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FEBRUARY - 2012

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Knights, Columbiettes, Boy Scouts, and Squires:

February is the month of LOVE. Whether St. Joseph and our Blessed Queen presenting the God of LOVE to us on February 2nd (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord), or the countless number of MARTYRS showing Christ their LOVE, the greatest day of LOVE comes on ASH WEDNESDAY (February 22nd), when we take INVENTORY of our SPIRITUAL LIVES and like the PRODIGAL SON in St. Luke's Gospel (Chapter 15 verses 11-31) TURNS to the FATHER and like him WE, my brothers TURN to OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, The God of LOVE.

Now it is our TURN to LOVE GOD, by attending more Holy Masses, by saying more Rosaries and by reading more Scripture (Infallible). Incidentally the more we read the more we will be like CHRIST.

Then WE will start CLIMBING THAT MYSTIC MOUNTAIN OF HOLINESS. So let us pray that all of us Brother Knights will make a SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY and become the EASTER PEOPLE that we should be.

Quote of the month: *"There is no greater LOVE than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends"* -St. John 15:13
It is really simple. CHRIST SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR US AND LET US SHOW CHRIST OUR LOVE.

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,

This month of February will be a very busy month at the council. We will be hosting a very special pasta and meatball fundraiser for the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group (ASCPG – "The Lourdes Kids") on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please come out to help support this wonderful organization run by our Brother Gerry Flood. ASCPG is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that unites children and young adults with special physical, mental or emotional needs with volunteer caregivers for an unforgettable week in Lourdes.

We will also have our 2nd Family Breakfast held on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The menu will include hot pancakes off the grill, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee, and tea, all for \$6.00 per person; children under 5 eat for free. Please pass the word out to all your family and friends. I want this to be a success.

In November, I put a letter in the bulletin asking members to get active in the council. I have not heard from any of you yet. Please consider coming to the meetings and think of getting involved with some kind of activity in the council. So much more can be accomplished if we had more input by more of our Brothers.

Please read the bulletin and pray for all of our sick members and their family and friends. If there are any projects that may interest you please come out and help. Remember to ask a Catholic gentleman if he would like to join our order. Our goal is 25 members every year. Thank you to all the Brothers who have been working with the Columbian Club on all the rentals, and please keep the help coming. 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**

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-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo, Jr	201-244-6579
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Scoutmaster:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
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Sick & Wake Report – as of Jan. 18, 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

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Jack O'Brien
Dick Dorozynski	Fred Jacobsen, PGK
Bill Connington, PFN	Peter Duffy
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Frank McCoo	Walter Boettger
Richard Burke	George Forbes
Larry Frisby	Timothy Keating
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<i>Tom Schmidt</i>	<i>John Regina</i>
Libero Rubbo	<i>Joe Matarazzo, FDD</i>
<i>Joe Carpanzano</i>	

Relatives & Friends

Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;
Ben, nephew of Dom Panfile;
Dianne Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
Francine Corbo, wife of George Corbo;
Geraldine Cleary, wife of John Cleary
Helen Wojick, cousin of Dick Dorozynski;
Herta Nelson, mother in law of Ed Trawinski;
John Laferrera, brother of Fr. Bob, former pastor at St. Mary's.
Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of the late PGK Frank Messina;
Joseph Idell, son of the late George Idell;
Lauren Hollis, niece of Chuck Hollis;
Marge Montagna, wife of Vincent Montagna PGK
MaryAnn Murrin, daughter of Joseph Welsh;
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;

Wakes

*Al Breun, PGK; Anthony Frasco; Jim Kearns;
Edward L. Spielman;*

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

Our next lecturer program is Monday, Feb. 20 after the regular meeting, about 9pm.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

From the News Desk

Birthdays wishes to our members celebrating a birthday in February, or a special occasion.

*Congratulations to...*Joan and Tom Trank PGK 55 years married on Feb 9. On that same day, Fr. John F. Murray SMA celebrates his 55th year of his ordination. As Father says, *it's providential.*

Healthy Food Notes: Chestnuts...promotes weight loss, protects your heart, lowers cholesterol, combats cancer, controls blood pressure.

*Buy American...*On Jan. 8 in an Associated Press article, Pres. Obama was quoted as praising companies "for insourcing jobs back to the USA". The unemployment rate also took a slight dip in December. We can help too...BUY AMERICAN MADE PRODUCTS. Read the barcodes for products made in the USA & Canada that begin with the numbers 00-09. Exercise our principles of *charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism* by supporting USA made products.

