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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

Advent is upon us, a time of spiritual preparation for the great feast of Christmas when we remember that God came to dwell among us as a human. Advent is also a time to prepare for Christ's Second coming the spiritual realization the Christ will return at the end of time but also our own death is a type of Second Coming for us when we will meet our God face to face so we must always be prepared.

As we ponder these mysteries and prepare for the great celebration of Christmas here is some food for thought from St. Francis de Sales: "*Behold the most lovable Jesus, Who is about to be born in our commemoration of the forthcoming feast. He is born to visit us on behalf of the Eternal Father. In return, the shepherds and the kings come to visit Him in His crib. Visit Him as well during this time period, caress Him, make Him welcome in your heart, adore Him frequently, imitate His humility, His poverty, His obedience and His gentleness.*"

May this be a truly holy season for you and your families and may the gentle and loving Christ child bless each and every one of you as we celebrate His birthday and recall how He came to save us.

Our Lady Queen of the Knights: Pray for Us

St. Francis de Sales: Pray for us

Venerable Michael McGivney: Pray for us

May God be Praised.

Fr. Dominic

Fr. Dominic Ciriaco, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires & Scouts,

November 2012 has been a disastrous month for most of us. A natural disaster named Sandy reeked much misery and havoc on millions of people in New Jersey and the surrounding states. We also had a National Ejection disaster for any candidate who publically supported any Catholic Right to Life issue, any Religious Liberty or Freedom right or the Catholic or Natural Law definition of Marriage. But we should not despair. We also had the first full month of the Catholic Church's YEAR OF FAITH. Through prayer and deepening our understanding of Our Faith we will prevail. Jesus promised us that numerous times in the Scriptures. As Catholic ladies and Gentlemen Knights of Columbus, we now have to publicly defend and show Our Faith to a secular World who do not understand and believe. Now in December we enter into the Christmas Season. Please think about openly displaying a creche in or outside your home. St. John's Council will also have KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS lawn signs for anyone who wants to display one. Teach your children about Jesus and through the Holy Spirit, not Santa Claus, help them to receive the Gift of Faith.

Due to the massive power failures the Council had to cancel all activities at our hall for two weeks. We have rescheduled the Memorial Mass for our Deceased Members and our PGK Dinner Dance for later dates.

Also make reservations for the Christmas Dinner Dance and our New Years Eve Party. Check this newsletter for details. We are a Catholic Lay Charitable organization foremost. I want to know if any of our Catholic brothers or sisters are in distress and need our help. I'm also calling on any of our members who can volunteer to help aid our members who need it. Now is the time to perform Charity to each other, our Churches and our Community. This is our purpose. Please help each other. Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,

John E. McGill

John E. McGill,
Grand Knight

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of the Family of St. John's Council #1345

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KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER

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Sick & Wake Report - as of Nov. 15, 2012.

Call Ed Kostka at 201-387-9482 to add or delete a name on this list.
Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

Members

Dick Dorozynski	Fred Jacobsen, PGK
Bill Murphy, PGK	Nicholas Slade
Frank McCoo	Walter Boettger
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<i>Jos. Staszewski,</i>	<i>Michael Cremin</i>
<i>Ted De Steno</i>	

Relatives & Friends

Adele Witkowski, widow of Jos. Witkowski;
Annette Karash, mother of Joseph Karash;
Ann Marsigliano, sister-in-law of Jack Marsigliano;
Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;
Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan.
Candice Barnes, friend of Geoff Sadock.
Dianne Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
Francine Corbo, wife of George Corbo;
Frank Grana, brother-in-law of Linda Grana;
Gregory Sforza, friend of council.
Herta Nelson, mother in law of Ed Trawinski;
Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
Kay Slade, wife of Nicholas Slade.
Kristi Marie, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio.
Millie Graziano, sister-in-law of the late Art Rudolph;
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien;
Nancy Osborne, sister of John McGill;
Nicole Cafarelli, niece of Bob Wrightington;
Patricia Ianni, wife of Anthony Ianni;
Peggy Brennan, wife of Jos (Pat) Brennan.
Peggy Keating, wife of late Timothy Keating
Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.
Shilene Sacthell, neice of PGK Ivan Hannibal.
Sue West & Don Trainor, sister & father of Rev Mike Trainor
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of Dick Dorozynski.

