 11, 2015.**

Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment

Brothers- A membership drive - the lifeblood of our order is new members - will be held at St John's on April 18th and 19th and at St Mary's on April 25th and 26th. Let us all pitch in and make it a great success.

Matt Connell, Membership Chairman

Financial Secretary Report

Dues: Thank you to the members that have mailed in their dues already; it surely helps out the Council. A special thank you to our Hon Life members for their donations to our Scholarship Fund.

Unfortunately, we still have many members who still have not paid their dues. The 3rd notice - Knight Alert letter - will be mailed to delinquents in the first week of March. If you fail to pay your dues with this notice, then the suspension process begins to kick in. Avoid that and mail your check today.

Member Survey: It's not too late to mail back your Member Information Form. The "yellow" from you received with the November newsletter. Or, write me a letter.

As always, if you need my services, my complete contact information is on the back of the member ID card.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

March, comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb. Lions & lambs? Let's go fishing!....

The Columbiettes will once again host another Cod & God Fish Fry on Friday, March 13, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the council hall. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children (12 and under).

Dinner consists of, beer battered fish, French fries, macaroni and cheese, cole-slaw, and of course, dessert!

Reservations are a must! Please call Nina DiCostanzo @ 201-338-2617 or email her at ninad70@aol.com and let her know how many will be in your party.

REMINDER: On Sunday March 22, 2015 St John's Council Columbiettes will celebrate our 10th anniversary. We will meet at St Mary's Church @ 11:45 for the Noon mass at which Fr. Dominic Ciricao will officiate and offer us a special blessing.

This will be followed by a luncheon at Lieto's Restaurant in New Milford. The cost of the luncheon is \$35.00 per person. Please make your check payable to St. John's Columbiettes 1345. Reservations need to be made by March 1. Call MatteaTruppe @ 201-410-1376 or Roberta Elwell @ 201-244-1323 for more information and to make a reservation. We are looking forward to seeing all of our sister Columbiettes at this event!

Wishing everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day this month.

PP Roberta Elwell, Publicity

Lecturer Program

Father Anthony Mastroeni, who was supposed to speak after the February 16th meeting, which was cancelled because of inclement weather, will address the council and guests on the spirituality of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich on March 16th, at about 8:45pm. Fr. Mastroeni is a dynamic speaker, I hope many will come out to listen to his talk.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

Dates to Remember

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

Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Sun, Mar. 1	Rental - Graham birthday party
Mon, Mar. 2	Council meeting 8pm.
Fri, Mar. 6	Troop 1345 Pasta Dinner fundraiser 5pm
Sun, Mar. 8	<i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i> Pancake Breakfast
Mon, Mar. 9	Officer meeting 8pm.
Wed, Mar. 11	Rosary Hour 7pm.
Fri, Mar. 13	Fish Fry by Columbiettes 6pm.
Sun, Mar. 15	Rental - Bochicchio birthday party 2pm <i>St. Patrick's parade 2pm Bergenfield</i>
Mon, Mar. 16	Council meeting 8pm; Lecturer 9pm.
Tues, Mar. 17	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
Wed, Mar. 18	Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.
Thurs, Mar. 19	<i>St. Joseph's Day</i>
Sun, Mar. 22	Columbiettes 10th Anniversary. Mass at St. Mary's 12pm. Dinner after.
Wed, Mar. 25	<i>Annunciation of the Lord solemnity.</i>
Sat, Mar. 28	St. Patrick's "Irish Night" Dance 7pm.
Sun, Mar. 29	Corp Communion. church & time TBA. <i>Palm Sunday</i>
Mon, Mar. 30	Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Thurs, Apr. 2	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
Fri, Apr. 3	<i>Good Friday - Council Closed.</i>
Sat, Apr. 4	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Rental - Wedding 2pm.

Troop 1345 Scout Report

Congratulations to Jack Zimmerman who completed his Eagle Scout leadership project, assembling some 47,000 meal packages to be distributed to food insecure people throughout Northern New Jersey.

As part of his project, Jack spent months going around to various churches and community organizations, explaining about the hunger problem in Northern New Jersey, and showing a movie called "A Place At The Table".

Along the way, Jack raised over \$10,000 which was then used to purchase food product and supplies to assemble the 47,000 meals of rice and beans. The meals are easily distributed and ready to be cooked. Jack organized over 200 workers ranging in age from 8 to 88 to help with his project, including boy scouts, girl scouts, high school students, and adults from several congregations.

Troop 1345's winter program continued in February with a camping trip to Camp NoBeBoSco in Blairstown, NJ. During this trip, the scouts hiked on a portion of the Appalachian Trail along the Kittatiny Ridge, in the area of Rattlesnake Spring.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Troop 1345's annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will be held at the Knights of Columbus on Friday, March 6 from 5pm until 8pm. Details will be emailed to all members, or contact Jill Moriarty at 201-280-6667.

Ray Ziembra, Assistant Scoutmaster

St. Patrick's "Irish Night" Dance

It's that time again for everyone to be Irish!! Irish Night will be on March 28, 2015 from 7-11PM at the Dumont K of C #1345.

I've been the chairperson for this event the past number of years and good times are always had. Come celebrate the last Saturday in March with corned beef and cabbage as well as bangers and mashed, scones and beverages.

As always we have the live music of Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. The cost is \$30 pp. **Reservations and payment in advance are a must.** You can email lbrivera@optonline.net or call 201-315-0456. Thanks again for all your support.

Your leprechaun, Al Moriarty, Chairman

Collection Drive for Disabled Persons

Mark the dates - April 30, May 1, May 2, May 3. We'll be calling for volunteers from our local members, widows, friends and our sister Columbiettes to help with the collection. A 2-hour shift at one of our local stores...that's it!

PGK Steve Martin, Chairman

Pancake Breakfast

Our first fund-raiser for the Scholarship Program will be a pancake breakfast on March 8th, from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at the council hall. The costs will be \$10.00 per person; \$25.00 per family (up to five members); and children under five, free.

The menu will include: pancakes, syrup, sausage, fruit-cup, coffee and tea.

Call Larry at 201-315-0456 or email lbrivera@optonline.net.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

Photo Gallery

from Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance



Family members of Fr. Murray that attended dance in his absence. In the center is his sister, Sister Ann.

Memorare of St. Joseph

Remember, O most illustrious Patriarch St. Joseph, on the testimony of St. Teresa, thy devoted client, never has it been heard that anyone who invoked thy protection or sought thy mediation has not obtained relief.

In this confidence I come before thee, my loving protector, chaste spouse of Mary, foster-father of the Saviour of men and dispenser of the treasures of His Sacred Heart. Despise not my earnest pray, but graciously hear and obtain my petition...(here mention your request).

Let us pray.

O God, who by Thine ineffable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.