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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights

First and Foremost Happy Easter to you and your families may God Bless you all.

March 2nd was our Babies and Woman's Benefit which raised about 2000.00 worth of donated items, thanks to all who supported it.

On March 5th we ran a great Social Meeting where C.E.R.T spoke to our council about what role they serve in the community. It's important to note that they too are a core of volunteers and are looking for a few good folks to help assist. They work with our Police force and help the community during storms such as Hurricane Irene and Super storm Sandy. The C.E.R.T will receive part of the monies raised for our annual Grand Knights outing which is coming up on April 22nd. See the bulletin for more details.

On March 8th we ran a Local Appreciation Dinner which was a great social event for the community. The St James Parish received a nice plaque for their dedication along with the Woodbridge Mayor's Office, DVRT, the P.A.C.E Program and Shore Point Distributors, to name a few. All recipients were invited for the special dinner, and special thanks for the Knights who came down and supported the event especially Ed Lenart and his crew for the great food.

For those that missed the PGK dinner on March 9th, you missed a great event honoring James K. Sullivan our PGK. The night had some great food and music and was enjoyed by all.

March 10th was our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, thanks to John Brower, Mike Choma, Needles, Bob Banasiak, Kevin Marlowe, Kevin Mal, Anthony Picerno, Ed Eismont. Jim Sullivan, Matt Zehnder, Gerry Stamato, Bob Golden, Tim DeStefano and Kelly, Gerard Bracken, Ken Wahl, Ed Lenart, Frank 50/50 Sokloski, Joe Geis, Jack Keenan and all the folks that helped make that day great.

Lastly March 17th was our annual membership drive, thanks to Jim Sullivan, Ed Eismont, Gerry Stamato, Gerard Bracken, Ray Bober, Anthony Picerno, Kevin Marlowe, Jim Fischetti, Danny Langon, Needles, Kevin Mal and John Brower, I couldn't do it without you guys, thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

James J. Matits

Grand Knight, Council #857

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If you are planning on moving, please notify the council with your new address so you don't miss any issues of the newsletter.

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Knights of the Month March 2013 *Kevin Mal*

Our Knight of the Month for March is Kevin Mal. Kevin has pitched in tremendously in March. Kevin came down for the Local Appreciation Dinner, Supported the Woman and Babies Benefit, worked the St Patrick's Day Parade, and worked the past membership drive. He truly epitomizes what it means to be a Knight, being unselfish in his efforts to help our council, serve food, collect for those in need and bring in new members. Way to go Kevin you deserve it!!!!

Urgent: St. James Food Pantry

As always, our support for the food drive is greatly appreciated by Msgr. Cicerale and the St. James Food Pantry.

Items needed: pancake mix & syrup, canned meat, pasta sauce, jelly, baked beans, boxed potatoes, canned ravioli, canned meatballs, canned pasta, spaghetti O's, coffee, tea, and cereal.

Happy Birthday! April 2013

Thomas J. Hamill	4/1	John R. Rudko	4/15
George F. Kuchna Jr.	4/1	Dennis J. Kizielewicz	4/16
Joseph Siko	4/1	Raymond R. Bober	4/17
Joseph La Raffa	4/2	Edward Mc Sherry	4/19
Kenneth Wahl	4/2	Douglas J. Winkle	4/20
John J. Check	4/4	John T. Roussey	4/20
Michael Vince Alemagno	4/5	Jose R. Menendez	4/21
Thomas M. Keating	4/5	Denis J. Driscoll	4/24
Frank A. Sokloski	4/5	John Balascio	4/25
James J. Matits Sr.	4/7	Walter C. Uszenski	4/25
Robert Zega	4/7	Frank J. Capraro	4/25
Joseph Brinames	4/8	Richard M. DiSanto	4/26
Henry Korzeb Jr.	4/8	John T. Lilly	4/27
Vincent A. Russo	4/8	Kevin C. Uszenski	4/28
Roel S. Mercado	4/9	Mark F. Wojciechowski	4/29
Timothy J. Hartlieb Jr.	4/9		
James F. Keating	4/10		
Donald Wyzykowski	4/10		
Elbert F. Getto	4/12		
James S. Miller	4/12		
Andrew J. Radzimski	4/13		
Boleslaw S. Mateuszczyk	4/14		
James F. Ciampa	4/15		

Last month we missed Walter S. Korzeb Jr.'s birthday – March 6th, Happy Birthday Walter!!

