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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

Advent and Christmas greetings. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate this holy season, I share with you a beautiful reflection on the meaning of this season by Fr. Anthony Gittins, CSSP.

A Cathedral Circle

In the dead of winter the trees' skeletal fingers stretch skyward with no visible signs of life. But experience tells us that all is not dead. "A shoot *shall* sprout from the stump of Jesse". It *shall* happen. So if experience fails to persuade us, then faith surely should.

Consider the redwood tree. When only a stump remains the tree can nevertheless regenerate. Little sprouts shoot up from the buds of ancient, invisible roots and actually form a circle surrounding the old stump. This is a "cathedral circle", and the survival of some of the buds guarantees that the redwoods do not die. But interestingly, those buds could never survive without the fog that rolls in constantly from the Pacific. The fog itself - so often perceived as a nuisance - carries the potential for future revival and new growth.

Not very long ago, many Christians felt that their hopes for the Church had been felled like a giant redwood tree. Then Pope Francis seemed to appear from nowhere, not from the center but from the far margins. And like the bud of a redwood tree he brought new life and promise. This is the promise of Isaiah for the Church as a whole and for all of us as individuals.

Even if our hopes are felled and fog still seems to block the sun's light, God's own word or promise, console, affirm, and motivate us. Winter *will* surrender to spring; moribund redwood trees *will* rise again; a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse; and hope *will* come again with sunrise – and the Son Rise – of the Incarnation.

May God be Praised,

Fr. Dominic

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

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

November was a great month for our council when we hosted our Past Grand Knight dinner honoring our Worthy Brother Charles (Chuck) Hollis who is currently our Worthy District Deputy and we also honored our military veterans. I am a veteran as well who served in the 5th Armored Division in Missouri and the Army National Guard 104th Engineered Battalion 50th Armored Division out of Teaneck.

We had a great turn out and I was proud to be present along with my fellow Brothers in the military who proudly served our country. We also recognized all our council's Worthy Past Grand Knights who attended the event. Thanks to all who came and support this event.

As we move into December, thoughts of Christmas fill our minds. We gather with our families and friends as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord. As we reflect and reminisce the events this year, we also prepare to welcome the coming New Year. The New Year promises us new beginnings and hope for the future. I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! God's blessing to you all.

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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Council Chairmen & Directors		
Church Activities:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Community Affairs:	Lou Pidi, PGK	201-707-7253
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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
Program Director:	Lauro Rivera	201-315-0456
Publicity:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Rel & Civil Rgts:	Tom Ciotti, PGK	201-424-5472
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Retention:	Lauro Rivera	201-315-0456
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Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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President:	Louis Pidi	201-707-7253
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Dishwasher:	John Graham	201-387-0419
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Servers/Waiters:	Timothy Hickey	201-417-7776

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President:	Joan Winant	201-696-1159
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Sentinel:	Pauline Scalice	201-338-2789

Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)

Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts

Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
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Sick & Wake Report – as of Nov. 18, 2014

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;	Joseph Welsh;
-Jack McHugh, Sr.	Brian O'Dowd
-Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK	John Scalice;
-Dick Dorozynski	Geo DiCostanzo, PGK;
-John McGill, PGK;	John LaRaia;
-Tony O'Hare;	Tom Trank, PGK
-Fred Jacobsen, PGK;	Ed Orr

Relatives & Friends

-Andrew DiCostanzo, grandson of PGK G. DiCostanzo;
-Andrew, grandson of PGK Tom Trank;
-Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
-Ann Marsigliano, sister-in-law of Jack Marsigliano
-Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
-Janet Jacobsen, wife of PGK Fred Jacobsen.
-Jill Moriarty, wife of Al Moriarty & Past Pres Columbiette.
-Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
-Jonathan Jacobi, son-in-law of the late PGK F. Messina;
-Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
-Nina DiCostanzo, wife of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo.
-Nunzia, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
-Raymond Johnston (Tuck), cousin of Dr. Geoff Sadock.
-Robert Murphy, nephew of PGK Dave Benson;
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barkley.

Wakes

Members:

-James Farrell - Gennaro Maglione -

Relatives & Friends:

-Mona O'Brien, wife of Tom O'Brien.
-Gertrude Auth, mother of Bob Auth.

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. Mail in the reply form found at the bottom of our montly event flyers.

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

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

****Mail: your check to cover reservations before event**.**

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in December...Nina Messina 85 years on Dec. 21.

Congratulations to Bill & Barbara Connington. Their son Brian was married Oct. 25 to Kristen.

