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April, 2010

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

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

Christ is Risen. Let the heavens be glad and the earth Rejoice! Psalms 95 (96):11.
May your spirit rejoice and your heart be glad as you celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Happy Easter.

(Editor's note: keep Father in your prayers. He is still recovering from the effects of a bad fall he had recently. Father has told me that he will remember all of us, and all the names on our Sick & Wake list, in his Easter masses. If you would like to send him a get-well or Easter card, I know for sure that Father will be very happy and moved to hear from his flock.)

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. John F. Murray, SMA
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,

"Words may show a man's wit but actions his meaning." ~ Benjamin Franklin.

We, as an Order and Council, are made up of men, women and young adults who take many varied paths to achieve our shared goal of charity performed in the service of God and our fellow man. A true family, complete with eccentric relatives, delicious meals and the occasional difference of opinion. Therein lays our greatest strength to continued longevity and also our greatest appeal for increasing our ranks during the membership drives that are coming up in April.

The responsibility for the care and continued well being of St John's Council lies directly in all of our hands. Not just mine and the Officers. Each and every one of us plays an important role in keeping our Council thriving in a world where fraternal organizations are wasting away into pleasant memories every day.

To those of you who give freely of yourselves to keep our Council in good health...there is not enough room for me to express my gratitude adequately. However, to those of you who are not involved at all I implore you to take action. A few hours a year will have a profoundly positive impact on our future.

One way you can make a difference is a direct donation to one of the charitable causes we are involved with. This year we were blessed to receive a very generous donation from a member and his wife. When they gave us the check they specifically asked that the money be used towards the Council's Scholarship fund, which has enabled us to increase this year's award amount. It never struck me to make this type of focused donation and I wondered if maybe some of you were in the same boat. So without the slightest hint of pressure I would like to invite anyone who wishes to make a contribution to a specific charitable endeavor to do so. If you have any questions at all please contact me.

There are many other ways to get involved this April. Take a look through this newsletter and see if one appeals to you. If you don't see anything that strikes your fancy please give me a call with some suggestions.

I recently read G.K. Chesterton's "Orthodoxy". It was like eating a scrumptiously dense chocolate cake. Packed with amazing tidbits that caused me to give pause and reflect on God's love. The one that left the deepest impression is, "Christianity is the only religion on earth that has felt that omnipotence made God incomplete."

On behalf of all the Officers I wish you, and your families, a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus,
Tom
Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

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

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-SMA Mission	John McKay	201-244-1237
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Sick & Wake:	PGK G. Olszewski	201-384-9524
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Sick & Wake Report

To add or delete a name on this list, call PGK George Olszewski at 201-384-9524, or Ed Kostka at 201-387-9482. *ITALIC* indicates new or change.

(Note: it's time to update our list. We will begin with a new list in the May bulletin. If you want a name listed, please call Ed Kostka. Also let us know if the illness is chronic. Thank you.)

Members

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Ken Malesky
Frank Messina, PGK	Dick Dorozynski
Anthony Martignetti	Peter Duffy
Bill Murphy, PGK	Nicholas Slade
<i>George Olszewski, PGK</i>	Frank McCoo
Richard Burke	George Forbes
John Dillon, FDD, PGK	Lary Frisby
Timothy Keating	<i>Fr. John Murray, SMA</i>
Walter Boettger	

Relatives & Friends

Ann Sanders, mother of Bob Sanders PGK, PCCP
 Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;
 Anthony Matarazzo, son of Joe Matarazzo, FDD, PGK;
 Barbara, wife of Frank Fawcett;
 Ben, nephew of Dom Panfile
 Bob Truppe, husband of Columbiette Mattea Truppe;
 Diane Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
 Don Newey, son-in-law of Tony Tulli;
 Fred Auer, father-in-law of PGK Steve Martin;
 Irene Ulisse, wife of Don Ulisse, DD, PGK, PFN (Norwood);
 Jackie Burdy, cousin of OG Charles Hollis
 Janet, wife of Fred Jacobsen, PGK
 Jean DeFalco, wife of Eli DeFalco;
 Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of PGK Frank Messina.
 Karen Glover, wife of Ray Glover
 Ken Michels, son-in-law of Tony Tulli;
 Marie Fitzgerald, wife of Bob Fitzgerald;
 Mary Cannon, mother of Danny Cannon;
 Mary Sforza
 Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien
 Nellie Fleming, relative of Columbiette MaryAnn Ragone;
 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 Andre, sister of Fr. John Murray.
Vincenza, mother-in-law of PGK Bill Bochicchio.

