



The Knight Times

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JUNE, 2010

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

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

In the 128th birth year of the Knights of Columbus (of which you are a member), we should recall the words of the late Pope John Paul the Great as he called us "*The strong right arm of the Catholic Church*".

So in this birth year, we should make May 23 the Solemnity of Pentecost or the Birthday of the Church, a Great Day for that Holy Spirit who changed Fishermen into Apostles, even Martyrs. Please God that same Holy Spirit will change all of us to that New Creation St. Paul Wants Us All to Be.

Not long after (13 days to be exact) the Solemnity of Pentecost, Holy Mother the Church gives us the Solemnity (not just a Feast) of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Our Lord) to help us on our journey toward Heaven and believe me, it is a Real Great Help on our journey. Friday of that same week (June 11), our Holy Mother gives us the Solemnity (not just a Feast) of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

You know the definition of "Sacred"? Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary's definition is from the French "to consecrate". YES, Our Lord Consecrated the Last Drop of His Precious Blood for you and me. WHAT LOVE! WHAT LOVE! WHAT LOVE!
Please read St. Paul's Letter (the first) to the Corinthian's (chapter 13).

LOVE IS...a tiny seed GOD planted in the mind; it blossoms into flowers and makes a person kind.

LOVE IS...compassionate – has hope for those who fall; the most effective – most Christ Like way of all.

LOVE IS...ever patient, it's found in trustful hearts; it is most unselfish, the finest gift of all ARTS.

Quote of the month: "*Life is not a problem to be solved; it's a mystery to be lived*". Live that mystery with the great help of God's Grace and Your cooperation.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. John F. Murray, SMA

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,

When I reflect back on my year as Grand Knight, phrases like "fun", "pleasant" and "easy" will most likely not be in the forefront of my mind. While I didn't start this year thinking that the job would be some Polly Anna walk in the park, truth be told, I did expect an overwhelmingly cheerful experience. That I entered the year with this misconception is a testament to both my naivety and my ego.

In my first Grand Knight's message I stated that my number one goal for the year was to earn the adjective "Worthy" before the title of Grand Knight. I was sincere in that aim and our Blessed Lord must have heard me, and helped me in that unique way that is His. This of course meant filling the year with obstacles I would not have thought myself capable of facing before I started down the road.

It also meant allowing me to see myself through the often negative prism of the people around me. Sometimes that manifested itself as a struggle with my own judgmental character and meant learning to just lovingly accept others for who they are. More difficult though was facing faults in me that I would have preferred to just push aside and continue on in my happy fog of self ignorance.

When I reflect back on my year as Grand Knight phrases like "rewarding", "educational" and "humbling" will be in the forefront of my mind. These are terms of real gravity and for that I am deeply grateful to all of you.

To those of you whose assistance provided me with enjoyable moments and made me feel like I had earned the title of "Worthy"...thank you.

To those of you that presented me with challenges and truly made me work to earn the title of "Worthy"...thank you.

Most of all I offer sincere praise and thanks to God, for placing me on a path I would have never chosen for myself. I leave this office a better Catholic gentleman than I was one year ago.

To my brother Knights that served as Officers, especially your Grand Knight elect Dave Benson, I offer my deepest gratitude and sincerest wishes for the Columbian year ahead. I am certain that you gentlemen will achieve truly great things.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

**2009-2010 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

Council Officers

Chaplain	Rev. John F. Murray	201-567-0450
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Sick & Wake Report

To add or delete a name on this list, call Ed Kostka at 201-387-9482, or call PGK George Olszewski at 201-384-9524. *Italic indicates new or change.*

Members

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Ken Malesky
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Richard Burke	George Forbes
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Fr. John Murray, SMA	Walter Boettger
George Idell	Dave Benson
Luke Garripoli	Jack O'Brien

