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MARCH - 2014

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

As we enter into the month of March we begin the holy season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 5 and the season will extend to Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16. A spiritual writer explains the season of Lent this way: *"Lent is the time to create sacred space in our lives. The testing of Jesus and his fast in the desert are the example given to us whereby we can create this sacred space. Fasting whether it be from food or drink or from many of our selfish and self-centered impulses helps to make room in our hearts for God and his word. Repentance for our past sins removes the baggage that clutters up our lives and makes us take responsibility for ourselves and the consequences of our ill-considered free choices.*

Furthermore, repentance reorients our lives away from self toward God by helping us realize and work on what comes between us and the Lord. Repentance turns the water of our tears into the wine of his divine love. The basic message that Jesus preaches is intended to make us more aware of the presence of God's kingdom among us and within us. By self-discipline and a change of heart regarding our past sins, we become all the more receptive to serving and promoting the kingdom of God, where the good news of love, mercy and forgiveness reign in the person of Jesus and in his body, the Church."

May this Lent be a time for us to rejuvenate our spiritual lives, to go deep within ourselves, make amends for past sins and open our hearts to loving God more as we celebrate the great Easter mystery that Christ suffered and died for us and rose from the dead out of love for us.

May God be praised,

Fr. Dominic

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

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

At times it seems that Mother Nature is against us, we were forced to cancel our December and February events due to snow conditions. Hopefully we can make them up, when I am not sure but we will try. I am hoping that she will grant us a reprieve and the warmer weather will prevail.

In January we help our beloved Father Murray celebrate his 91st birthday. A wonderful time was had by all and we did some fund raising for the Father Murray Scholarship as well. I would like to thank our state officers Bob Hatler and Jim Stoeber, State Treasurer and Advocate respectively, for their attendance and to Russ Petrocelli for his outstanding job as our MC that night. Thank you gentlemen it made the night very special, especially to me.

The Bergenfield Saint Patrick's Day parade will be held on Sunday March 16, 2014 with a step off at 2:00 PM. Please try to join us as we march down Washington Avenue and then to the council for corned beef and cabbage. This is truly a fun only event.

Our next event is our annual Irish Night! This will be held on March 29, 2014 from 7:00 – 11:00 PM at the council. It always sells out so make sure that you get your reservations in early. Please follow the reservations instructions that are listed in this newsletter.

Our Special Children's Dinner and Show will be held on April 26, 2014. This is an important event as it raises funds for our contributions to our charities. Your attendance as officers and members of this great council is vital to its success. Come on down and see some of your friends get active in song and dance for the night.

Personally, I would like to take some time to thank some very special members of our council for all of their help during the passing of my mother in law. To Angie and Bill Bochicchio, Delores and Brian O'Dowd, Gerry Flood, Frank Gallagher, Lou and Joe Pidi, you helped us make it through a difficult time and from the bottom of my heart I truly thank you.

May the peace of our Lord be with us through good times and bad, may he bless us each and every day and continue his blessing of our great council.

Vivat Jesus,

Charles Hollis

Charles (Chuck) Hollis, Grand Knight

**2013-2014 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

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Rosary Hour:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
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Squires – Circle #1622

(inactive)	-----	-----
	Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts	
Scoutmaster(new).	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Feb. 15, 2014

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, contact PGK **Bill Connington, 201-385-9697.**

We are updating the sick list. If you would like to have our council pray for family or friends, contact Bill as noted above to add the name.

Members

- Ed Kostka
- Fr. John F. Murray SMA;
- Jack McHugh, Sr.
- Matt Hayes PGK

Relatives & Friends

- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Jonathan Jacobi, son-in-law of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Mary V ostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Michael Cullen, son of the John Cullen;

Wakes

- Members:
-(none);

Relatives & Friends:

- Antonia, mother of Severino (Jun) Adel;
- Betty Haubert, mother-in-law of GK Chuck Hollis;
- Elizabeth Hilcken, mother of Keith Hilcken;
- John Alvarez, brother-in-law of Frank Fiore;
- Laurie, wife of Bob Knott;
- Mother of Ken Malesky;
- Mother-in-Law of Ramon Franciledo;
- Norma, mother of Columbiette Kathy McCabe;

Praying 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."

