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JANUARY - 2012

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Knights, Columbiettes, Boy Scouts, and Squires:

This year starts off with the Feast of Our Queen under the title, "Mother of God". True devotion to Mary our Queen is doing what her Divine Son wants and obeying His Vicar Pope Benedict XVI.

The main reason for St. John's #1345 being in the "March for Life" is God's holy will. Your chaplain has been at the march 36 out of 39 times (including 2012). If you don't go, pray for its success. Stay close to "Mary Queen of the Knight" and she will bring you close to her Divine Son.

Have a very Holy, Happy New Year; and if it is holy, it will be very happy.

The quote of the month is from St. Birgetta of Sweden: *"The world would have peace, if the men of politics would only follow the Gospel"*.

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,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas with your family and friends. And for those of you who attended our Annual Christmas Party and New Years Eve Party, I hope you had a great time. I would like to thank Chairman George Di Costanzo for a great job on the Christmas Party and Columbian Club President Phil Fredericks and his committee for putting the New Years Eve Party back into high gear. It was a lot of fun to be at both of them, great food, drink and the best of company.

I cannot believe that half of my term as GK is over. Still there is much work to do. Saturday, January 28, 2012 is the Father Murray Scholarship dance. Please mark your calendar for the new date. Originally it was on the 21st. Due to a conflict it had to be changed. January 29, the next morning, we have our Corporate Communion Breakfast at the SMA on Bliss Street in Tenafly. Mass is at 8:00 am followed by a nice warm breakfast in the meeting hall at the SMA. Please try to attend.

I would like to welcome Bill Turner and Matthew Bender to our council who made their First Degree on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. It was a banner night with 51 new brothers making the degree that night. My hats off to the Degree Team at St. Thomas More Council for the fine job they did.

Please my brothers, keep your eyes and ears open and try to recruit a new member. A council as large as ours needs all the help we can get. Please come to meetings and get involved in some area of the council. May Almighty God continue to bless you all for the time and work you put in to #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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Chaplain	Rev. John F. Murray	201-567-0450
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Church Activities:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
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Drug Awareness:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
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-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo, Jr	201-244-6579
-SMA Mission	John McKay	201-244-1237
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Squires:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
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Chief Squire:	Thomas James Passano	201-384-4894
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Scoutmaster:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
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Sick & Wake Report – as of Dec. 15

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
Bill Gilligan, PGK	Rev. John Murray, SMA
Tom Schmidt	Mike Daly
John Graham	George DiCostanzo, PGK

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;
Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of the late PGK Frank Messina;
Joseph Idell, son of the late George Idell;
Lauren Hollis, niece of Chuck Hollis;
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;
Nina DiCostanzo, wife of PGK G. DiCostanzo
Peggy Keating, wife of Timothy Keating
Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.
William Whelan, son of Jim Whelan;

Wakes

Tom Larsen;

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

Next lecturer program is Monday, January 16; topic is "reverse mortgages" presented by John Munroe. After our regular meeting, at about 9pm. Spread the word...come to hear about this process.

Program will be limited to 30 minutes, with refreshments after.
Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday in December or celebrating a special occasion.

Healthy Food Notes: Cherries: protects your heart, combats cancer, ends insomnia, slows aging process, shields against Alzheimer's.

Buy American... this Christmas Season and in the New Year, let's try to buy American whenever we can. Read the barcodes for products made in the USA & Canada that begin with the numbers 00-09. Let's exercise our principles of **charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism** by supporting USA made products. We could save someone's job, or better yet, we could help by adding jobs.

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.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center... in Hackensack. Through a joint effort by Supreme Council, our State Council, and several local councils, a state-of-the-art ultrasound machine was purchased, providing free ultrasound services of women in Bergen County facing unplanned pregnancies.

Church Activities Report

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. The next rosary is Jan 11, 2012. Refreshments served afterwards.