Relatives & Friends

Ann Sanders, mother of Bob Sanders PGK
Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;
Anthony Matarazzo, son of Joe Matarazzo, FDD, PGK;
Barbara, wife of Frank Fawcett;
Ben, nephew of Dom Panfile
Bishop McDonnell, State Chaplain
Diane Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
Fred Auer, father-in-law of PGK Steve Martin;
Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn, Treasurer;
Jackie Burdy, cousin of OG Charles Hollis
Jean DeFalco, wife of Eli DeFalco;
Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of PGK Frank Messia.
Judith LaFerrera, sister of Fr. Bob, pastor, St. Mary's Church;
Karen Glover, wife of Ray Glover
Louise Zucker, sister of Bob Knott;
Marie Fitzgerald, wife of Bob Fitzgerald;
Mary Rudolph, widow of Art Rudolph;
Maureen, wife of Ed Kostka.
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.
Vincenza, mother-in-law of PGK Bill Bochicchio.
Wayne McCormack, NJ State Council Secretary;

Wakes

Rocco Gerace; and, John P. Canavan;
Nellie Fleming, relative of Columbiette MaryAnn Ragone;

Upcoming Degree Dates

First Degree: Tues, June 8 at Westwood Council;
Second Degree: Tues, June 1 at Ridgefield Park Council;
Third Degree: to be announced.
Fourth Degree: October, 2010.

Lecturer Program

Next Lecture program is Monday, June 21 after meeting.
Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Lecturer Chairman

Blood Drive

Sunday, June 13 from 10:00am to 1:30pm. We need your donation of blood to help those who are in desperate need of it. Please call me at 201-707-7253 to set up a time for your donation.

Lou Pidi, Chairman

From the News Desk

Birthdays wishes to members celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in June, especially Bill Hamilton celebrating his 91st birthday, & Joseph Kelly celebrating his 42nd birthday on June 12. *Anniversary-Best Wishes* to members celebrating an anniversary or a special occasion this month.

Congratulations to Frank & Nina Messina on the birth of their second great-grandchild Bennett Lewis Messina.

Our *seminarian Roy Regaspi* was ordained a Deacon at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on Sunday, May 23. Next year, he will be ordained a priest. May God's blessing always be with Roy.

Knights Service Directory...it's our first edition enclosed with this newsletter. If you need these services, call a Knight.

Cash Raffle

Tickets were mailed recently for our Spring 50-50 cash raffle to help support our Council funds. Ticket cost is \$5.00 each, and drawing is at the Beef & Brew Dance on Saturday, June 19.

We hope you can purchase one or two tickets and help the council.

Membership & Recruitment Activities

Brother Knights, get in touch with me if you have made your 1st or 2nd degree and you want to move up. I remind all brothers that June 4 is our monthly pizza night and Open House. If you know of any Catholic gentlemen who may be interested in joining our order, bring them down to the council that night. You will be doing them a great service. There is always an officer or a PGK who will be happy to answer any questions that he might have in becoming a Knight. Call me at 201-439-1985 or 201-707-7253.

Lou Pidi, Membership

Convention Report

On the weekend of May 14th I had the tremendous honor of representing our Council at the State Convention. I was joined by a few PGKs, their families and other members of our council. It was really an educational and enjoyable weekend. If you want to know more details, give me a buzz and I'll give you the full run down.

I also need to thank all the members and their wives who cooked and brought down goodies for the hospitality suite. A very special thank you goes to PGK Matt Hayes, and his lady Donna, for making our Council's hospitality suite so incredibly hospitable from the early morning coffee to the desserts that we ate into the wee hours.

GK Tom



Left: Barry Bernard DD, PGK, PFN and his wife Maria, DD Circle of Honor recipient.

Right: composite photo of the group that attended the Convention this year, led by our GK Tom Ciotti. A handsome group of "guys and dolls".

Columbiettes Report

As I write this article I cannot believe that we are coming to the end of our Columbiette year. We had a very successful one. Our functions this year allowed us to donate \$3600.00 to charity.

As always our charities included women and children agencies which are very close to our hearts. It is too long a list to include in the article, but as always they remain in Bergen County and surrounding towns.

We had some great affairs this year starting with the Lenten dinners, Tea Party and of course the 50/60's show which was a tremendous success. May the next Columbiette year be as great.

At the K of C Convention we were honored with a plaque for our donation to the Fr Murray Scholarship fund. I was privileged to accept this award on behalf of all of us.