Wakes

Gerald Blake; Tom Manno, PGK; Michael Coyle.

Upcoming Degree Dates

First Degree:	Tues, April 13 at Westwood Council;
Second Degree:	Mon, April 26 at Fair Lawn Council;
Third Degree:	Fri, May 7 at Washington Township Council;
Fourth Degree:	Sun, April 25 at Parsippany Hilton;

Lecturer Program

Fr. Richard Roemer, of the Franciscan Fathers of the Renewal. will speak on the **Theology of the Body** on April 19th at about 9:00pm. Try to attend. Refreshments served after.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Lecturer Chairman

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to members celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in April; including Tom Trank on April 1.

Welcome to *Grant Morgan*, who transferred to our Council from the Edgewater Council.

Notice, the *Council will be closed* on Friday, April 2 - Good Friday; and Friday, April 9 - Columbiette's Doo-Wop Show.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to all our members and their families.

Major Federal Court Victory; the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the words "**one nation under God**" in the Pledge of Allegiance "do not violate the Establishment Clause" of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Thomas Duffy Special Children's Dance

The Thomas Duffy Special Children's Dance will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Doors open at 6:30P.M.

This Dance includes our Talent Show and raises money for a cause close to all of our hearts--the assistance to children with special needs and talents. Come join us for an evening of fun, friendship and a lot of laughs. The show will begin at about 7:15pm so come early.

The cost is \$30 per person, as mentioned all proceeds after expenses. Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com, or call 201-387-9750 menu #3, or contact me at 201-262-2764 for reservations.

PGK Steve Martin, Chairman

Annual Collection Drive – "Shake the Can" For Developmentally Disabled People

Each spring we take to the streets, and a few stores in our towns, to appeal to the charitable nature of our neighbors. Every penny that we raise goes to organizations that assist adults with mental disabilities. The success of this drive is directly tied to the involvement of all of you. ***The more volunteers we have, the more locations we can cover for collections.***

The collection dates this year are Thursday, April 15 thru Sunday morning April 18. Please volunteer two (2) hours of your time to help raise money for this very worthy cause. ***Now is your time to help.*** Members will be contacted by phone in the next week or so. ***Please don't dodge the call and ignore us.***

Contact the Shake the Can Chairman, ***PGK Phil Fredericks (201-321-6695)*** and let him know your availability on April 15 thru 18.

All we need from you is two (2) hours at a location to collect money, either on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Thursday & Friday night we collect up to 8:00pm.

St. John's is a family council. Let's put that into action with our Members, our Sister Columbiettes, our Squires, our Boy Scout Troop and our widows and friends, all giving two (2) hours of their time.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

St Mary's 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration

On Saturday evening, April 17th, St Mary's will be celebrating the kickoff of the Parish's 50th Anniversary. The celebration will be held in the gym and Father Bob has requested assistance preparing and serving the food.

Please contact me (ciottit@verizon.net or 201-424-5472) and let me know if you are available to join me for a few hours at 7:00pm, to support St Mary's.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Membership & Recruitment Activities

Brother Knights, April is a very busy time for our council. We have many events that our chairmen will need help with. I'm membership.

We have 2 recruitment drives, one weekend at Saint Mary's Church on Sat, April 10th & Sun April 11th, and St. John's Church on Sat, April 17th, & Sun, April 18th. With your help at one mass my mission to recruit new members for our council will be a huge success. Without your help it will be a failure. So please come out and help.

If you know of any Catholic gentleman who you think might be interested in joining our order, bring him to a Friday night social and make him feel welcome. There is always an officer or PGK attending

that can answer any question that they may have in becoming a Knight. For membership and recruitment drives call me 201-439-1985, Cell 201-707-7253.

