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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

The rosary is a powerful instrument of prayer that our Church has used for centuries to meditate upon the lives of Jesus and Mary. Fr. McGivney used it often in his prayer life and referred people to using it in their own prayer lives. Let us not forget this beautiful tradition in Our Church that meditates upon the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous events of Our Lord's live and that of His Mother Mary. Whatever maybe troubling us, stressing us out or causing anxiety the rosary can center us and calm us of our situations as it grounds us in our prayer lives. Here are some quotes from various saints and holy people who counsel us in using the rosary and how it can aid our prayer life.

"Happy are those who recite the Holy Rosary with understanding. They will learn all that is of faith, light, hope, and love in it." St. Clement Hofbauer".

"The Rosary is all-powerful to touch the heart of Our Lady. It is the most excellent and fruitful type of prayer for obtaining above all eternal life." Pope Leo XIII

"The Rosary is a devotion that, through the Blessed Mother, leads us to Jesus. It is He Who is the goal of this long and repeated invocation to Mary." Pope Paul VI

May we turn to our rosary more often to enhance our prayer lives.

May God be Praised,

Fr. Dominic Ciriaco

Fr. Dominic Ciriaco, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires & Scouts,

Please be aware that our Religious liberty and God given right to worship Our God openly and publicly is under intense attack. Not only throughout the world but now sadly in our own country. How can we fight this? We can unite in our Faith. We can get more openly involved in and be seen visibly worshiping God at our local parish Churches. We can turn to and be kept informed by the Knights of Columbus, especially St. John's Council as to what YOU can do to combat this.

This up-coming National election is pivotal not only to the future of our country but the Holy Catholic Church as well. Make sure that you and all eligible family members are registered to vote in this election and vote your conscience. Many of us, and our Forefathers served in the military to protect and preserve this God given right. I first voted by absentee ballot when I was 21 years old in a "hooch" in Kanchaniburi, Thailand in 1968 at the height of the Viet Nam War. I've voted in every election ever since. It's my right that I was willing to fight and die for. Please make every effort to vote!

We had a very busy and somewhat productive month of September in our Council. Sadly, we still have limited involvement with our volunteers and supporters at our events and rentals. Usually the same old faces and our newest members who get involved right away. We can be very successful and much more productive with greater participation that I know this council can provide. I call on all our members to get involved in some way. We are first and foremost, a charitable fraternal organization, charitable to one another and to strangers as well when we can. We can only be successful when we get more members involved in unity. Thanks to Phil Fredericks and the volunteers who did the hard work, the bar area is basically complete, and looks great! This very ambitious but much needed project now needs to be paid for by monies made from our rentals.

We had another successful Summer blood drive this time at St. John's Church. My thanks to Chairman Lou Pidi and Co-chairman Joe Pidi. Our first monthly Rosary Hour had twenty people. My thanks to George and Francine Corbo. My thanks to Carmine Grillo with our two recruitment drives and advancing our newest members through their Degrees. My thanks to Keven Sheridan, Chairman of Dumont Day even though the weather was against us. My Special thanks to Lou Pidi and Chuck Hollis for The Family Clam Bake. A most sincere and much appreciated thank you to George DiCostanzo our rental chairman who did a fantastic job while hospitalized with a serious illness. All these people mentioned and more need more support from Council Members to continue to do a good Job and make our future events successful as well. Please EVERYBODY get involved!

Vivat Jesus,

John E. McGill John E. McGill, Grand Knight

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Sept 25, 2012.

