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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

At the end of last month's article I had stated that at the end of my first year of study I was ready to give up on the priesthood and return to my old life until I received a sign that I was meant to continue my studies and to become a priest. That sign came in the form of roses which is the flower of our Blessed Mother. Here is the story of the Roses:

It was the summer of 2004 and I was sent to Creighton University in Nebraska to the priest institute to study for the summer. I was assigned a room on the ninth floor (top floor) of the dormitory overlooking St. John's church which is on the proper of the university.

One late night while lying in bed having doubts that I was meant to be a priest or that I could/would continue to study to become a priest I suddenly felt compelled to go down into the church to pray. When I left the dorm to do just that the place was dark and there were no signs of life, all were asleep in their rooms. I prayed for a while and left the church in all honesty still having doubts. When I reached the ninth floor and as I was heading down the hall to my room I noticed that the door to the utility room was now standing open with the light on inside (it was closed and dark when I left for the church and for that matter was locked the whole time I was there except for this evening) as I approached I called out to see if there was anyone around – there was not, however, as I reached the door I looked inside and the room was empty with the exception of roses spread out across the floor of the room.

I had been praying to our Blessed Mother for guidance while in the church and I knew this was her answer to me. I knew this was her way of telling me to have faith and continue forward for I did not travel down this path alone. The next morning I checked and the door to the utility room was closed and locked as was usual and I checked with the staff and confirmed that no one had entered that room in weeks. It was then that I knew I was meant to be and would be a priest and now I can say the rest is history.

To quote St. Maximilian Kolbe: *"We should let ourselves be guided and led by Mary and rest quiet and secure in her hands. She will watch out for us, provide for us, answer our needs of body and spirit; she will dissolve all our difficulties and worries".*

God Bless you and have a wonderful and grace filled month.

Fr. Michael

Fr. Michael S.P. Trainor, Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Scouts & Friends,

I would like to thank you all who made the Installation of Officers and our first pancake breakfast very successful events. With you and your loved one's presence, you my brothers have showed the true meaning of unity and fraternity that our founder Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney has bestowed to each one of us.

Thanks our brothers, Frank Gallacher, Frank Polise, Ken Armellino, Kevin Sheridan and our Brother Mayor Jim Kelly who volunteered to be cooks and servers on the Pancake Breakfast.

It is still summer time but our council hasn't taken the summer days off, evident of our next event which is the Corporate Communion Mass to be held on August 30 at St. John's Church @ 9:00 AM followed by a continental snack at the council.

Then a busy September days comes with the following events:

-Dumont Day – September 12 (Saturday) from 10:00 – 6:00 PM

-St. John Carnival – September 15 – 19.

I'm asking you, all of you my brothers, to spare some of your time by helping on these events as much help is needed. These events shows how Knights of Columbus helps our community and our parishes.

-Family Picnic/Clambake on Sunday, September 20 from 2:00-6:00PM.

Again, kindly join us by attending and enjoy fresh clams, hamburgers, hot dogs to name a few. Let's join together and make this event as successful as it can be!!! **This is a family picnic, with DJ music for Adults and musical games for the children.**

Let's unite in charity for the love of God and help our community. Get involved in our council by coming to events and our Friday night social.

May God continue to bless us all and our Council!!!

Vivat Jesus,
Lauro Rivera
Grand Knight

**2015-2016 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

Council Officers 2015-2016

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor	201-384-0557
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Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	John McAvinue	973-563-0120

Council Chairmen & Directors 2015-2016

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Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
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Vice President:	Lou Pidi	201-707-7283
Secretary:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
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Dishwasher:	(open)	
Purchasing:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
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President:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
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Sick & Wake Report – as of August 20, 2015

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, contact **Bob Truppe at 201-385-9341**

