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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Knights, Columbiettes, Boy Scouts, and Squires:

My dear Climbers of that Mystic Mountain of Holiness, Boy Scouts and especially my dear Squires, during this Columbian Squires month of April, 2012. The month of April starts off with the beginning of HOLY WEEK which is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

Yes, that is April 1st, 2012. The more we think of the passion the more we realize the great love our Lord had for us and then the great gift our Lord gave us by rising from the dead. Yes, thank God we can enjoy another Easter Triduum.

-April 5th: Holy Thursday (End of Lent); April 6th: Good Friday of the Passion of our Lord;

-April 7th: Holy Saturday; April 8th: The day that the Lord has made EASTER.

Our Lord has given us all a marvelous gift, my brother Knights, in belonging to this great council # 1345. The Columbiettes in being a great auxiliary. My dear Squires (The future of St. John's #1345) and the Boy Scouts who are pleased to be members of the troop #1345.

Thank God, our Risen Lord let me be Chaplain of this great council and some day (God willing) I will get active again. But my Easter Gift to you is remembering all of you on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and especially on the Day the Lord Has Made.

Quote of the month: *"It wasn't the nails that held Jesus on the Cross; it was HIS LOVE for you and me"*. (Author Unknown).

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,

I want to wish you all a Happy Spring, I cannot believe how mild the winter was and how warm it has been the last few weeks. Flowers are already growing in my front gardens. Anyway, April is a very busy month again at the council. We have 2 recruitment drives coming up on April 14 & 15 at St. John's and April 21 & 22 at St. Mary's. PLEASE HELP at these 2 drives, we need to increase our membership.

We cannot do this without your help. Please call our Worthy Chancellor Chuck Hollis and give him times that you are available to help out at a mass. The more Knights that help, the better chance we will not miss a prospective member.

Another big event is our annual "Shake the Can Drive" to be held on April 19 – 22. Chairman Phil Fredericks needs full cooperation from the whole membership to come out to raise money for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities. A portion of all that is collected goes to the State Deputy Office, and the rest we donate to charities servicing these disabled persons.

Please make yourself available for at least 2 hours that weekend, beginning on Thursday.

As always one of our most favorite Dinner – Dances of the year, The Special Children's Dance to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 7 p.m. I am sure Entertainment Chairman Bill Bochicchio will put on another great show, and Chairman PGK Dave Benson will make the affair a night to remember.

Also on Sunday, April 29, 2012 we will have our Family Corporate Communion Breakfast, with mass first at St. John's at 9:00 a.m. and a hearty breakfast at the council hall immediately following.

We also finished our round table at St Mary's Church. The stairwell and hallway at the rectory was painted. I would like to thank Phil Fredericks for organizing the Brothers to paint, and a special thanks to Brother Joe Rizza who supervised the job with his expertise.

Thank you to all the members who helped out at all the rentals these past few weeks. Remember to ask a Catholic Gentleman to join our order. One more congratulation to our Brother Knight Gerry Flood as Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Thank you for all your support, and may God Bless you all, and God Bless #1345.

Vivat Jesus,

Louis Pidi, Grand Knight.

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

Council Officers

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Church Activities:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
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-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo, Jr	201-244-6579
-SMA Mission	John McKay	201-244-1237
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Squires:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-8828
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Chief Squire:	Thomas James Passano	201-384-4894
Chief Counselor:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695

Troop #134 - Boy Scouts

Scoutmaster:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
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Sick & Wake Report – as of March 16, 2012.