This year our numbers kept growing. Our hope for next year is that membership will continue to grow. Recruit a friend! May you all have a peaceful and wonderful summer. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday June 16. Hope to see you all there. *Peace, Nina*

Family & Knight of the Month



Left: Family of the Month - the Bernards. From left: Barry Jr, Melissa, Joseph, Patricia, Barry Sr, DD, PGK, PFN, and wife Maria, with Deputy Grand Knight Dave Benson.

Right: Knight of the Month - Gerry Flood with Deputy GK Dave Benson.

San Alfonso Retreat

Our annual retreat to San Alfonso will be Friday thru Sunday, August 13-15, 2010. The cost is \$175.00 with a \$25 deposit for reservation. Registration is at 4pm on Friday, followed by dinner at 6pm. Departure on Sunday after lunch.

Since our Retreat Chairman PGK George Olszewski is still on the Sick List, call PGK G. DiCostanzo 201-338-2617 if you're interested in attending the retreat.

This is a great retreat to revive spirituality, reflect on our Christian lives, and relax in a splendid setting by the seashore. The theme this year is *The Year of St. Luke...God's Compassion*. Think about it!

Grand Knight Reports...

District Deputy

All the hard work of our District Deputy, Past Grand Knight, and friend, Barry Bernard, was recognized when our State Deputy, Herb Meyer, awarded him the Circle of Honor.

Barry was only one of 10 DDs to receive the honor, of the 70+ in the State of NJ. Barry has brought a great honor to our Council. Congratulate and thank him the next time you see him.

Chaplain of the Year

Father John F. Murray is a giant among the many great Priests that guide Knights in the state of NJ and our Worthy State Deputy obviously agrees. He named Father Murray Chaplain of the Year, a well deserved honor of great distinction.

Of the many privileges I have had the pleasure of this year, accepting this award for Fr. Murray was by far the greatest. Fr. Murray is the epitome of what it means to be a Catholic Gentleman and his presence continues to make every Council, every Squires Circle, every Columbiette auxiliary, every 4th Degree assembly and every State Council event something entirely special.

From all of us at St John's Council #1345 we offer you our heartfelt congratulation in addition to our love and respect.

Beef and Brew

I wish to invite all of you to join me on Saturday, June 19th for my official last hurrah. As always your \$27 admission will get you the superb food, music and friends that are standard at all of our Council events. In addition, we will give out some awards and will pick our big "End-O'-Columbian-Year" raffle winners.

Most importantly you will allow me the opportunity to sit down and thank each and every one of you for all that you've done this year. Did I mention there would be beef and brew? Did I really need to say anything more than that?

For reservations, email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com or call 201-387-9750 press # 3. Make checks payable to St. John's Council.

Fraternally, Tom Ciotti, GK

Turning Point Pregnancy Crisis Center

Turning Point has begun their "baby bottle" collection drive. Next time you're at the Council, consider dropping in your loose change, bottles are on the bar. They are also being considered by state K of C for an Ultrasound Machine for their center.

Dates to Remember

Note: setups for rentals & council events are on Thursday's at 7:00pm.
Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Sun, May 30 Corporate Communion St. John's 9am mass;
Mon, May 31 Memorial Day – *Fly the Flag*;
Dumont Parade 10am; Bergenfield Parade 2pm;
Wed, June 2 Rosary Hour 8pm – Special night;
Fri, June 4 Friday Social, pizza 9pm;
Sat, June 5 Rental 4-8pm;
Mon, June 7 Council meeting 8pm; election of officers;
Fri, June 11 Rental 7-11pm; Friday Social 9pm;
Sat, June 12 Rental 4-8pm;
Sun, June 13 Blood Drive
Mon, June 14 Flag Day – *Fly the Flag*;
Wed, June 16 Columbiette meeting 7:30pm; election of officers;
Fri, June 18 Friday Social 9pm;
Sat, June 19 Beef & Brew Dinner Dance 7-11pm;
Sun, June 20 Father's Day;
Mon, June 21 PGK Dinner 6pm; Council meeting 8pm;
Sat, June 26 Rental 7-11pm;
Mon, June 28 Columbian Club meeting 8pm;
Fri, July 2 Rental (wedding) 3pm-8pm;
Sun, July 4 Independence Day – *Fly the Flag*;
Mon, July 19 Golf Outing
Sat, July 31 Installation. 3:30pm mass a St. John's;

Friday Night Socials

Pizza and Karaoke night on June 4 at 9pm. Come on down and enjoy some food and fun.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chair

Troop 1345 Boy Scouts

Questions about the Troop, or anyone interested in Scouting, can contact Keith by email at atcoutmaster1345@aol.com, or at 201-993-4476.