Members

-Ed Orr	-Matt Hayes, PGK
-Jack McHugh, Sr.	
-John LaRaia	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Dick Dorozynski	-Jim McEntee
-John McGill, PGK;	-Tom Trank, PGK
-Mike Daly	-Dave Benson, PGK
-Bob Dondero, PGK	-Geo DiCostanzo, PGK
-Gregg Ryan	-John Dillon, PGK
-Jim Kelly, Sr.	-Adhemar Montagne

Relatives & Friends

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Diane Olivo, daughter of PGK G. DiCostanzo.
- Elaine Perrotto, sister of Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette Pres.*
- Elsa Auth, wife of Bob Auth;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Nunzia, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Peggy Brennan, wife of Patrick (Joe) Brennan;
- Susanne, sister of Chaplain Fr. Michael Trainor*
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barkley.
- Therese DeFalco Holmes, DAUGHTER of Eli DeFalco*

Wakes

Members:

Relatives & Friends: *SK Brian Coyle, 4th degree, Bishop O'Connor Assembly. Francis Miele, brother of Tony Miele, 4th degree, Bishop O'Connor Assembly.*

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 preferred.

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

-Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at 516-220-9333.

****Mail your check when you make your reservation**.**

Italian Night - Oct. 2015

"SAVE THE DATE! Italian Night is coming Saturday, October 10, 2015. Join us for one of our most popular events.

The evening will consist of an authentic Italian menu including fresh bread from Addeo's in "da Bronx" as well as live music from the Panarama Band.

Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early.

Warden Ken Armellino, Chairman

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in September, especially Ann Panfile on Sept. 23. And, Trevor Moriarty on Sept. 1, who graduated from DHS in June.; and PGK Don Winant Sept. 8.

Congratulations to Phil & Donna Fredericks 37 years of marriage on Sept 3; and to Kimberly Winant, daughter of PGK Don Winant, who made Dean's List at Univ of New Haven. And George & Nina DiCostanzo, 56 years married Sept. 19.
--**November 22, 2015** - Exemplification of the 4th Degree and Military Ball - The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, NJ . Any Third Degree member is encouraged to advance to the 4th Degree of our Order. The degree will begin at 1:00pm followed by the Degree Banquet/Military Ball. The cost is \$70, which includes the Degree Banquet/Military Ball. See SK George DiCostanzo for more information.

--**April 17, 2016** - The Sheraton Tara - Parsippany, NJ (please note new location of the degree). Degree honoree is State Deputy Bruce DeMolli.

San Alfonso Retreat for statewide K of C will be held on weekend of Oct. 23-25, 2015.

Deputy Grand Knight Report

With summer coming to a close and everyone returning from vacation, it's a great time to get together and reconnect during our Friday Night Socials. During the month of September, we will close on September 4th for the Labor Day Holiday. However, on Friday September 11th, we will be open. I cannot think of a better way of to display our unity then gathering together. I hope to see you at the council.

My thanks to all those who participated in our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. We had a great turn out. The proceeds will help us to continue our good works. I was truly impressed and reminded that our members and friends are a vital part of our organization.

September also promises a return to our exciting calendar of events. We have Dumont Day on September 12th. St. John's Carnival will be held from September 15th to the 19th. Our Family Picnic and Clambake will be held on September 19th.

For those not planning on attending these events, volunteers are always appreciated. If you'd like to volunteer, you can always contact me directly. *DGK Frank Gallacher*

Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment

Tues, September 8th at 8pm, Exemplification of the 1st Degree. Wed, September 16th at 8pm, Exemplification of the 2nd Degree. Anyone interested please contact Frank Polise at [201-370-0547](tel:201-370-0547). *Frank Polise, Membership Chairman*

Financial Secretary Report

Labor Day signals the end of the summer period, but it also begins our busy schedule of events. September and October is the time when we look to our close friends and relatives for a new member.

October is the Statewide Church Membership Drive month. We'll be there at St. John's & St. Mary's.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Respect Life Report

Brothers Our Annual Roses for Life Campaign will be in October. Remember all the funds go to pay for the Bus to Washington DC for the March for Life in January.