Wakes

Libero Rubbo; Frank McCoo; Robert Slane;
Lillian Fredericks, mother of PGK Phil Fredericks;

New 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 (3) ways to reserve your place or table:
--Email me at papagdc@aol.com and include info as noted below.
--Call me at 201-338-2617. Leave your name, phone #, and names of guests.
--Email reservations to: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. Leave name, phone # and names of guests. (preferred option.)

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday in December.

The Year of Faith, initiated by Pope Benedict XVI, has begun...October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013. Watch your local parishes for programs of social justice, evangelization, and charity.

Catholic Men's Conference...save the date! Saturday, May 2, 2013 at Seton Hall University.

Catholic Pulse.com...the Order's news website, brings news from around the world together with commentary from the best Catholic minds, analyzing today's most important issues. It's a site where you don't just get the news, you get the Catholic perspective as well.

Bergen Federation...30th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013. Mass & Communion Breakfast. Save the date!

Church Activities Report

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. The next rosary is Wednesday December 12. Refreshments served.

Rosary website on Internet: <http://www.comepraytherosary.org/>. You can say the rosary with others all over the world or individual.

George Corbo, Chairman

Prayer for the Month

The star stopped over the place where the child was... On entering the house, the Magi saw the child with Mary, His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage... and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (matthew 2:9-11).

Father, You revealed Your Son by the guidance of a star. Your love is near; lead us beyond the limits of this world to Your glory in heaven.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.

Membership & Recruitment Activities

Congratulations to our newest member, Robert Unciano, who took his First Degree in November. Welcome to our Council, Robert.

Two members, Laurence Rivera and Michael Elliott, completed their journey to Knighthood in taking their Third Degree in October. Congratulations Laurence and Michael.

Upcoming Degree dates: First Degree, Dec. 11 in Westwood. Second Degree Dec. 12 in Rutherford. Third Degree Feb. 1, 2013 at our Council.

Carmine Grillo, Jr., Membership Chairman

Financial Secretary Report

Dues for 2013: Dues invoices for 2013 dues in the amount of \$29.00 will be mailed the end of December. Dues payments are due in January by end of month.

The dues bill also includes a VOLUNTARY \$5.00 donation to our Council Scholarship Fund. Any amount received will be appreciated.

Enclosed in the mailing is the Member Survey Form. Please fill this out with the information requested so that your personal record at Supreme can be updated, especially with such information as "next of kin", "spouse name", "are you married". Return the form to: Updates, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN, 201-338-2617.

New Year's Eve Party

The early reservation discount is over; cost is \$65.00/pp. Don't wait too long to make your reservations for New Year's Eve. ***All reservations must be paid in advance.***

To make reservations, follow these procedures:

-Call PGK George DiCostanzo at 201-338-2617; leave name, phone number, and the names and number of guests.

-email: papagdc@aol.com; kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

-Make check payable to: Columbian Club

-Mail check to: New Year's Eve, PO Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

PGK Phil Fredericks, Chairman

PGK Dinner Dance & Veteran's Day Salute

Hurricane Sandy caused the postponement of the PGK dinner for Lou Pidi & our Veteran's salute. But we have not forgotten! We will celebrate PGK Lou Pidi's year at the Christmas Party on December 15 and present him with his gifts, and also recognize our Veteran's. Try to attend and enjoy our Christmas Party too.

Loaves and Fishes- Hackensack Shelter

The next date we are scheduled to feed the hungry at the Hackensack Shelter is Wednesday December 5, 2012. We are in great need for Turkeys. Please donate a turkey before this date. You can drop it off at the council or let me know and I will meet you there to let you in.

