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May, 2010*

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

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

(Editor's note: Father Murray continues to improve his health and condition from a bad fall. Keep him in your prayers. And if you wish to send him a greeting card, his address is: SMA Fathers, 23 Bliss Avenue, Tenafly, NJ 07670. Father did manage to participate in the St. Patrick's Parade as Honorary Grand Marshall.)



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,

Thank you. To you my brother Knights, sister Columbiettes, Squires and Scouts...thank you from the bottom of my heart. During the course of a regular month our Council family exemplifies the principles of charity, unity and fraternity but in April you outdid yourselves. In addition to the regular events and rentals, the members of this Council, and all of its auxiliaries, worked together to serve at a special dinner celebration at St Mary's, to increase our ranks at Parish membership drives and to raise money for the mentally challenged at the annual "Shake the Can" drive. It was exhausting and the proudest moment of my Grand Knight year. You are all what makes our Council so special and, again, you have my deepest appreciation for that.

Many men claim that they are better husbands and fathers because of their faith. While I am sure that this is true for them, and do see the overall positive that prayer has had in my life, for me the order is reversed.

I would not be a Christian if it were not for my wife. It's not because Jill was a particularly religious person whose evangelical prowess shook me clear of my hedonistic ways. In my comfortable existence as the single guy there was no frame of reference for me to understand true commitment, let alone a covenant. Fifteen years ago I would have stated, as an absolute, that nothing was more satisfying than staying focused on my own wants, needs and casual pleasures that presented themselves in day to day life.

Everything changed when I fell in love with Jill. I fell hard, as they say back in the old neighborhood. I began to change not because change was required or even requested, but because the reality of having someone love me so powerfully left me with no option than to become a better person to be loved.

After twelve years of marriage, am I deeply loyal to my wife, to point of not flirting, because I'm such a great guy? Nah. I am truly weaker and more a fool then anyone I know. However, the thought of me doing something that would hurt Jill, or make her feel disrespected or think that I esteem her less....that, my friends, raises me up far beyond my own merits.

At the time that Jill and I started to date these emotions, while brand new to me, were conceivable where the thought of a loving God was too far out for me to even attempt to approach. When Christ tapped me on the shoulder and revealed Himself, I was able to understand, albeit it in a very rudimentary way, because of the clarity that the blessing of my marriage had brought. Both can still bring me to tears if I look directly into their light.

My children took me even further along the journey because, for me, forgiveness and self sacrifice were just words until these little people showed up calling me "Daddy". Melting my heart and making my blood boil at the same time. I, as the father, feel unconditional love and so I now "get" His love a little better. I'm sure most of you don't need as many pictures in the book to understand the story, but I do. Each day my family helps me to grow a little closer to God.

For the awesome gift that our wives, mothers, sisters and daughters give I want to wish all the women a very Happy Mother's Day!

Vivat Jesus,

Tom

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

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

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Boy Scouts – Troop #1345

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| Scoutmaster: | Keith Hilcken | 201-993-4476 |
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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

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| Gabriel DiLorenzo | Ken Malesky |
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| George Olszewski, PGK | Frank McCoo |
| Richard Burke | George Forbes |
| Larry Frisby | Timothy Keating |
| Fr. John Murray, SMA | Walter Boettger |

George Idell

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Barbara, wife of Frank Fawcett;
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Sister Andre, sister of Fr. John Murray.
Vincenza, mother-in-law of PGK Bill Bochicchio.
Wayne McCormack, NJ State Council Secretary;

Wakes - Ted Cancalosi;

Upcoming Degree Dates

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| First Degree: | Tues, May 11 at Westwood Council; |
| Second Degree: | Tues, June 1 at Ridgefield Park Council; |
| Third Degree: | Fri, May 7 at Washington Township Council; |
| Fourth Degree: | October, 2010. |

Lecturer Program

Our next lecture program is on Monday, May 17 at 9:00pm.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Lecturer Chairman

Blood Drive – Hold the Date

Sunday, June 13 from 10am to 1:30pm. We need your donation of blood to help those who are in desperate need of it

Lou Pidi, Chairman

From the News Desk

BirthDay wishes to members celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in May, including Jill Moriarty on May 14; Bob Dondero on April 19.

A federal judge in Wisconsin ruled that a federal statute that sets a day for the *National Day of Prayer* violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Since it was established by Congress in 1952, the National Day of Prayer has provided an opportunity for all Americans to voluntarily pray for our nation according to their own faith. But the Freedom From Religion Foundation claimed that the National Day of Prayer creates a "hostile environment" for nonbelievers and filed the lawsuit to abolish this religious event.

Membership & Recruitment Activities

Brother Knights, I am pleased to report on March 26, 2010 Mike Sole, Alex Bontia, Ed Neumuth, Nick Fazio, Charles Rossmann, Mike Annechino, Sabino Rodano, Ken Freeman, Joshua Gibbons, Martin Naughton, Kevin Gynegrowski, Rich Lorenzo, and Tom Collins all were Knighted in the Third Degree that was held in honor of PGK William Bochicchio.