*ASCPG pilgrimage to Lourdes...*each year at Easter time. If you would like to have a petition taken to Lourdes, place it in an envelope, and mail to: ASCPG Petition, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Remember...no cash; prayer intention only.

*Religious Liberty...*On Oct. 26, 2011 testifying before a US House of Representatives subcommittee on the Constitution, Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori asked Congress to protect the right of religious freedom in the US in light of several actions undertaken by the Obama Administration. Bishop was representing the US Conference of Catholic Bishops as the newly appointed chair for the committee for religious liberty. *Our bishops are pushing back!*

*Bergen Federation News...*Sunday, Feb 19, 2012, annual Communion Breakfast. 9:30am mass at Assumption Church in Wood Ridge; 10:45am breakfast at The Fiesta. Cost \$18/each; \$35/couple. Call BergFed Pres Russ Petrocelli 201-873-5879 to make your reservations. Call now...reserve your seat or your table of 10.

Church Activities Report

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

Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, 2012...begins Lenten season.

Sunday, Jan 29, 2012 our *Corporate Communion Mass at the SMA Fathers' church* in Tenafly at 8AM with complimentary coffee and continental breakfast served in the SMA cafeteria after mass. Please come out and celebrate with us. God Bless.

George Corbo, Church Activities

Prayer for the Month

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name. (Luke 1:46,49).

God of mercy, may the prayers of the sinless mother of God help us to rise above our human weakness and draw us closer to her Son, Jesus Our Lord.

Saint's Corner

St. Jerome Emiliani – Italy; 1481-1537, Feast: Feb. 8

St. Jerome Emiliani founded the Somaschi, a religious society in Italy dedicated to the care of orphans, poor and sick. He devoted his life to the poor and founded several hospitals and orphanages for them.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.

Membership & Recruitment Activities

Next First Degree – Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Westwood.

Charles Hollis, Chairman, 201-314-8599.

Financial Secretary Report

Dues Bills: Thanks to those members who have paid their dues in a timely manner. It is appreciated. **Second Notice dues bills** will be mailed early in February. Please don't hesitate...try to pay your dues upon receipt of bill. It's a costly expense for the Council to mail late notices more than once.

Scholarship support: Thank you to the many members and Honorary Life members, who made a donation to our Scholarship Fund. Later on I will share with you how much was collected and what impact it had for the scholarship.

Information Update: Are you married? What is your wife's name? Who is your next of kin when you decessate? What is your phone number? Information like this is missing from the records of many members. If interested in updating your record with this information, mail your information to Updates, P.O.Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

PGK George DiCostanzo,FS.

Columbian Club Report

*Rental Catering...*now taking reservations for July-Dec 2012 and 2013. Call me at 201-338-2617 and give us a chance to make a proposal for your party or event.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Rental Chairman

Super Bowl Party

The Columbian Club will be holding its Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 5, 2011. Doors will open at 5:00PM. The cost is \$20.00 at the door and \$15.00 dollars if an advance reservation is made by Monday, January 30. To make reservations, call Steve Martin 201-262-2764.

Unemployed or Looking for a Better Job?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Everyone is welcomed to the job search workshops offered by St. Joseph the Worker Ministry.

Need more information. Contact Jack Weldin Jr at 201-385-8365 or Bob Knott at 201-675-2802 or check the website at st_joseph_the_worker@yahoo.com.

Business Services Directory.

Latest edition enclosed in this mailing. If you need Spring renovations, have plumbing issues, these are just a few of the services provided by our member knights in service businesses. Help them out so they can help you.

If you want in on the listing, send business name, contact, phone, email, type of business and service you provide. Mail to: Business Service List, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN, Editor

Wake Notice Phone Call List

If you would like your name added, send a short note to Sick & Wake Chairman Ed Kostka at 50 Holt Street, Dumont, NJ 07628. Be sure to include your full name, address, and phone number.

Ed Kostka, Sick & Wake Chairman

Scholarship Program

*Donations support...*thanks to the many members who are making donations to our scholarship fund. At a later date, I will let you know how much was collected and what impact it had on the awards.

Our program is for children and grandchildren of members entering first year College or Catholic High School.