Call Ed Kostka at 201-387-9482 to add or delete a name on this list. *Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.*

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Dick Dorozynski	Fred Jacobsen, PGK
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Relatives & Friends

Alex & Annette Karash, parents of Joseph Karash; Ann Marsigliano, sister-in-law of Jack Marsigliano; Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter; Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan. Dianne Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky; Francine Corbo, wife of George Corbo; Frank Grana, brother-in-law of Linda Grana; Herta Nelson, mother in law of Ed Trawinski; Janet Trawinski, wife of Ed Trawinski Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of the late PGK F. Messina; Josie Parella, St. Mary's parishioner and friend of council. Millie Graziano, sister-in-law of the late Art Rudolph: Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien; Mother of PGK Phil Fredericks, Nancy Osborne, sister of John McGill; Nicole Cafarelli, niece of Bob Wrightington; Patricia Ianni, wife of Anthony Ianni; Peggy Keating, wife of late Timothy Keating Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt. Sue West & Don Trainor, sister & father of Rev Mike Trainor

Wakes (none)

Next Lecturer Program Speaker

Deacon John Sylvester of St. Mary's Church (Dumont) will speak on the role of the deacon in the post-conciliar church at our Council, Monday October 15 at 8:45pm. Pass the word around and let's get a good size crowd for Deacon John. Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

New Instructions

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 (3) ways to reserve your place or table:

--Email reservations to: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. Leave name, phone # and names of guests. (preferred option.)

--Email me at papagdc@aol.com and include info as noted above. --Call me at 201-338-2617. Leave your name, phone #, and names of guests.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday in October, or a special occasion. Happy birthday to Angela Bochicchio, Nina Di Costanzo, Brian & Dolores O'Dowd, celebrating in October.

CatholicVote.org announces that they are enthusiastically endorsing Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan in the 2012 presidential race! This is a crisis moment for Catholics and our Faith, and Catholic Vote.org and the USCCB are doing all they can to protect us. At risk, religious freedom, traditional marriage, and pro-life.

Congratulations to PGK Tom & Joan Trank...happy to announce their daughter Mary Theresa was awarded in August a Doctorate in Ministry from Drew University. Mary, a teacher of Religion at the Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, was a graduate of Holy Cross College and has a Masters in Divinity from Yale University.

Church Activities Report

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. The next rosary is Wednesday October 10. Refreshments served. Pray the Rosary in October for a positive change in November. George Corbo, Chairman

Prayer for the Month

Where there is FAITH there is LOVE Where there is LOVE there is PEACE Where there is PEACE there is GOD Where there is GOD there is NO NEED George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.

Membership & Recruitment Activities

Informal open House - I will be at the council hall Fridays at 8PM for anyone who has an application for new membership or if you know someone interested in finding out about becoming a Knight of Columbus. Remember the strength of our council is in our membership; bringing in more Catholic gentlemen to our Brotherhood will help us to continue the good works.

3 Brothers recently received full Knighthood in our order this past Friday 9/19 at Council 9021 in Norwood. Join me in welcoming Third Degree Brothers Frank Lopez, Ramon Franciledo & Carlos Rivera, Brother of Worthy Warden Lauro Rivera.

Carmine Grillo, Jr., Chancellor & Membership Chairman

Financial Secretary Report

Dues for 2013: Dues will increase \$1.00 to \$29.00. Look for your dues invoice to arrive early January.

In the same mailing will also be the annual member survey flyer to fill in missing information on your personal record. Return these surveys with your payment. God bless you and your family. George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN, 201-338-2617.

Prayer for Vocations

"Heavenly Father, your Divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly beg you to bless our Archdiocese and our world with many priest and religious who will love you fervently and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen".

Columbian Club Report

Rental Catering: The reservation book is open for October 2012 thru June 2013 and beyond. If you're planning a party, we simply ask that you consider our facility as a possibility, and give us an opportunity to make a proposal. Call me at 201-338-2617.

Rentals Help Needed: The rental season is in full swing. Try to help us with our rentals with a 4-hour shift when you are called to

volunteer. I especially reach out to our local area retirees, or about to retire, who may have some time to spare on their hands....help us! PGK Steve Martin and/or PGK Lou Pidi will be calling you to volunteer. Please answer the call with a 4-hr shift...that's it. PGK George DiCostanzo, Rental Chairman

New Insurance Agent

Brothers, our new Insurance Agent is Michael Paladino, 309 Bloomfield Ave, Caldwell, NJ 07006. Phone: 201-638-6174; and email address: michael.paladino@kofc.org.

