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February, 2010

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

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

Last year and many years before 2010, I called February the month of Love and I am very sure many would ask me why. ??? It is really easy to answer for the start of February (Feb. 2) we have St. Joseph and the Queen of the Knights presenting to us God (*Deus Caritas Est*).

The second reason is because of the countless number of Martyr's (Red & White Martyr's) showing their great Love for Christ. But, the Greatest Day of Love comes on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17), when we thank Our Lord for "Breathing on Us" (*Dust thou art and dust thou you will return*); and then turning to Christ in Love by attending more Holy Masses, saying more Rosaries (daily) and reading more Scripture (the infallible Word of God) for St. Jerome (Feast Feb. 8) tells us "*The more we read scripture – the more we know Christ*".

Then, you and I will start Climbing that Mystic Mountain of Holiness and pray that all of us will make a Successful Journey and become the Easter People that Christ suffered and died for. It is really very simple: Christ Showed us His great Love. Let us show Christ our great Love.

Quote of the Month: 'There is no greater Love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend'. (St. John 15-13)

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. John F. Murray, S.M.A.

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,

"What are you giving up for Lent?" In hindsight that question was the catalyst for the deepest thinking I did in the area of Faith as a kid. It's probably the same for most of us. The commercialization of Christmas and Easter have been done masterfully enough to eclipse the true meaning of those celebrations but the 40 days it takes to get from ashes to chocolate bunnies is a completely different story. Filled with words like fasting, abstinence and penance even I took it seriously, although I had no idea why. Last year, for the first time, I really sat with the meaning of Lent. I tried to focus on prayer and not feeling glum about what I was going without. Not that there's anything wrong with taking a break from eating fast food or buying fancy shoes but there is an opportunity for so much more. So I ask you....what are you giving up for Lent?

In honor of Valentine's Day we are going to introduce two new events this month. I have no idea if they will be successful or not but the Officers and I thought it would be fun to give them a try. The first, a football wedding themed lunch, will be held on Valentine's Day proper. This is a family event and we hope that you'll join us for a few hours of good food, friends and fraternal love. The second event has a more specific audience...we're going to host a Catholic Singles night on the second Friday of the month. Light refreshments will be served and there will be no charge. Please pass the word on to friends and family who might be interested in the opportunity to meet other Catholic singles in a safe environment.

Did you ever wonder who St. Valentine was and what he had to do with romance? I know I did, so I Googled him...in short, Valentinus was a Roman priest martyred during the reign of Claudius II. In addition to the general assistance he provided to persecuted Christians he was caught marrying Christian couples. He died a martyr for filling people's hearts and souls with the sweetest love; the love of God.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

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Sick & Wake Report - February

To add or delete a name on this list, call PGK George Olszewski at 201-384-9524. *ITALIC* indicates new names or change in condition.

Members

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Ken Malesky
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Relatives & Friends

Ann Sanders, mother of Bob Sanders PGK, PCCP
 Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;
 Anthony Matarazzo, son of Jos. Matarazzo, FDD, PGK;
 Anthony Perrotto, brother-in-law of PGK G. DiCostanzo;
 Barbara, wife of Frank Fawcett;
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 Jean DeFalco, wife of Eli DeFalco;
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 Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien
 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

Wakes

Henry Honebin; Delores Murray, sister-in-law of Fr. Murray;
Ann Funicelli, widow of PGK, PFN Ralph Funicelli;
Arline MacNeir, sister-in-law of Dick Dorozynski;

Upcoming Degree Dates

First Degree:	Tues, Feb. 9 at Westwood Council;
Second Degree:	Mon, Mar. 1 at Ramsey Council;
Third Degree:	Fri, Mar. 26 at St. John's Council Dumont;
Fourth Degree:	Sun, April 25 at Parsippany Hilton;

Lecturer Program

Our next Lecturer Program will be on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at about 8:45pm. Our guest speaker is Professor Altano and his talk is "You Don't Fool Around With the Saints."

Try to attend. Coffee and afterwards.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Lecturer Chairman

From the News Desk

Birthdays wishes to members celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in February. Special wishes to Arthur Flynn 85 yrs on Feb. 2; PGK Phil Fredericks 55 yrs on Feb. 20; PGK Frank Messina 88 yrs on Jan. 9; Nina Messina 80 yrs on Dec. 21.

Anniversary congratulations...PGK Tom & Joan Trank, 53 years married on Feb. 9. Fr. John Murray 53 years ordained on Feb. 9.

Traditional Marriage news...The NJ Senate defeated a bill to legalize same-sex marriage, bringing total to 33 out of 33 states who have voted to maintain marriage as between one man one woman.

Brother Dave Lang, and his songwriting partner, Margie DeRosso, took first place in a holiday songwriting contest. You can buy their song, "Christmas on Beverly Road" for 99 cents on iTunes. It's a wonderful song that would be a great way to ring in Christmas 2010.

Archdiocese Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, March 13 at Seton Hall Univ, 8am to 5pm. Speakers include Archbishop Myers, and Fr. Benedict Groeschel.