The Schedule would be St John's Oct 3-4, SMA Oct 10 and St Mary's 17th -18th. We need Volunteers for all mass's Last years' drive was very successful Let's beat last year's drive.

Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

"Wake up Maggie, I think I got something to say to you.... It's late September and I really should be back at school"

Rod Stewart, 1971.

September is once again upon us (how quickly the summer goes!) and it's time for the Columbiettes to get back to work!

Our first meeting of the new year 2015-2016 will be on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30pm.

At this meeting we will be installing our new officers for the year and then having our general meeting.

We will be discussing our upcoming events for the year which includes our popular Cod and God fish fry, Garden Tea Party and our newest and most requested event....The Spud-tacular! Ideas for new events/fundraisers will also be addressed.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Columbiette sisters at this very important first meeting.

Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity

Corporate Communion Mass & Breakfast

On Sunday, August 30, our first Corporate Communion of this new Columbian Year.

Mass at 9:00am at St. John's Church, followed by a continental breakfast at our Council.

We invite our members and their family, our Sister Columbiette's and their family, and our Brother Scouts and their family to join us. Let's show our Unity as a family council and profess our faith together.

Call Ken at 516-220-9333 and let him know you're coming so that we can have an ample supply for breakfast.

Co-chair Bill Horn & Ezequiel Osdana

The Rosary Hour

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Refreshments served afterwards. **Take note of the new time.**

Rosary Hour on Wednesday, September 9th will be in Memory of Fr. John Murray. Please join us at 7:30 PM.

Let's try and have a good turnout for this special first rosary service of the new year in honor of a great man and priest, Fr. John Murray and continue to do so every month.

John Scalice, Chairman

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

Starting again after our summer recess St Therese Parish in Cresskill will host a Special Needs Mass on Sunday Sept 20th at 1:30 p m.

This is an invitation to all families in our community with Special Needs members and their friends to come together and celebrate the Eucharist with Fr Sam. The Mass will be followed by refreshment's and entertainment for our special guest's.

For more information contact: Gerry Flood 551-795-7480, Lou Pidi 201-707-7253.

Gerry Flood, Recorder

Dates to Remember

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

Sun, Aug. 30	Corporate Communion 9am mass.
Fri, Sept. 4	Council Closed - Enjoy weekend.
Mon, Sept. 7	<i>Labor Day - Council Closed</i>
Tues, Sept. 8	Council meeting 8pm. 1st Degree Exemplification
Wed, Sept. 9	Rosary Hour 7:30pm.
Fri, Sept. 11	<i>Remember 9-11 - Fly the Flag</i>
Sat, Sept. 12	Dumont Day - help needed for burgers.
Sun, Sept. 13	4th Degree Dinner Dance - 2:30pm.
Mon, Sept. 14	Council Officers meeting 8pm. Columbiette Officer meeting 8pm.
Sept. 15-19	St. John's Church Carnival - help needed.
Wed, Sept. 16	2nd Degree Exemplification Columbiette meeting 7:30pm; installations.
Sat, Sept. 19	<i>San Gennaro Feast Day</i>
Sun, Sept. 20	Family Picnic & Clambake - 2pm.
Mon, Sept. 21	Council meeting 8pm.
Tues, Sept. 22	<i>World Meeting of Families begins</i> Columbiette Chapter meeting 6pm.
Sat, Sept. 26	Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament 6pm.
Mon, Sept. 28	Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Fri, Oct. 2	Bergen Federation dinner meeting 7pm.
Sat, Oct. 3	Dumont Seniors Luncheon 12pm. St. John's Church Rose Drive

Troop 1345 Scout Report

Troop 1345 pictures from summer camp 2015:
13 scouts and 3 leaders went on a 50 mile trek while at summer camp (hiked 40 miles and went another 10 by canoe).



Also shown is a picture of the scouts as they were leaving a great week of summer camp (39 scouts attended).