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, December 10, 2014.**

Deputy Grand Knight Report

Christmas Season is here and let's welcome it with great spirit. After three successful council events, I'd like to invite all of you brothers and your love ones to join us on the following events and make sure to make your reservations early:

-Adult Christmas Party – Saturday, Dec. 13 from 7:00-11:00PM. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for our "Toys for Tots" box, canned food or something for our food drive to help the food pantries in our parishes. We are having a grab bag for those attending – bring in a gift and go home with a gift. Women bring with a women's gift and men with men's gift worth \$10-\$12.

-Children's Christmas Party – Sunday, Dec. 14 from 2:00-5:00 PM. This will be great time for the kids with a special visit from Santa. It's a free event so bring your kids, grand kids and neighbors

-New Year's Eve Party – Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 8:00-2:00AM. As every year, this is one of our well attended events. Make your reservations early.

Also, I'd like to remind that our council is open every Friday from 8:00–11:00PM for all of us, friends and neighbors. Come on down and chat with your brothers and new friends and enjoy a snack.

Don't forget to get "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn sign which will be available at the council.

I wish all of you A Blessed Happy Christmas and A Prosperous New Year!!!!

DGK Larry Rivera

Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment

Brothers we have a new member of our Council Mr. William Day has taken his First Degree on Nov 11, 2014. We are Growing- Plus we have a transfer named Vinny Lanza. Welcome them both...

Next Second Degree on Wed, Dec. 10, 2014.

Matt Connell, Membership Chairman

Financial Secretary Report

Dues bills for the year 2015 will be mailed the end of December. We ask that you make every effort to pay when you receive the bill.

Mailing multiple notices to get dues paid cost the council money...In postage as well as stationary. So please help with early payment.

There are 20 members who have ignored all notices & phone calls to pay their late dues. They will be suspended as members in Dec.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!"

The holidays are just around the corner and that means the "parties are about to begin!"

The Columbiettes will be having a pot luck Christmas party after our "shortened" December meeting and then we "Ring in the New Year" with our annual party/meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at a new location. (this will be discussed at our next meeting on Dec. 17.)

The new year will be a busy one for us. February 20 and March 13 (both Fridays) we will be bringing back the COD and GOD Fish Fry Dinners. This was an overwhelming success last year, so, we decided to have 2 during Lent this year. Once again our very own Columbiette Cooking team will be in the kitchen making all of the dinners.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 22, 2015. The Columbiettes will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary! We will meet at St Mary's for the 12:00 Mass and a luncheon will follow. Details to follow on location and cost.

And of course, we saved the best for last...our Annual Tea Party will be on Sunday April 19, 2015. Get your hat and gloves ready for this event!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year!

PP Roberta Elwell, Publicity

Lecturer Program

On December 1, Kathy Sylvester (from Saint Mary's) will be our guest speaker. Her topic: Devotion to Our Lady of Guadeloupe. Refreshments served afterwards.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

Corporate Communion Mass

Sunday, November 30 2014 At 10:00am Mass at S M A Chapel. Continental breakfast will be served at SMA community room afterwards.

Bill Horn, Chairman

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Dec. 7 from 8am to 1pm at the Council hall. Proceeds to help support the Council Scholarship Program.

Call Larry at 201-315-0456 to make your reservations, OR, just come on down.....walk-ins welcome.

Costs: \$10 per person;

\$15 per couple;

\$25 per family up to 5 people.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

Toys for Tots Collection

The Council will be conducting a Toys for Tots Collection to be used for Christmas donations. Bring an unwrapped toy for a Boy or Girl; drop it off at the Council any Friday night between 7pm-9pm.

Keith G. Hilcken, Chairman

Right to Life Report

BROTHERS- First A very Holy Christmas. It is the celebration of the BIRTH of Jesus Christ. So let us start to promote The March For LIFE. We have 2 busses reserved for Thursday January 22nd 2015 for the March for Life. The cost is \$15.00 round trip. Let's fill both busses or 98 people. Promote it. I already have 4 people going. It is a great way to support LIFE.