Also, if anyone wishes to help prepare the food on Wednesday morning, Dec. 5th at 9:00am, please call me at 201-338-2789.

John Scalice, Chairman

Christmas Party Dinner Dance

Saturday December 15, 2012 . 7 00 to 1100 PM.

-Egg Nog Fountian, Mixed appetizers, Penne Marinara.

-Fresh Roast Turkey Breast, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing and Vegetable.

-Dessert: Mixed Fruit Cup, Cookies, Coffee and Tea, Beverages.

-Music by D J Rich

All for \$30.00 per person

Please Bring an Unwrapped Toy for our "Toys for Tots " box.

Canned food for our Church Food Pantry. Don't forget a camera for a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

A gift for our Grab Bag, Men for Men and Women for Women (up to a \$10 value).

Call George D for Reservations 201- 338 2617 or email: papagdc@aol.com.

Ed Kostka, Chairman

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16 at 2pm-5pm, Free Admission for children & parents. Capacity is important...so you must make a reservation.

Call George D at 201-338-2617 with number of children and adults.

There will be food, beverage, DJ & games for children, coloring sheets, gift bags for each child and a 50/50 cash raffle.

Deputy Grand Knight Message

I hope that the start of this Christmas season finds you all well and in great spirits. We have 2 major events in December that I hope you would consider attending.

The first is our Adult Christmas party. It is a warm down home feeling of the true Christmas spirit. If you plan on attending, please call George DiCostanzo at 201-338-6217 to make your reservations. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy and something for our food drive to help restock the food pantries in our parishes. If you would like to join in the grab bag please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10.00 (men for men and women for women) and see what Santa brings.

Also, the children's Christmas party will be held that Sunday December 16, 2012 from 2:00 to 5:00. It is a great time for the kids and there may be a special visit from the man in red. The Children's party is a free event, so come on down, bring the kids, grand kids neighbors, just come and enjoy yourself at one of our Christmas parties.

Please don't forget that we are now open, again, on Friday nights. Come on down and meet your friends, chat and enjoy a small snack. It is always a good time and the time will be better when you arrive to join the fun. See you Friday!

Don't forget to see Brother Ed Kostka for your "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn sign.

I wish each and everyone a Healthy, Joyous and Blessed Merry Christmas.

Chuck Hollis, Deputy Grand Knight

Dates to Remember

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

Sat, Dec. 1	Rental – 7pm-11pm.
Mon, Dec. 3	Council general mtg, 8pm.
Tues, Dec. 4	Light Up For Christ – Creche Blessing 7pm.
Wed, Dec. 5	Feeding the Homeless – help needed!
Thurs, Dec. 6	Setup 7pm.
Fri, Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day – Fly the Flag!
Sat, Dec. 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception – holyday Rental 7pm-11pm.
Mon, Dec. 10	AARP mtg, 9:30am. Columbietter Officer mtg, 7pm. Council Officer mtg, 8pm.
Wed, Dec. 12	Feast Our Lady of Gualdalupe. Rosary Hour 8pm. Newsletter (Jan) Deadline. Setup 7pm.
Thurs, Dec. 13	Setup 7pm.
Fri, Dec. 14	Rental 8pm-12am; COUNCIL CLOSED.
Sat, Dec. 15	Setup – special – 12pm; help needed! Christmas Dinner Dance 7pm-11pm.
Sun, Dec. 16	Children’s Christmas Party, 2pm-5pm.
Mon, Dec. 17	Council general mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Dec. 19	Columbiette general mtg. 7:30pm.
Fri, Dec. 20	Council Closed for Christmas weekend.
Tues, Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Joy to the World!
Wed, Dec. 26	TBCC mtg 8pm.
Thurs, Dec. 27	Setup for New Year’s 7pm.
Sun, Dec. 30	Corp Communion mass SMA 10am.
Mon, Dec. 31	New Year’s Eve party 8pm-2am.
Tues, Jan. 1	New Year’s Day
Mon, Jan. 7	Council general mtg 8pm.

