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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This is my last article for the newsletter. I am sorry my time as chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and for the Columbiettes, was as short as it was in time. It was an honor and pleasure to have served as chaplain.

As many of you know I have been named Administrator of Immaculate Conception parish in Hackensack as of February 1, 2016. I am sorry to say due to my new assignment I will be stepping down as chaplain for the council.

I have been asked why I am stepping down as chaplain at this time. When I was first named to my new parish I did consider staying on as chaplain, however, after much prayer and thought I decided it would best serve the council by my stepping aside. I had when asked to become chaplain promised to give 100% to both the Knights and the Columbiettes and knew with my new position I would not be able to do so and that I would become an absentee chaplain. I did not want this for the council nor for myself. You all deserve someone who can give 100% all the time. Thus the reason for stepping down.

However, you never know what life will bring or where God will lead us so I could be back as chaplain someday. Until if/when that day comes I will keep you all in my prayers and I will carry you in my heart.

God Bless you all.

Fr. Michael

Fr. Michael S.P. Trainor, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Scouts & Friends,

We have been blessed with a mild winter as we celebrated the joyous Christmas Season and welcomed in the New Year. As we move into February we have a two events coming up.

On February 5th, we are hosting a Third Degree Exemplification at our council. We will be honoring our Past Grand Knights Lou Pidi and Steve Martin. This is a great opportunity for all Brother Knights to support our council and show the honor and respect that Brothers Lou and Steve have earned through their years of exemplary service to the Order.

The second event will be our Super Bowl party on February 7th. Why not come and watch the big game while enjoying food and refreshments as well as the company of brothers, sisters, family and friends.

These two events offer us the opportunity to show our unity by coming together in a formal and informal environment where we can enjoy each other's company.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Vivat Jesus,

Frank Gallacher

Deputy Grand Knight

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

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Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
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Sick & Wake Report – as of January 22, 2016

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, contact **Edward Kostka at 201-387-9482.**

Members

-Jack McHugh, Sr.	-Ken Malesky
-Frank Uvenio	-Jim McEntee
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
-John McGill, PGK;	-Tom Trank, PGK
-Dave Benson, PGK	-Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK
-Bob Dondero, PGK	-Geo DiCostanzo, PGK
-John Dillon, PGK	-Jim Kelly, Sr.
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn

Relatives & Friends

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Betty Duffy, widow of the late Thomas Duffy.
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Donald Trainor, father of Chaplain Fr. Michael;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Mary Rudolph, widow of late Art Rudolph.
- Nunzia, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Patsy Graham, wife of John Graham;
- Rose O'Shea, from St. Mary's, a friend of the council;
- Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Susanne West, sister of Chaplain Fr. Michael
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barkley.
- Therese DeFalco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.

Wakes

Members:

- Tim Toine
- Vinny Garafalo, senior citizen friend of the council;

Relatives & Friends:

- Father of Danny Cannon;

Reservations Procedure & Payment

Advanced Payment and Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.

- Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,
- Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333.**
- **Mail your check when you make your reservation**.**

**Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year
December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016**

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in **FEBRUARY**.

Deputy Grand Knight Report

As we move into February, we continue to enjoy a successful Columbian Year. It is through our combined efforts that we build unity and strengthen our council. I thank you for your continued efforts and compliment you for your commitment.

We must continue our good works to expand our order. I would ask that you consider introducing a friend or family member to our council. Perhaps you know of a member who has become inactive. Maybe now is the time to rekindle their interest. You could be the person that brings in a new member or revives an old one.

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

DGK Frank Gallacher, (201)957-2683

Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment

Exemplification of the 3rd Degree, Fri, Feb 5 at 8:PM
Knights of Columbus, 61 Armour Pl, Dumont, N.J. 07628

Exemplification of the 1st Degree, Tue, Feb 9 at 8:pm
Knights of Columbus, 40 Crest St, Westwood, N.J. 07675

Exemplification of the 1st Degree, Sun, Feb 28th at 6pm
St. Matthew's Church, 555 Prospect Av, Ridgefield, N.J. 06657

Anyone interested in attending please contact Frank Polise @ 201-370-0547.

Frank Polise, Membership, 201-370-0547.

Financial Secretary Report

If you have not paid your dues yet, you are now more than 30 days past due. Second Notice dues bill will be mailed first week of February. Please be prompt and mail your dues in by no later than end of February.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

The Rosary Hour

There will be no Rosary in January and February. **We will resume March 9, 2016 at 7:30pm.**

Co-Chairs John & Pauline Scalice (Columbiette)

Corporate Communion

All Brothers, Columbiettes, Troop 1345, and their families are reminded we have a Corporate Communion at SMA FATHERS in Tenafly, 10am mass on Sunday, Jan. 31.

Please come and share in the liturgy with your brothers and their families. A light continental breakfast will follow at the Council Hall.

Wear your Knights of Columbus shirts to show unity. To RSVP call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

Warden Ken Armellino

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

“Open your heart to me

I hold the lock and you hold the key

Open your heart to me

I'll give you love if you, you turn the key”

(Madonna, 1986)

February, the month we celebrate, St Valentine's Day with hearts, flowers and candy, is getting a new way to celebrate....Cod & God Fish Fry!

As Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10 this year, the Columbiettes will be having their Cod & God Fish Fry on Friday, February 12 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the council hall. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12. The menu consists of: Beer Battered fried fish, French fries, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, kale salad, and of course, dessert, coffee or tea! A cash bar will also be available.

As always, reservations are a must! Please contact Nina DiCostanzo @ 201-338-2617 or email her at ninad70@aol.com and let her know how many are coming.