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Dates to Remember

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

Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Sun, Nov. 30	Corporate Communion at SMA 10am.
Mon, Dec. 1	Council mtg. 8pm. Lecturer at 9:00pm.
Sat, Dec. 6	Rental – 7pm.
Sun, Dec. 7	<i>Pearl Harbor Day, Fly the Flag.</i> Pancake Breakfast 8am – 1pm.
Mon, Dec. 8	<i>Feast of Immaculate Conception.(holyday)</i> Officer mtg, 8pm.
Wed, Dec. 10	Rosary Hour 7pm.
Fri, Dec. 12	<i>Feast-Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Sat, Dec. 13	Christmas party
Sun, Dec. 14	children's Christmas party
Mon, Dec. 15	Council mtg, 8pm. Newsletter reports deadline
Wed, Dec. 17	Columbiette mtg 7:30pm.
Wed, Dec. 24	<i>Christmas Eve.</i>
Thurs, Dec. 25	<i>Christmas Day.(holyday)</i>
Fri, Dec. 26	COUNCIL CLOSED for weekend.
Mon, Dec. 29	Columbian Club mtg 8pm. Newsletter mailing 10am.
Wed, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve party
Thurs, Jan. 1	<i>New Year's Day.</i>
Fri, Jan. 2	COUNCIL CLOSED for weekend.
Sat, Jan. 3	Rental – 7pm.

Troop 1345 Scout Report

Troop 1345 will be selling Christmas trees at Calvary United Methodist Church, 185 West Madison Avenue in Dumont (corner of West Madison and Cooper).

- Fridays - December 12 and 19 from 6pm to 9pm.
- Saturdays - December 13 and 20 from 10am to 8pm.
- Sundays - December 14 and 21 from 12 noon to 6pm.

For members of the Knights of Columbus, if you purchase a Christmas tree to support the troop, we will gladly deliver it to your door for you at no charge.

Ray Ziembra, Assistant Scoutmaster

Super Bowl Party

Our Super Bowl Party will be held on February 1, 2015. The doors will open at 5PM. The cost is \$25 per person which includes chicken wings, hot dogs, ziti, chili and beverages.

This event is also a fund raising event for one of our charities, the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group.

Therefore, advance reservations are a must for this Party! I want to avoid a cancellation of this fun event, so if you are planning to attend, it's not too early; call me at 201-262-2764.

PGK Steve Martin, Chairman

San Alfonso Retreat

On November 9, 2014, I was invited to a captains meeting, mass, and dinner at the Retreat House. At the meeting, the 2015 retreat schedule was discussed.

Our retreat will be July 17-19, 2015. The topic, theme, menu were talked about. A lot of the rooms are going to be done over and made more comfortable.

I am happy to tell you that all damage from Sandy has been fixed. Boardwalk is complete, new gazebo and new benches have been installed.

Come enjoy a great weekend of companionship, food and relaxing. Get a chance to get closer to God. Please bring a friend. God Bless.

Tony Tully, Chairman

Photo Gallery

From the Past Grand Knights Dinner



Left: PGK Chuck Hollis being presented with his gifts by PGK Dave Benson and PGK Steve Martin. Center : a proclamation from State Assembly man and member Bob Auth presented by PGK Bochicchio. Right: Celebrating Veteran's Day, GK Carmine Grillo presenting to Frank Uvenio, a member and Commander of VFW Post #761.

Our Worthy State Deputy Andy Lipenta has approved the following excerpt from Father Frank Pavone, National Director, Priest For Life and Gospel of Life Ministries. Yesterday, Priests for Life suffered a set-back from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals at the hands of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act HHS Mandate.

Message from Fr. Pavone:

"In an unjust ruling issued today, the US Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ruled against Priests for Life saying that the regulations of ObamaCare's HHS mandate 'do not impose a substantial burden on Plaintiffs' religious exercise.' That's absurd! Of course they do. The Court is wrong. And as I've told you from the very beginning of this process...Priests for Life will not obey the mandate! Not today. Not tomorrow. Not ever!

And part of this defiance will be to appeal the Court's ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court." "I fully expect the Court to take our case and to rule in our favor because our lawsuit is to non-profit religious organizations what the Hobby Lobby case was for private businesses.

Having ruled in favor of Hobby Lobby, we will argue that the Court should also rule in favor of us. But there's no guarantee of success.

When it comes to figuring out how judges will rule, there's no telling. By rights, the Hobby Lobby ruling should have been a unanimous 9 – 0 decision in favor of Hobby Lobby and protecting religious freedom. But it wasn't. It was a narrow 5 – 4 decision. Because it was, and because the appeals court today did not see the connection between the Hobby Lobby case and ours, I'm very concerned about our lawsuit."

"Again, this is a fight for RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!!! The Obama administration acts as one who is determined to take that right away from you and from all Americans. Don't let them! Fight back! Because once the government takes away our First Amendment right to freedom of religion, we will never get it back! NEVER!!! Which means the government will have the power to force every American to bend to its will!

Is that the kind of America you want to leave your grandchildren? Of course not. Working and praying together we can preserve religious freedom for future generations of American. But it all begins right here and right now! You can get full details about today's ruling on our website: PriestsForLife.org."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director

Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries