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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year. I hope 2015 is a year of grace and blessings for you. We make many resolutions as the new year begins but as Christians as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 11 maybe this can be our resolution to live out our baptismal calling.

Be more involved with your local church. Apply the teachings of the scriptures to your life. Be more kind and compassionate to those who may get on our nerves. Be faithful to Sunday Mass! Just some suggestions for a good new year. Here are some words of wisdom from one of the Church Fathers, St. Gregory Nazianzus on the meaning of the Baptism of the Lord in our lives:
"Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of all people, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ., the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven."

May God be Praised,

Fr. Dominic

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

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

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. As we move into 2015 I reflect back on the first half of the Columbian year and am happy to see our council moving forward.

On Saturday 12/13 St. John's council celebrated our annual Christmas party with about 200 guests in attendance. It was truly a wonderful night of celebration with Panorama music providing the entertainment. Congratulations to Larry Rivera and Frank Polise for the great chairing job them and all the people involved to bring us a truly fun night.

I am also cancelling our paid snack night and will be bringing back the complimentary snack so come on down and fellowship with our family.

I would like to wish you all a happy New Year and that God continues his blessings in your life.

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
Chaplain:	Rev. Dominic Ciriaco	201-384-0557
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Deputy GK:	Lauro Rivera	201-315-0456
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Warden	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
Recorder	Frank Gallacher	
Treasurer	William Horn	201-385-7652
Advocate	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Financial Secy:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
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Outside Guard II	Tim Hickey	201-417-7776
Trustee 1 yr.	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
Trustee 2 yr.	B. Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
Trustee 3 yr	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	John McAvinue	973-563-0120

Council Chairmen & Directors		
Church Activities:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Community Affairs:	Lou Pidi, PGK	201-707-7253
Council Activities:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
Drug Awareness:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
Event Reservations:	Larry Rivera	201-315-0456
Family Activities:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2789
Loaves & Fishes:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Mail Committee:	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Membership:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Newsletter Editor:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Parish Liaison's:		
-St. John Church	Bill Horn	201-385-7652
-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
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Lauro Rivera	201-315-0456
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Rosary Hour:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Bill Connington, PGK,	201-385-9697
Squires:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Youth Activities:	Ivan Hannibal, PGK	646-528-9592

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers(update in Sept.)

President:	Louis Pidi	201-707-7253
Vice President:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Secretary:	Randy Dunkin	201-800-2381
Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Bar:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Kitchen:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Dishwasher:	John Graham	201-387-0419
Purchasing:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Rentals:	Robert DeWald	201-264-6290
Servers/Waiters:	Timothy Hickey	201-417-7776

Columbiette's Ladies Auxiliary (new)

President:	Joan Winant	201-696-1159
Vice-Pres:	Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Secretary:	Annette Roge	201-384-4260
Financial Secy:	Laura Labetti	201-387-7479
Treasurer:	Lillian Holmes	201-342-5142
Sentinel:	Pauline Scalice	201-338-2789

Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)

Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts

Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
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KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Dec. 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;	-Ed Orr
-Jack McHugh, Sr.	-Joseph Johnson
-Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK	-John Scalice;
-Dick Dorozynski	-Geo DiCostanzo, PGK;
-John McGill, PGK;	-Ed Koska
Tom Trank, PGK	-Barry Bernard, PGK;

Relatives & Friends

- Andrew DiCostanzo, grandson of PGK G. DiCostanzo;
- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- 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;
- 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.
- Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;

Wakes

Members: Fred Jacobsen, PGK;

Relatives & Friends:

- Adeline Venere, a sister Columbiette
- Ann Marsigliano, sister-in-law of Jack Marsigliano

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**.**

Scholarship Applications

Applications for 2015 awards will be available at the Council beginning on Friday January 30. Just ask the bartender for a complete set of including instructions.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

NJ K of C State Convention

Friday & Saturday, May 15-16. Applications are now available. Call PGK George DiCostanzo for a copy, or email to: papagdc@aol.com.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in January, 2015.

Congratulations to Nabil Abou-Daoud and his wife on 43 years of marriage Sept. 18.

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, January 14, 2014.**

Deputy Grand Knight Report

Brothers, I hope that all of you had a Great and Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year!!!

On behalf of my Co-Chairman for Christmas Party last December 13, Brother Frank Polise, I would like to thank you my brothers for joining us in the celebration of our Annual Christmas Party. The party was a huge success because of the cooperation we received from most of you, our Sister Columbiettes and our friends. Everybody was on the dance floor as soon as the Panorama Band started playing and enjoying their beautiful music till the end of the party.

The next day was another success for there was a good attendance for the Children's Christmas Party. Children enjoyed beautiful music played by DJ Justine Noelle. I hope that our next events will be successful as these ones and this can only be attained with your continued participation and cooperation. Having great events means better money we raised to support our community and churches.

We have another special event coming and that's Fr. Murray's birthday celebration on January 24. Your presence in this event is greatly appreciated especially by our Chaplain Emeritus who will celebrate his 92nd birthday.

I'm appealing to you my brothers that council continuously needs help. An hour or two of your time is all what we ask for and what we need especially for waiters, setups, kitchen and dishwashing.

Again, 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, new friends while enjoying a snack.

DGK Larry Rivera

Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment

Congratulations to William Day who took his Second Degree in December.

Mark the date, Feb. 27...Third Degree at our Council..

Matt Connell, Membership Chairman

Financial Secretary Report

Dues bills for the 2015 annual dues will be mailed the week after Christmas. Look for your bill in your mail. ***We ask that you pay promptly.*** Repeated mailings cost the council extra money.