From the News Desk

Birthdays wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in March. PGK G. DiCostanzo Mar 14; Past Columbiette Pres Mattea Truppe Mar 14; PGK B. Bochicchio Mar 17.

Catholic Men's Conference, at Seton Hall Univ, on Sat, March 15, with guest speaker Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

Fourth Degree Exemplification, Sunday, March 30, 2014 at Parsippany Hilton at 1pm.

Pride in Priests Dinner – Wednesday, May 7 at the Fiesta.

The Rosary Hour

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

The next rosary hour is Wednesday, Mar 12, 2014.

Deputy Grand Knight Message

Greetings Brothers, A reminder that our annual "Special Childrens" dinner & show is coming up on Saturday April, 26 with proceeds going to charities that help developmentally disabled people. As you know, our Worthy Trustee/PGK Bill Bochicchio has stepped down as show director directing the fabulous show we put on last Columbian year. Now Bill has handed the reins over to me as the show's new director. Along with co-directors veteran Maria Bernard & Alex Bontia we are looking forward to working with many of you to make this year's show a success. Anyone interested in participating in our show, please contact me at CarmineCroons@gmail.com & we will welcome you into our merry troupe. Tickets for the dinner & show are \$35 & you can make your reservations by calling Brother Lauro Rivera at 201-315-0456 or emailing kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. Thank you.

Carmine Grillo, Deputy Grand Knight

Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment

Members who took their Second Degree in January are: Dave Gallacher, Robert Auth, and Robert Truppe.

Members who took their Third Degree in February, held at St. John's Council are: Fr. Jonathan Perez (from St. John's Church Bergenfield), Kenneth Armellino, Dave Gallacher, Robert Auth and Robert Truppe.

Congratulations these members having completed their journey to knighthood.

Next degrees are:

- Second Degree – March 4, 2014 Fort Lee;
- First Degree – March 11, 2014 Westwood;
- Fourth Degree – March 30, 2014 Parsippany;
- First Degree – April 8, 2014 Westwood;

Lauro Rivera, Membership Chairman

Financial Secretary Report

There are still a number of members that have not yet sent in their dues. Please, all members who have not yet sent them in as yet do so as soon as possible.

Ed Kostka, Financial Secretary

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance – Irish Night

It's that time again for everyone to be Irish!! Irish Night will be on March 29, 2014 from 7-11pm at the Dumont K of C #1345.

I've been the chairperson for this event the past number of years and good times are always had. Come celebrate the last

Saturday in March with corned beef and cabbage as well as bangers and mashed and beverages.

As always we have the live music of Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. The cost is \$30/ PP. Reservations are a must. You can email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com or call Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456. Thanks again for all your support.

Your Leprechaun

Al Moriarty, Chairman

Columbiette's Report

One fish, two fish, **BEER BATTERED FRIED FISH!** That's right, get ready for the Columbiette's Fish Fry which is on Friday, March 14 at the KOC Hall from 6:00pm to 8:30pm.

The menu, which includes the above mentioned Beer Battered Fried Fish, also features, French Fries, Macaroni and Cheese, pickles, cole slaw, bread and butter, and of course, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. The price is \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required so please call Nina DiCostanzo, Chairperson @201-338-2617 or email ninad70@aol.com and let her know how many are coming.

Then get ready to "**get on the bus**". The Columbiette's are having a bus trip to The Showboat Atlantic City Casino and tour of the RENAULT WINERY with lunch! It will be on Sunday, March 30, the cost is \$50.00 per person with a \$25.00 Casino refund. The bus will be leaving from the KOC hall at 8:30am and return approximately at 10:00pm. For more details and to make your reservations please call Treasurer Lillian Holmes @201-342-5142. We need to have a final reservation total by March 25.

Wishing everyone a "Happy St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day" this month!

Peace, Roberta Elwell, Vice President

Scholarship Applications

Applications and Instructions for the 2014 Scholarship Awards will be available at the Council (at the bar...ask the bartender).

Applicants must have a parent, grandparent, or brother member to be eligible.

Awards are for first year students only for College or Catholic High School.

Completed applications and transcripts are due and must be received by April 30.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman, 201-338-2617.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Co-chairman, 201-387-0240.