Sick or In Distress

Pope Benedict	The Marria Family
Barbara Langon	Ann Mahoney
Pat Keenan	Nunzio
Paul White	Bill Dowling
Willy	Alan Minkler
The Wyzykowski Family	
Leon Jordan	The Stroebels
Marines and Navy in Nevada	

All Members of the Armed Services
All Victims of Abortion

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the aforementioned and their families

If you know a Brother Knight or member of a Knight's family who is sick or in distress, contact the Knights of Columbus at 732-634-9783

If you know of a Brother Knight who has passed away, please contact GK Jim Matits at 732-874-2170

Need a Ride?

If any member needs a ride to a meeting or one of our affairs, please call one of the Officers listed on page 1. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

Rinky Dink Winners

Kevin Marlowe
14 pts

Attendance Pool

Ed Evaldi
40 pts

Knights of Columbus Degree Updates

Degrees are offered throughout the Columbian year (except during the summer months). If you are a 1st or 2nd degree member and want to continue your journey to Knighthood, please contact **Robert Golden, PGK** at 732-596-2115 or e-mail RobertGolden@topproducer.com. The next 3rd Degree will be held at Perth Amboy's Council on April 5th.

Columbian Club Report

Brothers:

We recently picked up a brand new Oil Tank from the Hunt Family. Special thanks to John Hunt and Family for donating the 275 gallon Oil Tank. Special thanks to Jim Sullivan, John Brower, Ed Eismont, Gerry Stamato, and Bob Banasiak for picking up the Oil Tank and bringing it to the council. In the upcoming months we will be looking to install the new tank out by the Grand Knights parking spot. If you know how to lay concrete and connect an Oil tank to a boiler please let us know.

The other big purchase will be a new air conditioner for the council. This will offset the extremely high bill we have in the summer, and instead of kicking on the monster AC Unit that takes a lot of energy we can use a smaller more efficient machine. Currently we have priced out AC Units and are close to purchasing a new unit. If you're familiar with electric work please let us know so we can install the machine as quickly as possible before the summer months.

We also paid our recent insurance we have been saving money and making money at the bar, and through hall rentals, but as you know we could always use some other ways to raise money and save money. This club cannot survive without everyone's help.

Lastly thank you Bob Banasiak and Jim Sullivan for installing the new toilet in the woman's bathroom. Great Job, you saved the club hundreds in doing the repair.

Outstanding repairs left

1. Line under the bar to the glass wash sink has a small leak.
2. The Ceiling in the living room is almost complete but still needs to have the molding replaced, and repainted
3. The cement walkway in the front of the Hall needs to be replaced.

Lastly, some quick items –

- There are still items that need to be addressed, but please do not turn the heat way up.
- Please leave the switch for the alarm alone – folks who need to get in downstairs with their cards cannot, none of us need to touch this.
- Please turn the lights off when you're done; lock the doors, and thank you very much for your continued support and helping the council.
- On March 28th there was an ABC Meeting (Liquor License) meeting at town hall, more information to follow. It's important that when guests come to our club they sign in, and no one is allowed behind the bar except for a member.

Vivat Jesus!

James J. Matits
Columbian Club President

Columbian Club Bar Hours

Monday–Thursday:..... 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM
 Friday: 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM
 Sunday: 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM

All guests must sign in
 (Required by the ABC to maintain our liquor license)

Right to Life

Please Join Us in Prayer Each Week

Every **Saturday from 9am–11am**, local Right to Life supporters, including fellow Knights of Columbus, pray the rosary for an end to abortion at 228 Main Street, Woodbridge NJ. Come down and show your support

Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry

The mission of the Ministry is to expand the scope of the Knights of Columbus exposure to the community, expand our charitable works by organizing motorcycle rides and participating in other organizations' rides, and to get our Brother Knights out on their bikes socially. The Ministry follows the Knights of Columbus ideals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. For more information, or to join this branch of our organization (a motorcycle is NOT required to join), please feel free to contact **Mr. Ed Eismont** at **732-754-4433** or e-mail **EEismont22@verizon.net**.