Lou Pidi, Chancellor/Membership

Columbiettes Report

Welcome to new members Cecilia Flanagan and Kathleen McCabe who received their First Degree and installed at our Feb meeting.

Remember to get all your choices for charities in by the May meeting. Linda Grana and I will review each one to select which charities we'll be donating to and will bring it before the members at our June meeting for a vote.

As I writing this article it is two weeks away from our 50/60's show. Pray that we may be very successful. Remember to keep bringing in can tabs, used stamps and pennies.

Our next meeting is Wednesday April 21. Happy Easter

Nina DiCostanzo, Treasurer/ Publicity

Columbian Club Report

The Columbian Club will have three openings for Trustees whose terms are up June 30, 2010. Contact Bob Dondero or any Columbian Club officer listed in the Bulletin if interested for more information.

We have a number of rentals in April and May. Help is needed in bar-tending, waiters, kitchen, set-up, and clean-up. Any help you may be able to give us, will be greatly appreciated. I thank all the brothers who have helped us this Columbian Year.

Fraternally, Bob Dondero, President

Nominating Committee

This year's Nominating Committee members are:

Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PGK

Bob Dondero, FDD, PGK – Chairman

Brian O'Dowd

George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN

Ivan Hannibal, PGK

Jerry Passano

John Dillon, FDD, PGK

Phil Fredericks, PGK

Tom Trank, PGK

Anyone is interested in getting more information about being an Officer, contact Bob Dondero 201-387-2368 to setup an interview. All candidate interviews will be completed in April so act quickly.

Convention

The 114th NJ State Council Knights of Columbus Convention will be held in Wildwood, NJ on Fri, May 14th thru Sat, May 15th.

Our Council and the Bergen Federation will be residing at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Reservation forms are available on the Council website and at the Council hall if you are interested in joining us for the weekend. If you need additional information please contact me at 201-424-5472.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Council Scholarship Fund

Deadline for filing applications is April 30. Call me at 201-338-2617 if any questions.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

4th Degree Fund Raiser – Race Night

Bishop O Connor Assembly and St. Michael's Council will sponsor a Race Night on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at St. Michael's Council, 39 Washington St., Lodi, NJ, starting at 7:00pm.

Come out and enjoy some fun with Brother Knights and friends. There will be light fare, beer and soda. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by contacting FN Joe Nuccitelli 973-345-3063, or Bob Sarao 201-303-0091.

This is a fund raiser for the Assembly and the proceeds used to fund the activities of the Assembly. Your support will be appreciated.

Joe Nuccitelli, Faithful Navigator

Dates to Remember

Note: setups for rentals & council events are on Thursday's at 7:00pm.
Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Fri, Apr. 2	Good Friday; Council Closed.
Mon, Apr. 5	Council meeting 8pm.
Fri, Apr. 9	Doo-Wop Show 7pm; Council Closed.
Apr. 10-11	Recruitment Drive St. Mary's Church all masses.
Sat, Apr. 10	Race Night at Lodi Council.
Mon, Apr. 12	Officer meeting 8pm.
Wed, Apr. 14	Rosary Hour 8pm.
Apr. 15-18	Collection Drives, Help Needed.
Apr. 17-18	Recruitment Drives St. John's Church all masses.
Mon, Apr. 19	Council meeting 8pm. Lecturer Program 9pm.
Wed, Apr. 21	Columbette meeting 7:30pm.
Sat, Apr. 24	Special Children's Dance 6:30pm & Amateur Show.
Sun, Apr. 25	4 th Degree Exemplification
Mon, Apr. 26	Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Tues, Apr. 27	Newsletter mailing 10am.
Wed, Apr. 28	Pride In Priests Dinner 6:30pm at Fiesta.
Sun, May 9	Mother's Day
May 14-16	NJ K of C State Convention Wildwood.

Friday Night Socials

The Council is closed on Apr 2 Good Friday, and Apr 9 Doo-Wop. Our weekly hospitality and special activities for April are:

April 16 – Pizza and Karaoke Night.