Looking forward to seeing all of our Sister Columbiettes, Brother Knights and Friends at our first fund-raiser of the new year!

Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity

Respect Life Report

As of this writing, the bus trip to Wash, DC will probably be cancelled due to the impending storm, in the Wash, DC area on Friday. Keep Praying to Save the babies.

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Super Bowl Party

Our Super Bowl Party will be held on February 7, 2016. The doors will open at 5PM. The cost is \$25 per person which includes chicken wings, hot dogs, ziti, chili and beverages. Members of the football pool are free.

This event is also a fund raising event for one of our charities, the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group (ASCPG). 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 201-957-2683 or send an e-mail to fgallacher4@aol.com.

Please note: Even if you are a player in the pool, you must call to let us know you're coming.

DGK, Frank Gallacher Co-chairman

Lent Dinners Schedule

Friday, Feb. 12, See Columbiette report on this page for the details.

Friday, Feb. 26 - the Knights will host their Fish Dinner. This dinner is a fund-raiser for the Council. So, your coming will be a benefit to council.

Friday, Mar. 11 the second and last Council Lent dinner.

The menu will be fried & baked flounder, rice pilaf, cole slaw and potato salad, green salad, coffee, tea, dessert. Cash Bar will be available.

Cost is \$20.00 per person. **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. Call Ken A at 1-516-220-9333.**

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Lecture Program

On Monday, Feb. 15, our guest speaker will be Fr. Aziz from the Syriac Church. He will speak on "The Plight of Syrian Christians" and how they are being persecuted.

Program begins at about 8:45pm after our business meeting is over. Arrive by 8:30pm. Pass the word to your friends.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, chairman.

Dates to Remember

**Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.**

- Sun, Jan. 31 Corp Communion at SMA 10am.
- Mon, Feb. 1 Council meeting 8pm.
- Wed, Feb. 3 Feed the Homeless
Spec. Children's rehearsal
Blessing of throats - St. Blaise
- Fri, Feb. 5 3rd Degree - COUNCIL CLOSED
- Sun, Feb. 7 Super Bowl party 5pm.
- Mon, Feb. 8 Officer meeting 8pm.
- Wed, Feb 10 *Ash Wednesday*
- Thurs, Feb. 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*
- Fri, Feb. 12 Fish Fry by Columbiettes 6pm.
- Sun, Feb. 14 *Valentine's Day*
Pancake breakfast 8:30am-12:30pm.
- Mon, Feb. 15 *Presidents Day*
Council meeting 8pm. Lecture 8:45pm.
- Wed, Feb. 17 Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.
- Fri, Feb. 19 Pasta Dinner by Troop 1345 Boy Scouts
- Sat, Feb. 20 DHS Forensics fund-raiser
- Wed, Feb. 24 Spec. Children's rehearsal 7:30pm.
- Fri, Feb. 26 Council Lenten Fish dinner 6pm.
- Sat, Feb. 27 ASCPG Retreat 10am.
Columbian Club dance 8:30pm.

Pancake Breakfast - Valentine's Day

The Council will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 14 from 8:30am to 12:30pm. This is a Council Fund-Raising event...our financial resource needs a revenue boost.

The menu will be: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, hash browns, orange juice, coffee, or tea. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under age 12.

Call Ken A at 1-516-220-9333 and make your reservation so we can plan adequate supply of food.

Religious & Civil Rights Report

The Family- What happened to the American Family??? 40% of today's births are to single women. The Family is a man, a woman and child or children. I believe it is GOD's plan i.e. FAMILY.

Yes HE made sex enjoyable to ensure the continuation of the human race. Let us not forget that 4000 babies are aborted (killed) every day in this country. We should thank those women for keeping their baby rather than aborting them. Please support them. Let us call a spade a spade. Many men are just being selfish telling their girl friends to have an abortion. Of course the Federal government is also at fault.

The Supreme Ciourts decision to make abortion legal up until birth, i.e. Roe Vs Wade 1973 decision;; and making Same Sex Marriage Legal and giving taxpayers money to Planned Parenthood (the US of A's largest abortion provider) SHAMEFULL .

Men we must promote family. Again this is an election year. Let us vote for family. Remember all that matters is what comes from above, Home and Family, Faith and Love.

Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman

Troop 1345 Scout Report

This February marks the completion of Troop 1345's eighth year of operation. It has been a successful eight years, and we are starting off our ninth year in great shape! Thank you to Ivan Hannibal for his unwavering support of the troop as our Chartered Organization Representative and Executive Officer. And thank you to the members of the Knights of Columbus for hosting us and supporting us.

As we enter 2016, we look forward to another great year, which starts off with 47 active scouts, 12 Eagle Scouts, and a large contingent of adult leaders and committee members. This year should see more scouts joining us, more great camping adventures, and more great expeditions. We look forward to a wonderful 2016.

On Friday, February 19, the troop will be hosting its annual pasta dinner at the Knights of Columbus hall from 5pm to 8pm. \$12 per person and \$7 for kids. Includes bread, salad, pasta, eggplant rollatini, macaroni and cheese, dessert, coffee, and tea. Come on down for a relaxing meal and support the troop.

Ray Ziembra, Assistant Scoutmaster

Photo Gallery



From the table in the corner celebrating New Year's Eve, back row: mattea truppe, dolores o'dowd, Fe Rivera; front row: angie bochicchio, nina di costanzo, roberta elwell.



Members who took their 4th degree in November. Back row: Bob Truppe, Frank Polise, Ken Armellino. Front row: PGK George DiCostanzo, Ramon Franciledo, and John Racanelli.