*Applications for this year...*are available at the Council and can be picked up at a regular meeting, or on any Friday night. Just ask the bartender to give you a copy. Or, you can access the application online at www.kofc1345.org, in the News link.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Hungry & Homeless

On Wed, Jan. 25, 2012 we had our scheduled feeding of the Hungry & Homeless. At the time of this newsletter we had enough donated turkeys thanks to numerous men and women who generously donated more than enough turkeys for the feeding. We also had some people make generous cash donations to the Hungry and Homeless program. Thanks to the people who have donated, and to the volunteers.

John E. McGill, Chairman 201-384-7511

Dates to Remember

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

Sun, Jan. 29	Corp Comm Mass & breakfast at SMA.
Thurs, Feb. 2	Setup 7pm.
Sun, Feb. 5	Super Bowl party 5pm.
Mon, Feb. 6	Council mtg, 8pm.
Wed, Feb. 8	Rosary hour, 8pm.
Thurs, Feb. 9	Setup 7pm.
Sun, Feb. 12	<i>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</i> Pancake breakfast 8am-1pm. DHS Drama club pasta fundraiser 3pm-7pm.
Mon, Feb. 13	Officer mtg, 8pm.
Tues, Feb. 14	<i>Valentine's Day</i>
Wed, Feb. 15	Columbiettes mtg, 7:30pm.
Thurs, Feb. 16	Setup 7pm.
Sat, Feb. 18	ASCPG pasta fundraiser 4pm-8pm. Setup afterwards, about 8:30pm.
Sun, Feb. 19	Rental – Troop 123 Blue & Gold 1pm.
Mon, Feb. 20	<i>Presidents Day</i> Council mtg, 8pm.
Tues, Feb. 21	Newsletter mlg, 10am.
Wed, Feb. 22	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>George Washington's birthday.</i>
Thurs, Feb. 23	Setup 7pm.
Sun, Feb. 26	Rental – Troop 131 Blue & Gold 4pm.
Mon, Feb. 27	TBCC mtg, 8pm.

Insurance Check-Up for 2012

An insurance check-up can be as important as an annual physical. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance, long-term care or disability income insurance. You also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did you take time out of your schedule last year to meet with me? If you did, thank you for seeing me and helping secure your financial future. I will be in touch with you to schedule your annual review to verify that everything is heading in the right direction. We'll make sure that if your goals and budget have changed, your plan still works for you.

If you didn't have a meeting with me last year, I hope you will answer my invitation this year. It's a wise idea to have an expert look at your finances. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an insurance check-up that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? And I'll come to your house when it fits your schedule. Call me today 551-265-3489, fraternally,

Don Stappenbeck.

Columbiette Report

As I am writing this piece, we are planning to hold our first meeting of "2012" on January 18th at Il Mulino restaurant in Dumont. The response has been great and we are looking forward to welcoming our new sisters transferring from the Westwood Auxiliary which is closing. It is anticipated that we will continue this as an annual event.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Sunday, March 25, 2012 - Annual Tea Party – Once again we are hosting our annual "Old Fashioned Tea Party" complete with finger sandwiches, desserts, and of course a variety of teas. So put on your best Sunday hat, and join us for this popular event with your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and friends. Marge Kenter is this year's Chairwoman. *Advanced reservations are required.* \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 and under, and free for children under 5. For further information, reservations or to help out on the committee, please call Secretary Joan Winant at 201.696.1159.

"The Neighborhood" - Friday May 11, 2012 –marks their return to Dumont for a command performance at our annual 50s/60s Dinner/Dance. Get your dancing shoes ready and mark your calendars for this event! They have always sold out when they have joined us in the past so watch this paper for additional information and reserve your seats early.

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.

Come join the fun while supporting those in need. Why not consider becoming a member of the Columbiettes Auxiliary? For further details, please call VP Donna Fredericks @ 551.427.7180

Joan Winant. Secretary / Publicity

Friday Night Social Evening's

Our council is open on Friday evenings from 8pm to 11pm for members and their friends to come and enjoy a relaxed and friendly few hours. Kick back, enjoy a beverage, participate in our 50/50 attendance raffle, watch sports, and share a complimentary food snack.

On a recent Friday night just before Christmas, Marge DeRosso and Dave Lang (shown in photo below), performed a free mini-concert of Christmas and contemporary music, as well as special requests for those in attendance. Dave is a member of our council.



Photo courtesy of Brian O'Dowd

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".