Celebrity Cruises cancels Catholic priests and daily mass on sailings except during the Easter & Christmas holidays, *not to offend guests of other religions*.

Council Retreat at San Alfonso...Friday to Sunday, Aug. 13-15. Mark your calendar. This year's theme: *The Year of St. Luke. God's Compassion*. Retreat cost is \$175.00.

Mardi Gras celebration at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, Feb. 13 featuring a beefsteak and karaoke. Cost is \$30.00 per person; tickets available at the Rectory office.

Congratulations Paul Olivo, Squire and grandson of PGK G. DiCostanzo on joining the Fire Patrol of Dumont Fire Dept.

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 7, 2010. Doors open at 5:00pm. Cost is \$15 per person if you call for a reservation and \$20 per person at the door. It's a great time every year with plenty of food and beverage.

Call Steve 201-262-2764 for reservations.

PGK Steve Martin, Chairman

Atlantic City bus trip

Sunday, February 28, 2010. TRUMP PLAZA CASINO; cost is \$27 per person, and the casino gives back \$20. Bus departs at 8:15am from K of C parking lot. Call Tom for reservations at 201-385-4871 and reserve a seat.

Tom Schmidt, Chairman

Lent Dinners

Once again, the Council will serve meatless dinners on Fridays during the Lent season. The dates are:

February 19 & February 26;

March 5 & March 12.

Doors open at 5:00pm. Service begins at 5:30pm. New menu each week with soup, tossed salad, baked & fried fish, a vegetarian dish, pasta, assorted salads and condiments, ice tea, coffee and dessert.

Cost will *remain the same* at \$15.00 per person, payable at the door or in advance. Make checks payable to St. John's Council.

Watch your email or website www.kofc1345.org for the new menu each week.

Call George D at 201-338-2617 for your reservations by Wednesday of each week to allow for adequate food supply.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Membership & Recruitment Activities

I am happy to report that the following candidates **Kevin Gynegrowski Jr, and Richard Lorenzo** joined our Order in the First Degree on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Consider advancing your degrees; gain a broader understanding of our Order.

Dates to remember: next First Degree Tuesday, February 9, 2010; next Second Degree Monday, March 1, 2010. A very important date to remember is Friday, March 26, 2010.

We will be hosting a Third Degree at our council and we will be honoring William Bochicchio FDD, PGK. If you are at the Second

Degree level please contact me to make your Third Degree in your home Council.

If you know of any Catholic gentleman who would like to become a member, bring him to a Friday Night Social and make him feel welcome or call me with his information at 201-439-1985.

Lou Pidi, Chancellor/Membership

Squires Report

We welcome **Michael Flanagan** to the Circle this month. We continue to grow by addition of new members (**Zachary Bilis** installed last month) and look forward to doing more of God's work this year.

Meetings: Officer's First Friday; General Third Friday.

The Squires are proud to contribute \$250 to the Fr. Murray Scholarship Fund again this year. A special thanks to Fr. Murray for all his support and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Squire Circles are the youth branch of the K of C. A program that teaches teen young men how to be leaders in their faith and society.

To get more information about the Squires Circle at St. John's Council, contact Tom Formoso at tformoso@horizonfoods.com or call (201) 707-9890.

Tom Formoso Jr, Chief Squire

Valentine's Day Event

We all know that there are different types of love. Please join us on Valentine's Day as we celebrate the brotherly love that we share as Knights, Columbiettes, Squires and Boy Scouts.

The theme is going to be an old fashioned football wedding. There will be various gourmet heroes, sides and salads, hot and cold beverages, desserts, and chocolate to make it a true Valentine's Day celebration.

Cost is \$15 per person, children under 10 are free. Maximum charge per family is \$40. Doors open at 1pm.

For reservations, call 201-387-9750, menu #3 or by email to: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Men's Cornerstone Retreat

Friday & Saturday, February 12 and 13 at St. John's Church in Bergenfield. Cornerstone is a 26 hour mini-retreat that could change your life. For information, call George 201-384-0972 or St. John's Church at 201-384-0101.

George Corbo

Columbiettes News

Our next meeting is on Wed, Feb 24, *changed date* at 7:30pm.

Mark your calendar...Sunday March 7 at 2:00pm. Our Third Annual Tea Party for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, grand-daughters. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$5.00 for children and includes lunch, tea, dessert. Call Nina 201-338-2617 for reservations.

If you know anyone who would like to be a Columbiette or just need information about us, have them call Roberta at 201-244-1323.

Remember to bring in your stamps and can tabs.

Nina DiCostanzo, Treasurer/ Publicity

NJ State Council - Cruise

The NJ State Council K of C is sponsoring a cruise on Royal Caribbean to Bermuda & Caribbean, 9-days leaving from Bayonne on Apr. 15, 2010, with our own State Chaplain in attendance.

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; we will explain the duties.

We have a number of rentals in Feb & Mar. Help is needed in bartending, 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

Dates to Remember

Note: setups for rentals & council events are on Thursday's at 7:00pm, unless otherwise specified.