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

Brian O'Dowd	Jack O'Brien
Dick Dorozynski	Fred Jacobsen, PGK
Bill Connington, PFN	Peter Duffy
Bill Murphy, PGK	Nicholas Slade
Frank McCoo	Walter Boettger
Richard Burke	George Forbes
Chuck Hollis	Timothy Keating
Rev. John Murray, SMA	John Dillon, PGK
Tom Schmidt	John Regina
Libero Rubbo	Joe Matarazzo, FDD
Joe Carpanzano	<i>Joe Devaney</i>

Relatives & Friends

Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;
Ann Marsigliano, sister of Jack Marsigliano;
Ben, nephew of Dom Panfile;
Dianne Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
Ed & Norma McCabe, parents of Kathy McCabe, Columbiette.
Francine Corbo, wife of George Corbo;
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;
Millie Graziano, sister-in-law of the late Art Rudolph;
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien;
Nicole Cafarelli, niece of Bob Wrightington;
Peggy Keating, wife of Timothy Keating
Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.
William Whelan, son of Jim Whelan;
Wife of John McHugh, & mother of John McHugh;

Wakes

Jos Tamburello, Father-in-law of PGK Barry Bernard, FDD;
Marge Montagna, wife of Vincent Montagna PGK
Larry Frisby; Jack Buccino;
Geraldine Cleary, wife of John Cleary, past CC president.
Rosemarie McGlynn, aunt of Chuck Hollis.

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.

Lecturer Program

Speaker for April, Detective Sergeant Thomas Hegel. Subject "Tomorrow's Children.". Arrive by 8:45pm.
Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday in April or a special occasion.

Healthy Food Notes: Figs; promote weight loss, help stop strokes, lowers cholesterol, combats cancer, controls blood pressure.

NJ State Convention, May 18-19, 2012 in Wildwood.

Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) has filed a lawsuit against Planned Parenthood for fraud for millions of tax-payer dollars. The information has been provided by Abby Johnson, former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas.

Church Activities Report

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. The next rosary is April 11, 2012. Refreshments served afterwards.

George Corbo, Church Activities

Prayer for the Month

Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him; He lives for God. You too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin, and living for God in Christ. (romans 6:9-11).

Father, by the Easter mystery You touch our lives with the healing power of Your love. May we follow Christ in His risen life.

Saint's Corner

St. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle –France; 1651-1719; Feast April 7.

St. Jean Baptiste de La Salle dedicated much of his life to the education of poor children in France, creating many lasting educational practices that are followed to this day. He is considered the founder of the first Catholic schools, and founded the Order of Christian Brothers.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.

Financial Secretary Report

Dues Bills: Knight Alert letters – the 3rd dues notice – were mailed mid-March. If you received a copy, please pay your dues. Why? If we don't hear from you, you will be suspended come April 1.

Information Update: Are you married? What is your wife's name? Who is your next of kin when you de cease? What is your phone number? Information like this is missing from the records of many members. Mail to: Updates, P.O.Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

PGK George DiCostanzo, FS.

Membership & Recruitment Activities

It was a great day to be Irish; I would like to thank all of those who marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 11, 2012. It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining and the Irish eyes were smiling.

We marched along Washington Avenue tossing candy to the children along the parade route and ended up in front of St. John's at the end. We then came back to the council for the after parade party, where the fun continued. I'm sure all that marched that day had a great time and those that joined us at the council enjoyed themselves even more.

I also want to thank Fr. Mike Trainor (from St. Mary's) for joining us at the after parade party, thanks for coming down.

Well it has happened again, 2 members have taken their 2nd degree on Tuesday March 6, 2012. Congratulations and good luck to Bill Turner and Andrew Osdana. Both are on their way to bigger and better things. The upcoming degree dates are as follows 1st degree on April 10, 2012 and 2nd degree on April 18, 2012. I know that there are 1st degree members who are wanting to go further, if you are one of the please call me at 201-314-8599 and we will set it up.

Remember...all it takes is 1. Peace,

Charles Hollis, Chancellor, 201-314-8599.

Hungry & Homeless

Wed, April 25, 2012 the next scheduled feeding of the Hungry & Homeless is just around the corner. At the time of this Newsletter we have only three donated turkeys. We usually need at least 150 to 175 lbs. of turkey meat to serve, which translates to about a dozen good

size turkeys (10-14 lbs). However, during these tough economic times this could change by the time we serve the meal.

I want to thank all the people who have already donated turkeys or cash donations that make it possible to feed the ever-growing number of people whom we feed. We need volunteers to help clean, cook, carve-up and serve the turkey meal and all the fixins. Mark April 25, 2012 on your calendars. Now! Any questions? Contact me.