April 23 – Hamburgers and Catholic Singles Night mixer;

April 30 – Hotdogs and Movie Night;

Come on down and enjoy some fun and relaxations.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Hospitality Chair

Lent Dinners

"Never so few, have done so much, for so many". Those words were put to action this year by a handful of Knights and Columbiettes who answered the call by helping or attending our shared Lent program. We were able to host 2 of the 4 scheduled dinners.

They are worthy of recognition because without them we would not have succeeded. **Kitchen:** Pat Barclay, Nina DiCostanzo, Ken Hudes, John McGill, John Scalice, Connie Reilly, Joan Winant; **Servers:** Bill Bochicchio, Nicholas D'Amelio, Roberta Elwell, Joe Marchese, Maryann Ragone, Ann & Tom Schmidt, Sheila & Tony Tulli; **Attendees:** Mattea Truppe, Laura Labetti, Maureen Kostka, Ann Panfile, Donna Hannibal, and Francine Corbo.

Thank you, *PGK George DiCostanzo*

Novena & Prayer Services

At our Council: Rosary Service every second Wednesday of the month. Next Rosary Hour is Wed, April 14 at 8:00pm.

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; Miraculous Medal Rosary every Saturday after 8:30am mass.

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.

Religious & Civil Rights

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in *Roe v. Wade* has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts -- a child -- as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters". Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

A Directory of Knights in Service Business' helping Knights in Need of Service

Have you ever needed a plumber but were a little bit leery of calling someone blind from the yellow pages. I was, so I called one of my Brother Knights who recommended Greg Ryan, a member of our Council and a terrific plumber. When I called he came right over, gave me an honest assessment and an honest price. It was a great relief.

With that thought in mind the Officers and I would like to compile a directory of services offered by our members, for the benefit of members and friends to gain the same type of peace of mind when they need someone to perform a service.

If you, or someone in your immediate family, run a business please mail me your name and address, type of service, and phone number.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Troop 1345 Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 1345 in Dumont will be bridging over its new Scouts on April 18 at Camp Alpine. The Troop is adding over 12 new Scouts at this ceremony, reflecting the commitment and dedication to the program from Ivan Hannibal and Keith Hilcken. The Troop has grown to over 30 Scouts under their guidance.

Questions about the Troop, or anyone interested in Scouting, can contact Keith Hilcken at 201-993-4476 or by email at scoutmaster1345@aol.com.

Keith Hilcken, Scoutmaster

Financial Secretary – Position Opening

After serving our Council well for three years Bob DeWald has decided to resign from the position of FS. Bob has done a wonderful job, and as the Grand Knight I sincerely appreciate it.

I am now accepting applications from any third degree member of this Council who is at least 21 years of age, not engaged in the sale of life or health insurance, not holding another officer position within the Council, does not have a criminal record, and has a working knowledge of a PC computer and programs.

If you are interested in getting more information please contact me at ciottit@verizon.net or 201-424-5472.

Grand Knight Tom Ciotti

Squires Report

Reminder: Officer Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month; General Circle meetings on the third Friday of the month.

For information on joining the Squires contact Tom Formoso at 201-707-9890 or tformoso@horizonfoods.com.

Tom Formoso Jr, Chief Squire

Pride in Priest

This year the State Council and the Bergen Federation will be hosting the Pride in Priest dinner on Wednesday, April 28th at The Fiesta at 6:30PM and the cost is \$40 a person. This is a terrific way to show our support and appreciation for our Priests. If you are interested in attending please contact me at 201-424-5472.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Easter Sunday Mass at Veteran's Home

On Easter Sunday, April 4th at 10:30 am, a special Easter Sunday Mass has been added this year. Now that Spring is finally here volunteers are more urgently needed at the Veteran's Home in Paramus to assist the Catholic veterans there to attend Sunday Mass. Eucharistic Ministers are also usually in short supply.

Come out at 10:00am, April 4, Easter Sunday; April 11, the second Saturday and April 25, the fourth Saturday of the month to assist Catholic veterans to, from and during the 10:30am Mass.

Contact Bob Dondero, FDD, PGK, PFN, 201-387-2368 or John E. McGill, 201-384-7511, if you have any questions.

John E. McGill