Mike is working for us; as Knights we are asked to give him an opportunity of 30 minutes for a brief meeting.

To our new members, fulfill your obligation, allow the Ins Agent to spend a few minutes with you, and then decide what you might want to do. That's it....no other obligation then to meet with Mike.

Religious & Civil Rights Report

My favorite Twilight Zone episode is called 'The Howling Man'. It tells a story that I think is actually pertinent to keep in mind as we struggle through the hostile, secular waters of the new millennium.

A young man, David Ellington, is walking through Europe after WW I. Sick and trying to escape a storm he stumbles upon an odd hermitage of monks who have a man, who howls a lot, imprisoned in a room. The howling man tells David that the monks are insane and not a real religious order at all. He explains that all he did was kiss a young lady and they locked him away. The howling man begs David...repeatedly...for mercy and his freedom. When Mr Ellington confronts the leader of the religious community the man drops a bomb and tells him that there is no man imprisoned...it is the devil himself. He explains that the last few years have been so peaceful because the devil has been locked up.

Of course David Ellington decides he will release the prisoner. When he goes to do this his lack of faith is confronted by logic...the only thing holding the man in is the 'staff of truth', which he could easily reach to remove himself. The clarity is fleeting, however, as the man starts to beg again for mercy. David lifts the staff and the devil, his true monstrosity revealed with each step towards the door, is free to torment the world again.

My point? The devil is not a proud warrior and he will wrap himself in whatever robes he needs to steer God's children (us) out of the light. Sometimes it's obvious like genocide but sometimes it's' covert...freedom of choice (to take the life of a child)...healthcare (at the cost of religious liberty). He's very hard to recognize when he plays on our heart and begs for mercy and charity. He also knows that he can turn us into the ugliness that we oppose by stripping us of our Lord's directive to love your enemies. Evil wants your hate.

Pray. Go to Confession. Receive our Lord in the Eucharist as often as possible. Stand up for truth at all times but do it with love in your heart...always. This is the way that Jesus gave us and the 2000 year history of the Catholic Church proves that this is the way to true victory! Peace,

Tom Ciotti, PGK, RCR Chairman

Italian Night

Once again it is time for Italian Night. If you are looking for a great night out, mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13, 2012, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm.

On the menu this year: antipasto, with Italian cold cuts, fresh roasted peppers in olive oil and garlic, olives, fresh Italian bread from Addio's Bakery from my old neighborhood in the Bronx, penne with vodka sauce, a delicious salad with red wine vinaigrette, meatballs, sausage, and chicken parmigiana. Pastries and Lemongello for dessert, and hot coffee and tea. So if you plan to come, get your reservations in early, and I would not eat too much before you come that evening, because it's "Dinner at Mamma's House". For reservations, call PGK George DiCostanzo 201-338-2617, or email to: papagdc@aol.com, or email to: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

PGK Lou Pidi, Chairman, 201-707-7253

Dates to Remember

Boy Scout Troop	1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Mon, Oct. 1	Council mtg 8pm.
	Newsletter mailing, 10am.
Thurs, Oct. 4	Setup at 7:30pm.
Fri, Oct. 5	Rental 7-11pm. COUNCIL CLOSED.
Sat, Oct. 6	Special Setup 12pm.
Sun, Oct. 7	Rental Breakfast 10:30am-1-30am.
	Rose Drive at SMA Mission.
Mon, Oct. 8	AARP mtg. 9:30am
	Officer mtg 8pm.
Wed, Oct. 10	Rosary Hour 8pm with refreshments.
Thurs, Oct. 11	Setup at 7:30pm.
Sat, Oct. 13	Italian Night 7-11pm.
Sun, Oct. 14	Rose Drive at St. John's Church
Mon, Oct. 15	Council mtg 8pm. Sylvester lecture 8:30pm.
Wed, Oct. 17	Columbiette mtg 7:30pm.
Sat, Oct. 20	Special setup 12pm.
Sun, Oct. 21	Rose Drive at St. Mary's Church
	Rental 2pm-6pm.
Mon, Oct. 22	AARP mtg 9:30am.
Tues, Oct. 23	Special setup at 7:30pm.
Wed, Oct. 24	Rental 7-11pm. Vantage Health
Thurs, Oct 25	Setup at 7:30pm.
Sat, Oct. 27	Columbiette Murder Mystery Show 7pm.
Sun, Oct. 28	Children's Halloween Party
Tues, Oct. 30	TBCC mtg 8pm.
Wed, Oct. 31	Halloween Day
Thurs, Nov. 1	All Saints Day – holy day of obligation