Keith Hilcken, Scoutmaster

Jim Rush Memorial Golf Outing

See the enclosed flyer about our annual Golf Outing scheduled for Monday July 19th, 2010 at the Rockleigh Golf Course, Rockleigh NJ. Contact Mike Cremin at 201-384-2543.

Corporate Communion

Sunday, May 30 at St. John's Church Bergenfield at 9:00am Mass. Continental breakfast afterwards at the Council. Try to attend.

Hungry & Homeless Feeding

May 12 was our scheduled feeding of the homeless and hungry at the shelter in Hackensack. Many thanks to all our brothers who helped with the preparation of the entire turkey meal.

We served 103 patrons, and 10 meals for the residents. Since we had prepared food for many more expected patrons we had food left over which we left for later arrivals. We also gave a full tray of turkey to Bob Armbruster as a donation to Sunday May 16th feeding at Christ Church.

Our next scheduled date is July 7th. Please save some time to help, and if you have a turkey you will not be using consider donating it for our feeding. Thank you all.

Bill Horn, Chairman

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Fraternally, Don Stappenbeck, Ins. Agent

Council Scholarship

The drawing for this year's winners of the Scholarship Awards will be held on Monday, June 7 during our regular Council meeting. Two awards of \$1000 each will be given out.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Nominating Committee Report

The committee completed its task and submits its slate of officers for the 2010-2011 Columbian year as follows.

Grand Knight	Dave Benson
Deputy Grand Knight	Lou Pidi
Chancellor	John McGill
Warden	George Corbo
Recorder	Charles Hollis
Treasurer	Bill Horn
Advocate	Ed Trawinski
Inside Guard	Carmine Grillo
Outside Guard	Martin Naughton
Outside Guard	Tony Tulli
Trustee 3 years	Steve Martin, PGK

May the Holy Spirit bless these men and guide them in leading our Council for the next year.

Bob Dondero, Chairman

Resolution – Collection Drive for Developmentally Disabled Persons

By the grace of God, blessed with good weather and helped with a donation from the Columbian Club, our collection drive netted \$10,009. The funds will be distributed as follows.

NJ State Council Retarded Fund	\$1000.00
American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group	\$693.00
Bergen County Special School District	\$693.00
Bergen-Passaic Unit Retarded Citizens (The Arc)	\$693.00
Blesman School Retarded Children's Fund	\$693.00
Camp Fatima	\$693.00
Felician School for Exceptional Children	\$693.00
Inst for Educ Development-Autism Program	\$693.00
Rockleigh Center - Life Skills Program	\$693.00
Rockleigh Rehabilitation Center	\$693.00
Special Olympics of New Jersey	\$693.00
Spectrum for Living	\$693.00
The Child Center of Paramus	\$693.00
Tri-Valley Academy-Autism Program	\$693.00

Thanks to those who helped make this possible.

Tom Ciotti, GK

Pro-Life

Last month I read a story in the Record about a 5 year old boy from Jersey City that is able to hit an 85mph fastball. While the story of the boy's amazing talent was fascinating it was a few paragraphs in the middle that really blew me away. It detailed how the boy was not a miracle child because he could hit major league heat but rather that he had been born at all.

You see the boy's parents had been informed that the amniocentesis indicated he would most likely be born with Down Syndrome or severe paralysis. We all know what the majority of the medical community advises when this is the prognosis. Abortion. Luckily these parents made the decision to have their child, regardless of what they might be faced with. They obviously were aware of how precious life is.

While I was overjoyed to read how their decision had ended in such a happy way I was struck by the fact that the writer of the story missed the bigger picture. Had their son been born with Down Syndrome or severe paralysis they would most certainly have had to deal with different challenges but the joy that filled their hearts when they held their child would not have been diminished in the least bit.

God Bless, Tom Ciotti, GK