It's not too late to mail back your Member Update Form that you received in the November (yellow paper). **Important information is needed from you**, such as: telephone number, next of kin, spouse name, etc. Mail it back.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you & family.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

We meet today

*To thank Thee for the era done,
And Thee for the opening one."*

- John Greenleaf Whittier

Happy New Year...2015!

The Columbiettes will "Ring in the New Year" with our annual party/meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 7:30pm at Buongiorno's Restaurant in Dumont, NJ. This is a tradition that began many years ago and it's always an enjoyable evening.

With the start of the new year it's time for all of our events to begin! February 20 and March 13 we will have our Cod & God Fish Fry's, **AND.....Don't forget...mark your calendars for Sunday, March 22, 2015.** The Columbiettes will be celebrating their **10th Anniversary!** We will meet at St Mary's Church for a special blessing at the 12:00 Mass and a luncheon will follow at Lieto's Restaurant in New Milford; cost and time will be advised.

Looking forward to seeing our Sister Columbiettes at all of our special events this year!

Here's to a fantastic 2015!

PP Roberta Elwell, Publicity

Right to Life Report

Brothers and Sisters, I hope you had a Blessed Christmas and the beginning of a healthy 2015.

Now WE are a PRO-LIFE organization. We have an opportunity to demonstrate our Gospel of Life by marching in the annual March For Life on Thursday January 22nd 2015 in Washington DC. Tell your friends (even relatives) We have 2 busses holding 49 passengers each. Cost \$15.00 per person.

If you have ever been to the March For Life you know how the hundreds of thousands other marchers show their love of life Born and Unborn. We carry a 45 foot Rosary and pray along the route.

Mark the date January 22nd 2015 It starts with Mass at 6AM in the lower church of St. John's. The bus leaves at 7:00AM and returns by 10:30 PM Thursday evening. Reserve a seat Call Matt Connell at 201-397-7187

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Dance-

Saturday January 24th 2015 at 7:00PM It's that time again to join us for the Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Dance. This year we will be celebrating Fr. Murray's 92nd birthday and as you may know he has been in a nursing home for a while and we have it on good sources he may be again able to join us for this very special event.

We are planning an evening of fun, dancing and great food, all to be enjoyed with our beloved Fr. Murray and his family.

The dinner will start with salad, followed by pasta, and the main course will be chicken cordon bleu, with baked potatoes, and string beans almondine. Dessert will be birthday cake with coffee or tea. Music for your dancing pleasure, & all this for \$30 per person. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend this celebration.

For reservations please call Deputy Grand Knight Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456, and mail your check.

Phil Fredericks, PGK and

Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PFN, Co-Chairmen

Dates to Remember

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

Thurs, Jan. 1	New Year's Day.
Sat, Jan. 3	Rental – 7pm. <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus solemnity.</i>
Sun, Jan. 4	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord solemnity.</i> ASCPG mtg 2pm
Mon, Jan. 5	Council mtg 8pm.
Sat, Jan. 10	Rental - Moriarty
Sun, Jan. 11	<i>The Baptism of the Lord solemnity.</i>
Mon, Jan. 12	Officer mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Jan. 14	Rosary Hour 7pm.
Sat, Jan. 17	DHS Music Dept fundraiser 7pm.
Mon, Jan. 19	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i> Council mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Jan 21	Columbette Dinner Party
Sat, Jan. 24	Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance 7pm.
Sun, Jan. 25	ASCPG Orientation
Tues, Jan. 27	Columbian Club mtg. 8pm.

Troop 1345 Scout Report

On December 14, the troop celebrated Daniel Adomilli's rank of Eagle Scout at his Eagle Court of Honor. Daniel joined the troop back in April 2008.



At left: Mayor Jim Kelly presenting a plaque to Daniel. At right: Daniel with his parents.

At the end of January, the troop will be hosting its annual Webelos recruitment campout in Stony Point, NY. This is where potential new scouts camp with us for the weekend, and see what it is like to be a Boy Scout. We expect that several of these boys will be joining the Troop 1345 scouting family in February or March.

This year's recruitment theme is Emergency Preparedness. Additionally, the troop will be attending a Klondike derby competition in January to match their outdoor skills with scouts from around the area.

Matt Bambling has completed his Eagle Scout project, and has submitted his application for the rank of Eagle Scout. Matt is currently awaiting his Eagle Scout Board of Review. Good luck Matt!

Ray Ziemba, 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

Keep Christ in Christmas Program

Once again this year, the Council provided FREE KCIC lawn signs for parishioners at St. Mary's & St. John's Churches.



On the left are signs in St. Mary's, on the right at St. John's Church.

Adult Christmas Party



At left, Frank Polise's daughter Olivia began the evening by singing Ave Maria. At right, Elf (Gloria Horn), Santa & Mrs Claus (Tony & Sheila Tulli) and Elf (Nina DiCostanzo). Back row: Grand Knight Carmine Grillo and his wife Nina.

Shelter Help Needed

My friend Erne Linn does a lot of work with the homeless shelter that helps families in Bergen county. The families are hosted at different churches in the area for a week or so.

Help is desperately needed for when the shelter is hosted at the Korean church in Closter.

The following dates represent the dates for 2015:
2/8 Sunday for one week; 3/1 Sunday for one week'
11/1 Sunday for one week

There are a few different jobs where help is needed but the biggest need is for people to stay overnight. There are new, comfortable air mattresses and the people are wonderful.

Overnight volunteers need to get the residents up for breakfast and on the bus by 6am. On Saturday and Sunday volunteers need to stay until 7:30am.

Please consider getting involved at whatever level of commitment you are able to. If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information please contact Erne. Her e-mail address is ernelinn3@gmail.com. Thanks a million.

Tom Ciotti, PGK