Columbiette Report

It finally happened! Last year we had the snow storm, this year Hurricane Irene, but we managed to get our Halloween event in. The house was packed and the night was full of laughter, good food, good friends and even a costume contest with prizes!

Congratulations to Mattea Truppe’s table who correctly guessed “Who Did It” at the October Murder Mystery Show. Each team member was presented with a MUG from “Theater-To-Go”. Congratulations to Joan Winant /Lillian Holmes table for the most humorous description of the correct murderer. Their team each received mini hand-cuff key chains.

Close to 100 Tricky Tray baskets and door prizes were given out and Roberta Elwell won the 50/50.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event a success. Chef Michele and her kitchen staff, all those who sold tickets or solicited gift items around area establishments, and especially those who spent many hours at the club arranging the tricky tray baskets and decorating the hall. It was greatly appreciated and showed in the response from those in attendance, many of whom were not members.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...please mark your calendars....

-Dec General Meeting - Wednesday, December 19th, Christmas reception after the meeting.

-January 16th, 2013 DINNER Meeting – at IL Mulino Restaurant in Dumont. Due to the great reviews, we are keeping the venue, menu and pricing the same as last year. Just \$20.00 per person, however you will need to make a reservation at or before our December meeting. Call VP Joan Winant @ 201.696.1159 or eMail Financial Secty Laura Labetti at labetti250@optonline.net.

All of your Columbiette officers wish you and your families, a very Blessed Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year!

Joan Winant. Secretary / Publicity

Troop 1345 Boy Scouts Report

Troop 1345 helped respond to Hurricane Sandy by cleaning up branches and fallen trees in Memorial Park and at Gina’s Field. The troop was “on call” with the borough to assist in other areas if needed.

Troop 1345 honored the Caspare family with a re-dedication of the Ryan Caspare Memorial Pavilion at Memorial Park. The pavilion was refurbished as part of Sam Zimmerman’s eagle leadership project, and included repairs, a new roof, and a power-washing to remove graffiti and dirt.

Ray Ziemba, Adult Counselor

Columbian Club Report

Rental Catering: Many dates are available for the January to June Monthly period. Planning any parties...birthdays, showers, communions, confirmations, anniversaries, weddings...

If you’re planning a party, consider our facility as a possibility, and give us an opportunity to make a proposal. Call me at 201-338-2617.

Buffet dining starts at \$15.00pp and a wedding can be done as low as \$45.00pp. **Good food, Good Service, Affordable Prices.**

Rentals Help Needed: The rental season is in full swing. Our rentals are successful on the basis of our members volunteering some of their time to work the rental. Try to help us with a 4-hour shift when you are called to volunteer.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Rental Chairman

New Insurance Agent

Brothers, our new Insurance Agent is Steven Mattia, who can be reached at 973-477-7073.

To all our members: as Knights we are obliged to give our Insurance Agent an opportunity to review our insurance and financial needs. It goes with the membership.

Steven will be calling you to ask for a short meeting of approx 30 minutes. When he does call, please answer the call, and try to setup a 30-minute meeting with him. It could mean financial security for your family and for you.

Keep Christ in Christmas Program

Street Banners: Look for our KCIC street banners at St. Mary’s, Old North Church, & Calvary Methodist in Dumont, and St. John’s in Bergenfield.

Nativity Creche Blessing: Tues, Dec. 4 at 7pm at Dumont Boro Hall parking lot. Join with us as we “Light Up for Christ” and turn on the lights to our Nativity Creche. Coffee at council afterwards.

Lawn Signs: once again this year we are providing KCIC lawn signs to our members who wish to display on their lawn. A \$5.00 donation is requested. Call Ed Kostka KCIC chairman at 201-387-9482 and make arrangements with him. Signs can be picked up at Council on or any weekday. Display a sign and “Keep Christ in Christmas”.



Merry Christmas from your Council Officer’s & Trustees, Director’s & Chairmen, & Columbian Club Trustees.