John E. McGill, Chairman 201-384-7511

Ladies Night – The Return

The date is Wednesday night, April 25, 7:30-10pm at the council hall. Bring an "unwrapped" gift of \$5.00-\$7.00 value and let the fun begin playing "Nina's game".

We invite all the ladies of the council, their friends, extended friends, and any lady who would like a night out with other ladies to play a card game and have some fun.

Call us and let us know you plan to come. We promise an evening of fun, relaxation, and friendship. Refreshments will be served. *Nina DiCostanzo, 201-338-2617; Nina Messina, 201-385-2794.*

Special Children's Dance

The big night is here once again that being Saturday, April 28, 2012. This is our opportunity to support the Special Children's charity fund which is close to our hearts.

Doors open at 6:30pm. Come join us for an evening of fun, entertainment by our off-Broadway Players, music, and an excellent meal and friendship. Show begins about 7:15pm. Cost \$30/pp.

Check out enclosed flyer, tear-off the bottom and mail with your check. Or use the standard reservation procedure noted on page 2.

PGK Dave Benson, Chairman

Scholarship Program

Applications for this year... are due this month and must be in hand by no later than April 30. Random drawing of winners in May.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

2012-2013 Nominating Committee

The following have been appointed as the nominated committee for the captioned Columbian year. They are: Bob Dondero, FDD, PGK; Tom Trank, PGK; Steve Martin PGK; Bill Horn, Treas; Phil Fredericks, Pres TBCC; PGK Tom Ciotti, PGK; George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN; Jerry Passano, Past Pres. TBCC, Ivan Hannibal, PGK; Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PGK; Mike Cremin, at-large.

PGK Dave Benson, Chairman

Collection Drive for Disabled Persons

"Shake the Can" Drive

Thursday through Sunday morning, April 18-22, 2012. We need help from everyone.....Brothers, Columbiettes, Squires, Boy Scouts, widows, and friends of the Council.

PGK Phil Fredericks, CC President is our chairman once again this year. Calls will be made to recruit volunteers for 2-hour shifts each day. Or you can call Phil at 201-321-6695 and sign-up for a shift.

All the proceeds are donated in June to agencies who help and service disabled persons. 10% of the revenue is sent to the State Council for their Disabled Persons Fund.

We have store fronts to be manned starting on Thursday. Sign up NOW. **Each store front we collect at, adds to the collection total.**

Photo Gallery



From the Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance in January. Fr. Murray blowing out the candles celebrating his 89th birthday.

Dates to Remember

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

Sun, Apr 1	Palm Sunday.
Mon, Apr. 2	Council meeting 8pm.
Fri, Apr. 6	Good Friday – Council Closed
Sun, Apr. 8	Easter Sunday – The Day the Lord Has Made.
Mon, Apr. 9	Officer meeting 8pm.
Wed, Apr. 11	Rosary hour 8pm.
Thurs, Apr. 12	Setup 7pm. SCD rehearsal 8:15pm.
Sat, Apr. 14	Rental – Lincoln School 7pm-11pm. Setup – 11pm.
Sun, Apr. 15	Rental – Bridal Shower 11am-3pm.
Mon, Apr. 16	Council mtg 8pm; Lecturer 9pm.
Wed, Apr. 18	Columbiette mtg 8pm.
Thurs, Apr. 19	Setup 7pm SCD rehearsal 8:15pm Collection Drive begins
Fri, Apr. 20	Rental – DHS Jr. Prom 7pm – Council Closed. Collection Drive continues
Sat, Apr. 21	Setup 12 noon Rental – Owens Middle School 7pm. Collection Drive continues
Sun, Apr. 22	Rental – Baby Shower 4pm-8pm.
Tues, Apr. 24	Newsletter mailing 10am. TBCC meeting 8pm.
Wed, Apr. 25	Ladies Night 7:30pm.
Thurs, Apr. 26	Setup 7pm. SCD rehearsal 8:15pm.
Sat, Apr. 28	Spec Children's Dance 7pm.
Sun, Apr. 29	Corp Comm Mass 9am St. John's Church Breakfast at Council Setup 12pm. Rental – 1 st Communion Party 1:30pm.
Thur, May 3	Setup 7pm
Fri, May 4	Rental – Selzer School 7pm – Council Closed.