Columbiette Report

Congratulations to our new slate of officers who were installed at the September 19th meeting. A Hot/cold buffet reception followed the meeting to celebrate.

--October General Meeting – Wednesday, October 17th. --October 27, Saturday, Halloween Murder Mystery Dinner Show & mini Tricky Tray. Get your costumes (optional) ready. Last year's Sold-Out show was postponed due to the Snow Storm..but... it's back... and bigger than ever! This year we are including a Tricky Tray! COST: \$35.00 pp includes 3 course dinner, show, and a sheet of Tricky Tray tickets. Doors open at 6:30, Show starts at 7:00 pm.

For further information and tickets (*reservations a must*), please contact VP Joan Winant @ 201.696.1159 or Financial Sec'ty Laura Labetti at *labetti250@optonline.net*. Get your tables together early as it will sell out again quickly this year. See you in October !

Joan Winant. Secretary / Publicity

Troop1345 Boy Scouts Report

Troop 1345 has started its annual fundraiser with its POPCORN 2012 sale. This is where the troop collects a majority of its annual fundraising to support the many activities and trips the troop conducts each year in support of our membership, which is over 40 scouts and still growing!

If you would like to support the scouts through the popcorn sale, stop by at any of their weekly meetings (Tuesday evenings), or get in touch with a committee member (such as Mr & Mrs Moriarty or Mr & Mrs Orsino). The products offered are from Trails End.

Not into popcorn? You can purchase a military donation from the troop, and that donation will go towards sending popcorn to our military personnel overseas (you can donate in any amount – the troop will pool together all donations towards the military popcorn donation option).

Troop 1345 will be camping near Boston on October 19-20-21. The troop will be visiting the historical sites throughout Boston and taking part on the Boston Freedom Trail.

John Benducci, a Life Scout, has been approved to begin his Eagle Leadership project! His project will be to clean up a large area of the Hackensack River and to build and install birdhouses along the riverbanks. His project will stretch from the parks just south of Newbridge Landing down to Fairleigh Dickinson University. That stretch goes behind RiverSide Square and Bergen County Academies (where John is in his senior year).

Sam Zimmerman, a Life Scout who completed his Eagle leadership project last fall when he repaired the Caspare Memorial Pavilion at Memorial Park, will be conducting a rededication of the pavilion to the Caspare family.

Ray Ziemba, Adult Counselor

Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

On Monday, November 5th at 8PM, we will celebrate a special "Mass of Remembrance" for our recently departed members. This special Mass is open to all, and is offered for members that have passed away during the last year.

Family members or friends of our departed who wish to participate in the service may contact me right before we begin that evening.

After Mass, coffee and cake will be served. Brian O'Dowd, Chairman, 201-385-8828.

Children's Halloween Party

On Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, we will be hosting our annual children's Halloween party...Free Admission for children & parents of the community.

The food will be chicken fingers, hot dogs & hamburgers. As well as, gifts and prizes for the kids. Plus a DJ to entertain the children.

Call PGK George DiCostanzo 201-338-2617 to reserve as our space fills quickly.

Chancellor Carmine Grillo, Jr, Chairman

The Knights of Columbus and YOU

There was a Recruitment Drive at your church. YOU showed interest and signed a card. YOU came down for the interview. The membership voted on YOU. YOU went through your first, second, third and maybe even your fourth degree. YOU completed your degrees and became part of the heart and soul of the order, YOU were a fully fledged member, and YOU were now one of US. <u>But we miss YOU</u>.