Ray Ziemba, Assistant Scoutmaster

Past Navigators & Color Corps Dinner Dance

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 from 2:30pm to 6:30pm at St. John's Council #1345 in Dumont, NJ.

Cost is \$40.00/pp; and \$75.00/per couple. The menu features a hot dinner, beverages, coffee, tea, and dessert.

Our current Navigator Jim Meng is doing a 2-year term as FN. We want every PFN and every Color Corpsman to try and attend this event. **This year we honor all Corpsmen.**

This is NOT to make money; we barely cover expenses at this dance, BUT, this is the only social event of the year that the Assembly hosts. And it's our way of saying "Thank You" to the PFN's and Color Corpsmen.

From St. John's Council we have several Past Navigators...

PGK's Matt Hayes, John McGill, Bill Bochicchio, George Di Costanzo, and our close friend Master Russ Petrocelli.

We are also asking our Affiliate Councils to send at least 2 or more couples to this dinner.

For reservations, call SK G. DiCostanzo, PFN, at 201-338-2617. After you call in for your reservation, write the check and mail it back. Advance payment is required for this event.

SK George Di Costanzo, PFN, Chairman

Dumont Day Notice - Help Needed

Dumont Day is September 12th. Please come and support your Knights of Columbus Council.

We will be running a booth serving hamburgers. Your support is always appreciated. Please contact Frank Polise at 201- 370- 0547 if you're interested in helping out. Thanks.

Men's Cornerstone at St. John's Church

St. John The Evangelist parish has rescheduled the Men's Cornerstone retreat for October 23-24. If you have not already made this retreat--why not give it a try? It starts on Friday night at the parish and continues all day Saturday.

We don't do it as a sleepover any more so plan on Friday night from about 6:45 PM to 11 or 12--then Saturday from about 6:45 AM to Saturday evening mass at 8 PM. Starting with supper Friday night--all meals are served by team members from the Cornerstone group.

What you get is about 27 hours of spiritual nourishment, great fellowship and best of all a chance to re-charge your faith life. Please contact John McGill, Bob Armbruster, Matt Connell, George Corbo, or Bob Knott if you'd like to attend.

Bob Knott, knottjr@optimum.net, (201) 675-2802.

More Fr. Murray Reflections

When I first meet Fr. Murray he asked me where did I grow up, I said "Flushing, NY, in the shadow of Shea Stadium, but, I'm a Yankee fan." He said to me without the blink of an eye" Don't worry Bill, God will forgive you."

He was watching a Notre Dame football game, and I asked him how they were doing, and he replied "there 're behind but don't worry Mary's Team will prevail."

When the Squire Rose program (girls Squire type program) was in existence about a year I asked him about adding them to the Fr. Murray Scholarship program, he commented " Let's give the gals a chance, and see how they do". PS They're been winning scholarships ever since.

Bill Bochicchio

I have shared many great moments with Father Murray on our trips down to Washington For the March For Life. One that stands out above the rest was in 2008 it was an extremely warm January day. We always worried about Father Murray with the long distance and walking. We lost him for some time and couldn't locate him. When we arrived up at the Supreme Court building where the march ends we still weren't able to locate Father Murray. But someone said they saw a priest with the paramedics. Myself and a few others ran to the paramedic area where we found Father Murray. He was sitting in one of the trailers and the paramedics were working on him. As i peeked into the trailer I was very revealed to find Father Murray and concerned since his face was red as a tomato. They were giving him water and cooling him down. When he saw me he said Matt "why won't they let me out of here,there are other people that need help and why are they wasting their time with me". As always Father Murray proved the kind of man he was always concerned about others and never himself. Our faith teaches us to look into people and see the face of Jesus in them. For me when I used to look at Father Murray I always saw the face of Jesus. He was always an inspiration to me. He was a priest priest. For me it was an honor and privilege to know him and he will be truly missed.

Matt Hayes PGK.