Many thanks to all the brothers who came out for the recruitment drives the past 2 weeks. Business was slow, but we were able to recruit 6 prospects.

Even though the drives are over, ask a friend or relative if he is a practicing Catholic and would like to join our order. He may be waiting for your invitation. Take him to a Friday night social or invite him to one of our affairs and explain what we do. There is always an officer or PGK who will answer any questions he may have in becoming a Knight. Call me at 201-439-1985 or 201-707-7253.

Lou Pidi, Chancellor/Membership

Columbiettes Report

I want to start this article off by saying we had a tremendous success with our 50/60's show. Everywhere I go people have complimented us on what a great job we did. Everyone loved the band and the music. They are already asking if we will have them back next year. So congratulations to the wonderful committee of officers that put this all together. Job well done.

If all goes well we may have some new members to install at our next meeting. Some women have approached Roberta and myself about joining. Remember to bring in your stamps, pennies and can tabs this month so we can deliver what we have at the Convention to end this Columbiette year.

Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday May 19th. Hope to see you all there.

Peace, Nina

Columbian Club Report

The Columbian Club will have three openings for Trustees whose terms are up June 30, 2010. The Treasurer position is also open. If you have a working knowledge of a PC and computer programs, and might be interested call Bob Dondero at 201-387-2368. Must be 21 years of age, not involved in sale of life/health insurance, and no criminal record.

We have a number of rentals in May & June. Help is needed in bartending, waiters, kitchen, set-up, and clean-up. Any help you may be able to give us, will be greatly appreciated. Call PGK Steve Martin at 201-262-2764.

Fraternally, Bob Dondero, President

Convention

Last call for anyone interested in attending the 114th NJ State Council Convention being held in Wildwood, NJ on Fri, May 14th thru Sat, May 15th.

We are staying at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Reservation forms are available on the Council website and at the Council. If you need additional information please contact me at 201-424-5472.

Tom Ciotti, GK

Council Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship committee and the Financial Secretary will review all applications received.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

A Directory of Knights in Service Business

Have you submitted your business information for the directory yet? What on earth are you waiting for?

We'll be posting the directory on the website and in a printed copy in the upcoming weeks but not many people have sent us anything.

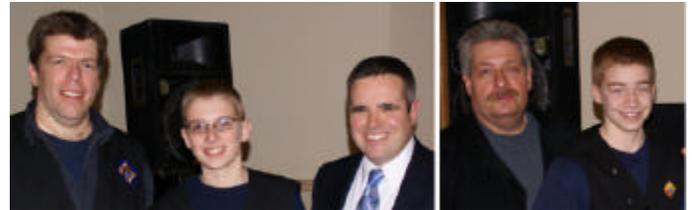
This is a wonderful opportunity for you to increase your revenue but also for every member to gain the peace of mind that comes from doing business with someone they can trust...You. Thanks

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Knight & Family of the Month



Left: Al Moriarty with GK Tom Ciotti upon receiving March Family of the Month Award. Right: Mike Cremin with GK Tom Ciotti upon receiving March Knight of the Month.



Left: Tom Formoso, with his son Chief Squire Tom Formoso Jr, and GK Tom Ciotti upon receiving February Family of the Month. Right: Jerry Pazzano and his son Thomas Pazzano upon receiving February Knight of the Month.

Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our functions are a must! To reserve your place or table, all you need to do is call the reservations hotline at 201-387-9750. After the phone answers press option #3 and leave your reservations. You may also email your reservation to kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. This is the preferred method, so we can print your reservation for our records. Please include the following information on all phone calls and emails:

- ? Your name & phone number;
- ? Number in your party and their names;
- ? Who do you usually sit with?

Leave this information and we will take care of the rest. After that it's up to you to come and enjoy yourself and the hospitality that is and always will be the K of C at St. John's Council 1345.

Hungry & Homeless Feeding

Brothers, on May 12 we will be feeding the hungry and homeless. Please save some time to help clean the turkeys on Sat, May 8. Cook them and make the bread stuffing on May 11. Prepare the food on Wed, May 12 and feed at 4:00pm on that day. If you can, please donate a turkey. Hope to see you ; help is really needed since Bob Dondero will be on vacation during that time.

Bill Horn, Chairman

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.