George Corbo, Church Activities

Prayer for the Month

"The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, saying: You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Luke 3:22

God, our Father, You revealed the true radiance of Christ in the glory of His Transfiguration. By His glory, free us from our sins and change us into His image.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.

Saint's Corner (from K of C calendar)

St. John Bosco – Italy, 1815-1888; Feast: January 31

St. John Bosco dedicated his life to street children and other disadvantaged youth, teaching them through love rather than punishment.

As a seminarian, St. John gave his spare time to the boys and every Sunday taught them catechism. He founded the order of Salesians.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.

Membership & Recruitment Activities

Congratulations to our newest members... **William Turner and Matthew Bender**... who took their First Degree in December.

Next First Degree – Tues, Jan. 10 at Westwood.

Next Second Degree – Thurs, Jan. 26 at Fair Lawn.

Charles Hollis, Chairman, 201-314-8599.

Financial Secretary Report

Dues Bills: Dues bills were mailed the week after Christmas. Look for them in your mail and if possible be prompt with your payment.

Scholarship support: On your dues bill, there is an **optional and voluntary** amount of \$5.00 for a donation to the Council Scholarship Fund. There is no obligation, and, any amount you wish to donate will be appreciated.

Next of Kin: When a member deceases, Supreme mails a sympathy card to the next of kin of record. Very often the next of kin information is missing. If interested, mail your next of kin information to Updates, P.O.Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

PGK George DiCostanzo, FS.

March for Life Bus Trip

Dear Brothers, March for Life is scheduled for Monday January 23, 2012 in Washington DC. This year the seat donation will be \$15.00. The Rose Drive this year was down 50%. The economy is still in bad

shape. This President and his administration are so pro abortion our voices cannot be silenced.

We as Knights and defenders of our Christian faith must stay steadfast. I am working on the arrangements. Please let me know if you would like to reserve a seat. The cost of the bus is much higher than last year. Bus leaves from St. John's Church in Bergenfield by 7pm.

I am also trying to get info on the Trenton rally. We will do something.

Matt Hayes PGK, PFN, Chairman, 201-387-2310

Fr Murray Scholarship Dance

Check out the enclosed flyer for details about the annual Father Murray Scholarship dinner dance. Please join us on January 28th in supporting this worthy cause and to celebrate the 89th birthday of our Chaplain, and great friend, Father John F Murray.

Make your reservations today!

Tom Ciotti, PGK, Chairman

Columbian Club Report

Rental Catering... now taking reservations for dates for the July-Dec 2012 and into 2013. A few dates remain for the Jan-June 2012 period. Call me at 201-338-2617 and give us a chance to make a bid for your party or event.



Dining Room decorated for a recent wedding reception.

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 Steven 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.

Next edition to be published in February. If you want in, 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

Dates to Remember

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

Sat, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party 8:30pm.
Tues, Jan. 3	Council meeting 8pm.
Thurs, Jan. 5	Setup 7pm
Sat, Jan. 7	Rental 1pm-5pm.
Mon, Jan. 9	Officer meeting 8pm.
Wed, Jan. 11	Rosary hour 8pm.
Mon, Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Day Council meeting 8pm.
Wed, Jan. 18	Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.
Mon, Jan. 23	March for Life bus trip
Wed, Jan. 25	Fr. John Murray's birthday.
Thurs, Jan. 26	Setup 7pm.
Sat, Jan. 28	Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance 7pm
Sat, Jan. 29	Corp Communion Mass 8am at SMA chapel. ASCPG meeting 1pm.
Wed, Jan. 31	Feast of St. John Bosco
Sun, Feb. 5	Super Bowl party 5pm.

Columbiette Report

Happy New Year Sister Columbiettes and your families!

-Dates to mark on your calendar:

January 18, 2012 – Columbiettes' Christmas Party – we will be going to a local restaurant. Now that the Christmas rush is behind us, we can all get together and unwind. If you did not attend our Dec. Meeting, watch your eMails and Phone messages for further details and reservations.