You signed up for a reason, but yet WE never see YOU. WE are all busy, we all have children we would like to attend their activities, but all WE ask for is a little time. Time to come to a meeting, help out at a function, attend one of our dinners, visit your friends on a Friday night. There is always something going on at the council for as you know, we are one of the largest councils in the area and one of the busiest.

YOUR help is always needed and is greatly appreciated by all who are a part of this great council. So, why don't you call one of the officers, stop by on a Friday night and reconnect with friends and become active again. Remember, you joined for a reason. I hope to see you soon.

Chuck Hollis, Deputy Grand Knight

Photo Gallery



Our members in action at the St. John's Church Carnival. From left: Mike Mullarkey, Msgr. R. Arnhols, pastor, and Joe Brennan.

Renovation of the Bar & Lounge



July 9 - as was before July 16 - start-up Sept. 7, re-open.



July 6 – as was before

Sept 7, re-opening of new bar.

This was the vision of PGK Phil Fredericks, who put it to paper, and had the plan executed. This upgrade benefits each of us at the council. Next time you see Phil say "thank you" to him.

Daily Mass on your Computer

The Mass is presented daily on your TV by EWTN & Telecare from Rockville Ctr. However, several locations on your computer broadcast that day's mass all day and night. <u>www.catholictv.com</u> is from Boston Archdiocese & <u>www.thedailymass.com</u> is from the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans.

Daily Prayer of the Rosary

www.comepraytherosary.org will give you access to a worldwide, continual saying of the rosary. You can either, join the current rosary in progress or start your own. God Bless & Pray for Peace, PGK Tom Trank, Trustee

Mark the Date NOW! Our annual New Year's Eve Party

Our annual Columbian Club New Year's Eve Party, Monday, Dec. 31, 2012. If you attended last year, no need to tell you anything. If you did not attend, you missed a 'premier' dining and entertainment party that you can catch up to this year.

We welcome back the 50"s band "In Harmony" from last year. The cost will be \$65.00 per person, with a \$5.00 discount for reservations before Thanksgiving. Last year, we filled the hall; this year will be the same.

To reserve early, follow these procedures:

-Call PGK George DiCostanzo at 201-338-2617; leave name, phone number, and the names and number of guests. -Or, email: papagdc@aol.com; or,

kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

-Make check payable to: Columbian Club

-Mail check to: New Year's Eve , PO Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

PGK Phil Fredericks, Chairman

Bar & Lounge

If you haven't noticed, we have renovated the bar and lounge during the month of August. Many thanks go out to many many members. There were about 40-50 members working throughout the project.

There are a few professionals that used their talents and directed the rest of us laborers that must be especially thanked, as without their expertise, we would be working on the project until next August. Joe Manginelli (carpentry/sheet rock/General Contractor), Joe Rizza (painter/spackling), Phil Cassidy (Master Carpenter), Greg Ryan (plumber).

If you ever need one of these trades, as with everything else, USE a BROTHER KNIGHT--You can't go wrong. In the near future we will have completed the final touches and will be having our re-opening.

Your Columbian Club Trustees

Catholicssome facts!

We are members of the oldest Christian religion in the world. The Catholic Church was founded in the year 33 by our Lord Jesus Christ. The next oldest Christian Church is the Lutherans, and they have only been around for about 500 years. The Mormons have only been here since 1829.

In the year 33 there were no hospitals. Today, one out of five people in this country receive their medical care at a Catholic hospital.

In the year 33 there were no schools. Today, the Catholic Church teaches 3 million students a day, in its more than 250 Catholic Colleges and Universities, in its more than 1200 Catholic High Schools and its more than 5000 Catholic grade schools.

Every day, the Catholic Church feeds, cloths, shelters and educates more people than any other organization in the world.

We should all be proud to be Catholic.

There are more than 77 million Catholics in this country. It takes an estimated 50 million votes to be elected president.

When you go to the polls this year, consider which candidate will protect our religious freedoms and show respect for all our religions. God bless and may God continue to bless America.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.