Columbiette Report

Spring is here and what better way to celebrate with friends, listen to great music and go dancing! Come join us in May for our last major event of this season. Details below.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Wednesday, April 18, 2012; General Meeting, 7:30pm in the Council Hall. The nominating committee will be announcing their proposed slate of candidates to hold office for the 2012-2013 Columbiette year. If you are interested in becoming more involved as an officer, please contact Chairwoman Donna Hannibal @ opal1dmh@aol.com.

Friday May 11, 2012; "The Neighborhood"–return to Dumont at our annual 50s/60s Dinner/Dance. For further information, reservations, call Secretary Joan Winant at 201.696.1159 or eMail Financial Secy - Laura Labetti @ labetti250@optonline.net

Reminder, our annual dues (\$20.00) are now being collected.

If you need a ride to the meetings, or any of the events, please call VP Donna Fredericks and she will work with the officers in providing transportation for you.

Consider becoming a member of the Columbiettes Auxiliary? For further details, call VP Donna Fredericks @ 551.427.7180.

Joan Winant. Secretary / Publicity

Prayer for Vocations

"Heavenly Father, your Divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly beg you to bless our Archdiocese and our world with many priest and religious who will love you fervently and gladly and

courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen".

Membership Retention

By the time everyone receives April's Knight Times, a significant number of our membership will receive their 3rd dues bill notices which is also a notice of pending suspension if dues are not paid.

By failing to respond to these dues notices the Council incurs additional unnecessary expenses that hamper the Council's ability to fund charitable and fraternal activities and to meet other necessary operational expenses. Please think back to the time you took your Degrees and remember the pledge you made as a Catholic Gentleman, to remain a Knight of Columbus in good standing for life. Especially remember the 1st Degree, Charity. We are first and foremost a Lay Catholic Men's Charitable Organization.

If anyone believes they have a financial hardship or is in distress in any way that prevents them from paying their dues at this time, please contact the Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary and let us know now. All responses will be treated confidentially and be actively considered.

We, the Officers of St. John's Council want all our members to remain in the Knights of Columbus. So everybody who got a 3rd dues bill notice respond to it now. In the future be aware that dues should be paid in January. Pay your dues on time so the Council doesn't have to incur additional expenses in mailing numerous dues delinquent notices.

If anyone has any reason at all not remaining a Knight of Columbus in good standing contact the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, myself or any Officer and let us know now! We want every member to remain a Knight of Columbus in good standing. We want to work things out with any member. **DON'T DROP OUT!**

DGK John E. McGill, Retention Chairman

Columbian Club Report

Rental Catering... dates are available for June for graduation parties, or other celebrations. Call me at 201-338-2617 and give us a chance to make a proposal. We promise 3 things: quality food, quality service, and an affordable price.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Rental Chairman

New Insurance Agent – Bob Sarao

I would like to introduce myself to all my fellow Brother Knights in council #1345. My name is Robert (Bob) Sarao and I am proud to be of service to you as your new Insurance Agent.

A little history about myself, I have been a Knight for over 7 years, I am the PGK of #2861 in Lodi and a 4th degree member of Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647. I also belong to the Color Corps. After a 25 year career with Pepsico, I took early retirement and thought about serving my fellow Knights and their families with their insurance needs. Any needs or questions you may have please call me at 201-303-0091. Thank you and God Bless.

Bob Sarao, Insurance Agent

Atlantic City Bus Trip - Report

The 2012 Atlantic City bus trip was a great success due in part to the generous donations of refreshments provided by the Dumont Stop & Shop, the Dumont and Bergenfield Dunkin Donuts as well as The Bakery on Washington Avenue in Bergenfield.

The Council offered a continental breakfast before the bus departed for Atlantic City on Sunday morning February 26. Because these merchants were kind enough to help support our council we all should do our best to support them. Thanks to all who went on the bus trip.

Ed Kostka Chairman.