March, 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.

May 11, 2012 – "DooWop Dinner/Dance" marks the return of "The Neighborhood" 50/60s band to Dumont. Get your dancing shoes ready and mark your calendars for this event! Watch this paper for additional information.

Reminder, dues are due as of our January meeting.

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? Money raised from fundraising events we hold during the year goes to support women's & children's charities in our local area. For further details, please call VP Donna Fredericks @ 551.427.7180

On behalf of all of your Columbiette Officers, may I wish you and your families a Very Happy, Healthy & Blessed New Year "2012".

Joan Winant, Secretary / Publicity

Hungry & Homeless

Wed. Jan. 25, 2012 is our next scheduled feeding of the Hungry & Homeless. We are in need of some turkeys. We usually need at least 150 to 175 lbs. of turkey meat to serve, which translates to about 12 good size turkeys. However, during these economic times and the upcoming winter months we may need more food than before. If you can donate a turkey, call me to pickup or drop it off at the council.

John E. McGill, Chairman 201-384-7511

Get Involved in your Council

Grand Knight Lou Pidi has repeatedly pleaded to all Council members to get actively involved in St. John's Council 1345 even in a very small way. The success and future of our 103 year old Council depends on it. I can only echo his sentiment.

First, look for an opportunity to attend at least one Council meeting next year in 2012. Reintroduce yourself to members you haven't seen in awhile and meet newer members you do not know.

Read over the Dates to Remember in this Newsletter to see what you would want to do or attend. Active participation by more council members is key to our council's future and survival.

DGK John E. McGill, Council Activities Director

Photo Gallery



Photo courtesy of Brian O'Dowd

In case you missed it, this is a photo of the banners we posted at St. Mary's, St. John's, and two other local Christian churches in our area for the Keep Christ in Christmas program.

Scholarship Program

Donations support... Your donation will help increase the amount of money the Council has for the Fund. A modest \$5.00 donation is suggested, but, any amount larger or smaller is appreciated.

Our scholarship program benefits the children and grandchildren of our members. Funds are awarded to first year College entrants, and to first year Catholic High School entrants.

Applications for this year... will be available at the Council after January 15, 2012 for pickup at a meeting, or a Friday Night Social. Applications will also be available on our website, kof1345.org, or, you can call me at 201-338-2617 and I will mail you a copy.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Religious and Civil Rights

It's very easy to get caught up in the mindset of us versus them.

Us against the secular world

Us against the protestant world

Us against liberal Catholics

or perhaps us against conservative Catholics.

We need less time reflecting on who THEY are and more time reflecting on who we are...or more precisely who we are called to be.

In Luke's Gospel Jesus delivers us yet another challenge, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you"

This is not some naïve instruction intended to lead us to defeat, it's the Word of God made flesh showing us the way to triumph.

Through the prism of the sacrifice of the Cross Jesus is enlightening us to the interconnectivity of every human being, even the ones that disagree and persecute us.

That said, being a Christian is not a call to lay down our arms and roll over, quite the contrary. To turn the other cheek is to stand firm and love, with strength. We are called to not only hold our ground but point out the evil the other is doing, if possible by our actions of heroic love. Winning temporal wars is not the goal...winning immortal souls for our God is.

Spend time listening to the enemies of our faith and find a common ground. Build a relationship but stay unwavering in your allegiance to truth. Lead by example, as difficult as that is to do. Conversations and debates that are engaged in with love and respect will gain so much more than petitions and shouting matches...not only for your enemy but for yourself.

This is a perfect month to try and put this in action, as we mourn the intrinsically evil verdict that our nation's Supreme Court arrived at 39 years ago, Roe v Wade. Try talking to a pro-abortion friend or family member about this tragic decision without vitriol. Conversion is a slow and often invisible process.

Tom Ciotti, PGK, CRC Chairman