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

Sat, Jan. 30	Free Throw Contest 8:30am at St. John's hall; Fr. Murray Scholarship Dinner Dance 7-11pm;
Sun, Jan. 31	Corporate Communion Mass St. Mary's 7:45am; Breakfast at Council after mass;
Mon, Feb. 1	Council meeting 8pm;
Fri, Feb. 5	DHS Drama Club Spaghetti Dinner 6-9pm; Friday Social – Movie Night after 9pm;
Sat, Feb. 6	Rental – 7-11pm.
Sun, Feb. 7	Super Bowl Party 5pm;
Mon, Feb. 8	Officer meeting 8pm;
Wed, Feb. 10	Rosary hour 8pm.
Fri, Feb. 12	Friday Social – Pizza & Catholic Single's Night;
Sat, Feb. 13	Rental – 7-11pm;
Sun, Feb. 14	Valentine's Day Family Party 2-6pm;
Tues, Feb. 16	Council meeting 8pm; Lecturer Program 8:45pm;
Wed, Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday; Columbiette meeting 7:30pm;
Fri, Feb. 19	Lent Dinner 5pm; Friday Social – Karaoke night;
Sat, Feb. 20	Rental 7-11pm
Sun, Feb. 21	Boy Scouts 4-7pm;
Mon, Feb. 22	Columbian Club meeting 8pm;
Tues, Feb. 23	Newsletter mailing 10am;
Fri, Feb. 26	Lent Dinner 5pm; Friday Social (tbd);
Sat, Feb. 27	Boy Scouts 1-4pm;
Sun, Feb. 28	Atlantic City bus trip;
Sun, Mar. 7	Columbiettes Tea Party 2pm;
Sun, Mar. 14	St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sun, Mar. 21	Family Communion Mass & Breakfast;
Sat, Mar. 27	St. Patrick's Dinner Dance 7pm;

Friday Night Socials

In addition to our scrumptious snacks, we'll be enjoying various forms of entertainment in the Council every Friday night in February.

February 5th – Movie Night (title TBD)

February 12th – Catholic Singles Mixer

February 19th – Karaoke with Carmine

February 26th – Surprise Night

All of the above events begin after 9:00pm. Come on down and join the fun. It's a place where "everyone knows each other" sharing fellowship, food, beverage and fun.

George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Novena & Prayer Services

At our Council: Rosary Service every second Wednesday of the month. Next Rosary on Wed, February 10 at 8:00pm. Coffee afterwards.

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.

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.

George Corbo, Church Activities Chairman

Religious & Civil Rights

In an effort to not offend non-Catholic guests Celebrity Cruises has cancelled the daily Mass that had been offered to their guests and will only have a Priest on staff during "High Holy Holidays". Actions like this are becoming more and more common as secular fundamentalists push to have religion erased from our society.

The daily Mass was not something forced on non-Catholic passengers nor was it something that had to be witnessed by anyone, except our brothers and sisters who wished to participate in the

celebration of the Eucharist. Let Celebrity Cruises know that this latest step offends Catholics and, as such, we will be taking our cruising business elsewhere.

Ever wonder what movies are appropriate to watch with your children or grandchildren? The Catholic Bishops have a wonderful tool on their website to help out. Just go to:

<http://www.usccb.org/movies>.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Membership dues

Membership dues have increased from \$25 to \$27. The Council pays Supreme Council a per capita fee for each active member and Supreme has increased that fee by \$2.00. It will be used to fund the Order's Pro-Life activities.

If you have not yet paid your 2010 dues, please try to get it done as soon as possible.

If you have any questions contact me at 201-384-2259.

Bob DeWald, Financial Secretary

Library

A few months ago we put up a small bookcase in the lounge area of the Council. We're still a little light in the book department but we have a few books, and some magazines, that are there for all members and their families to read and enjoy.

If you have Catholic books and magazines that are in good condition please consider donating them to the Council and stock our library. Thanks,

GK Tom Ciotti

Fraternal Insurance Report

Brothers all, after an insurance presentation a lot of members tell me they'd like to wait. Why? For What? For the rates to go down?

They won't unless you get younger. The cost of a life insurance policy increases each year if you don't have it, and decreases if you do have it. How much is your life worth?

Fraternally, Don Stappenbeck, 201-664-2599.

St. Patrick's Parade Honors

As a brother Knight, a member of the Bergen Irish Association, a delegate to the Council of Irish Associations of Greater Bergen County, I am honored to be chosen Grand Marshall for the 2010 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bergenfield.

I want to congratulate our Chaplain Fr. John Murray SMA on being chosen Honorary Grand Marshall of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. It will be my honor to march up Washington Ave with Fr. Murray and his "green shoes".

The installation of Honorees will take place on Saturday February 27th, 2010 at the VFW hall in Bogota. I would hope to see some members and their Family there to honor our Chaplain Fr. Murray. The cost would be \$30.00 per person. For more information, call me at 201-384-2543.

Mike Cremin

A Touch of Humor What is a Grandparent?

A 6-year old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh" he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport".

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.