Special Children's Dinner Dance & Show

The SPECIAL CHILDREN'S dance and show is coming up on April 26th. Be on the lookout for more information in the April newsletter as well as the Twin-Boro News, and Church Bulletins. This event is for a very special charity...service agencies for Special Needs persons. Mark your calendar; plan to attend. Your participation helps raise proceeds which are donated to these agencies.

Ed Kostka, FS & Dance Chairman

Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our functions are a must! There are (2) ways to reserve your place or table:

--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,

--Call: Chancellor Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.

Dates to Remember

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

- Sat, Mar. 1 DHS Drama/Forensics pasta dinner;
- Mon, Mar. 3 Council meeting 8pm.
- Wed, Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday, fast & abstinence
- Sun, Mar. 9 Daylight Savings Time – set clocks ahead.
- Mon, Mar. 10 Officer meeting 8pm.
- Fri, Mar. 14 Fish Fry dinner – 6-8:30pm.
- Sun, Mar. 16 St. Patrick's Parade Bergenfield 2pm.
Newsletter reports deadline.
- Mon, Mar. 17 Council meeting 8pm; Lecturer 9pm.
- Wed, Mar. 19 Feast of St. Joseph
Columbette's meeting 7:30pm.
- Thurs, Mar. 20 Spring begins
- Tues, Mar. 25 Annunciation of the Lord
Newsletter mailing 10am.
- Sat, Mar. 29 Irish Night 7-11pm.
Founder's Day – K of C.
- Sun, Mar. 30 Family Corp Communion
4th Degree Exemplification
- Mon, Mar. 31 Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Bishop's Night Bergen Federation
- Wed, Apr. 2 Rental – Women's Club 12pm.
- Fri, Apr. 4 Troop #1345 pasta dinner
- Sat, Apr. 5 Rental – Eagle Scout 2pm.

Photo Gallery



Fr. Murray about to blow out candles on his 91st birthday cake, celebrated at Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance Jan 25.



PGK Dave Benson receiving plaque from GK Chuck Hollis as honoree of Third Degree held at council on Feb. 7.

Business Services Directory.

Business Owner Members: add your name to list of member Knights offering their services to members and friends.
Send business name, phone, email, and service you provide.
Mail to: Bus List/Editor, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.
G. DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN, Editor

Stewardship – A Way of Life

Stewards live each day as if Jesus were walking beside us, pointing out acts of compassion for us to perform.
In this way, we act in Jesus' name and manifest what we profess in our creed.

Troop 1345 Boy Scouts Report

At the end of March 2014, Troop 1345 will celebrate it's sixth birthday! We will be finishing up our sixth successful year of operation, and entering our seventh year with a very strong group. We have 37 scouts that are re-chartering for the upcoming year beginning in April, and we hope to be adding to that number shortly as new Webelos scouts graduate and move into Boy Scouts. Our troop is proudly supported by 10 uniformed leaders, 12 committee members, 2 adult volunteers, 4 college scouters, a large group of supportive parents, and of course the Knights of Columbus family.

During the month of March, Troop 1345 will be making a weekend trip to Gettysburg, PA to visit and learn about the Civil War. This will be the troop's second visit to Gettysburg.

The Troop will be hosting a Pasta Dinner at the Knights of Columbus on Friday, April 4. As this is during lent, the menu is meat-free (salad, pasta, eggplant rotolini, mac and cheese). Please stop on by and support the troop – details will be posted around the Knights of Columbus. If you need more information or want to purchase tickets, please reach out to Rich Merkovsky, Frank Fundaro, Ivan Hannibal, or Al & Jill Moriarty. If you can't make it out and want to participate in the pasta dinner fundraiser, let us know in advance and we will prepare a dinner to be delivered to your home (advance orders only).

Troop 1345 participated in a Klondike Derby in West Orange, NJ on February 8, entering 2 sleds into the competition. The participants are pictured below. The scouts take their sleds and equipment to different stations throughout the day, and demonstrate their outdoor scouting skills in topics such as fire building, pioneering, first aid, orienteering, and wilderness survival. One of the sled teams captured FIRST PLACE in the competition! Congratulations!



Photo courtesy of Ray Ziembra
Ray Ziembra, Adult Counselor