Sat, May 1 Rental – 5pm-9pm;
Sun, May 2 Columbian Club workers party;
Mon, May 3 Council meeting 8pm;
Fri, May 7 Pizza Night & Karaoke Night;
Sat, May 8 Rental – 6pm-11pm;
Sun, May 9 Mother's Day;
Mon, May 10 Officer meeting 8pm;
Wed, May 12 Feeding Homeless 3pm & Rosary Hour 8pm;
May 14-16 NJ K of C State Convention Wildwood.
Sun, May 17 Rental – 1:30pm-4:30pm;
Mon, May 18 Council meeting 8pm; Lecture Program 9pm;
Wed, May 19 Columbiette meeting 7:30pm;
Sat, May 22 Rental – 7pm-11pm;
Mon, May 24 Columbian Club meeting 8pm;
Tue, May 25 Newsletter mailing 10am;
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;

Friday Night Socials

Pizza night and Karaoke night on May 7. Come on down and enjoy some fun and relaxation.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chair

Novena & Prayer Services

At the Council: Rosary Service every second Wednesday of the month. Next Rosary Hour is Wed, May 12 at 8:00pm.

At St. Mary's Church: Rosary for Peace every Friday 7:30pm; OLPH Novena every Wednesday 7:00pm. Daily Rosary after 8:45am mass. On First Saturdays Rosary at 7:30am; Miraculous Medal Rosary every Saturday after 8:30am mass.

At St. John's Church: Rosary, Divine Mercy & confession every first Friday of the month, beginning at 7:30pm. Followed by Overnight Eucharistic Adoration from 9pm to 7am.

Troop 1345 Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 1345 welcomed 14 new Scouts into the troop during its bridging ceremony in April. The troop now totals 32 scouts.

The troop will be holding its Pasta Dinner fundraiser on June 13, please mark your calendars for this important event. Your support of the pasta dinner will help the troop purchase additional equipment, such as additional tents, to support the growth of the troop.

The troop is also planning for its summer camp trip to Maryland, where they will be visiting Camp Rodney in July, which is located on the Chesapeake Bay.

Also in June, one of the troop's older scouts will be leading a project to make Child ID kits for children in Dumont and Bergenfield. The Child ID kits will consist of a child photograph, fingerprints, and information pertaining to the child. The kits can be used in the event a child is lost or abducted.

Questions about the Troop, or anyone interested in Scouting, can contact Keith Hilcken at 201-993-4476 or by email at scoutmaster1345@aol.com.

Keith Hilcken, Scoutmaster

Financial Secretary Opening

Last call for any Third Degree member of this Council interested in the Financial Secretary position. Must be at least 21 years of age, not engaged in the sale of life or health insurance, not holding another officer position within the Council, does not have a criminal record, and has a working knowledge of a PC computer and programs.

If you're interested contact me quickly at ciottit@verizon.net or 201-424-5472.

Tom Ciotti, GK

Father Murray & the Squires At the Scholarship Dance in January



Father John Murray Chaplain of our Squires Circle flanked on his left by Squires Chief Counselor PGK Phil Fredericks and several of the Squire boys. Second from left is Chief Squire Tom Formoso Jr.

For information on joining the Squires contact Tom Formoso at 201-707-9890 or tformoso@horizonfoodscom.

Tom Formoso Jr, Chief Squire

Hold the Date - Jim Rush Golf Outing

Mark your calendar now for the annual Jim Rush Memorial Golf Outing scheduled for Monday July 19th, 2010 at the Rockleigh Golf Course, Rockleigh, NJ. For details contact Mike Cremin at 201 384-2543; more information in our next newsletter.

Spiritual Warfare

We are at war. Think that's an exaggeration? Pick up a newspaper. Most of the time we concentrate, appropriately so, on the external battles. This month I am going to talk about internal spiritual warfare and prayer.

I want you to try an experiment. Pick one or two areas of sin that you are weakest in and pray for strength. Avoid committing mortal sin but if you do, go immediately to Confession (St. John's offers the Sacrament every night of the week at 7pm). Don't just try to tough it out on your own; you'll fail, quickly. Really pray for God's Grace.

As the strength grows in you and you live your life more in the light you will experience a strange and frightening side effect. The urge to sin in the area that you are focusing on will become stronger than you ever imagined. I'm not trying to weird anyone out but evil is real, as real as good. We all need to understand that.

As you try this experiment, and I really hope you do, think about the severity of temptation that evil perpetrates on the men and women who devote their lives to God. Our Priests feed us the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord everyday of the year. What do you think; does that make them a target of darkness? They are under a constant barrage and so we must constantly pray for them. Pray for them to have the strength to live as Jesus, to help guide us to Salvation and to withstand the pressures of this world. Most of all pray for the Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ.

Tom Ciotti, GK

Christian Mentors Needed

Turning Point Pregnancy Care Center in Bergenfield has begun a program called "Men's Fraternity Pack". The program is looking for men to mentor younger guys on how to be a good father. Believe that this program is a wonderful idea and is well suited for how we as Knights are called to serve. If you are interested contact Lynn Moorehead at 201-501-8876.

Tom Ciotti, GK

Corporate Communion

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

Free Throw Champion



PGK Ivan Hannibal and a winning finalist representing our Council in the recent Free Throw Contest.