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree is the degree of Patriotism. The color corp makes this degree the most visible of our order. If you wish to continue your journey as a Knight of Columbus and join the Fourth Degree, please feel free to contact Faithful Navigator **Mr. John C. Brower, PGK** at 732-690-6200 or e-mail **jcbrower@gmail.com**.

Special Announcement from our Financial Secretary

For all members who haven't paid their 2013 dues, you should have received your second notices in the mail by now. Please send them in ASAP to keep current with your dues.

There are still nine (9) members who owe for their 2012 & 2013 membership dues and failure to pay will result in possible suspension from the council. If there are any problems with paying your dues, contact your Grand Knight, James J. Matits.

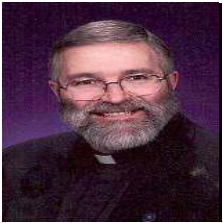
Sincerely
 Robert G. Banasiak
 Financial Secretary

1st Quarter Milestones

Congratulations to the following members who achieved milestones in our council during the 1st quarter of 2013.

Honorary Members –
 Dennis Winkler 2/24 and Robert Jardot 3/1
 Honorary Life Members –
 Patrick Boccuzzi 2/24 and Vincent Russo Sr 4/8
 Honorary Life Member and 25 year Members –
 Wayne Egan, Kevin Egan, and Edward Barcellona all on 3/10 and George Roussey 4/25

From our Worthy Chaplain . . . Msgr. Charles Cicerale



Dear People of God,

On this fifth Sunday of Lent we are reminded that sometimes good people are capable of justifying the destruction of anyone who does not meet our standards of conduct. Lent is a prime time to repent of such a sin of pride!

“Let the one who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

John 8:1-13

Doodles before stones

Writer Anne Lamott’s life is a story of resurrection, from a train wreck of booze and drugs and destructive relationships to creating, as a single mom, a loving home for her son Sam and establishing her own solid, grounded relationship with God. With humor and insight, she has written about her finding God in the joys and messes of the everyday. In her book **Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith**, Lamott reflects on today’s Gospel:

“In John 8, when the woman is about to be stoned by the Pharisees for adultery, we see Jesus doodling in the sand. The Pharisees, the officially good people, are acting well within the law when they condemn the woman to death. A huge crowd of people willing to kill her joins them. The Greatest Hits moment comes when Jesus challenges the crowd: “Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.” But the more interesting stuff happens before, when he leaves the gathering storm, goes off by himself, and starts doodling.

“Jesus refused to interact with the people on their level of hatred and madness. He draws in the sand for a time.

The Gospel doesn’t say what he drawing, but when he finally faces the mob and responds, all the people who were going to kill the woman have disappeared.

“You have to wonder: Where was the man with whom she committed adultery? Some people suggest he was in the crowd, waiting to join in with the others and kill her. We don’t know. But I can guess who the condemned woman must have felt, surprised. She was supposed to die, and her life was spared.

Hope always catches us by surprise. *Christ calls us to embrace a new perspective of humankind: that we are brothers and sisters to one another; that we are called not to be judges or self-appointed executors of God’s wrath on others (God reserves that to himself) but to be agents of God’s forgiveness and reconciliation; that we should find no satisfaction in the fall of sinners but should only be satisfied when we have done all we can to lift them up and restore them to hope.*

‘Hate the sinner but the love the sinner’ is easier said than done. We’re capable of justifying the destruction and exile of anyone who does not meet our standards of conduct. But to be faithful disciples of the Easter Christ is to drop our stones of condemnation and self-righteousness and help restore and heal the lost, the troubled, the disappointed with whom we share the compassion of God.

Holy Week and Easter will soon be here. Now is the time to prepare.

Blessings and Grace;

Msgr. Charlie ~ Pastor

*** Bulletin Board *****GRAND KNIGHTS GOLF OUTING – APR 22ND**

This annual event helps to raise money for the Menlo Park Veterans Home and the Woodbridge Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T). The Price per golfer is \$150.00 and this pays for the green fees, the cart, and the great buffet food at the Colonia Golf Course and the food at the Knights of Columbus Hall after the event. There are great raffles and prizes for this event so please come out and support it. Ed Lenart is asking for volunteers to help with the event as well as anyone that might be able to donate to the event as well. Feel free to reach out to Ed Lenart with any questions.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE – APRIL 26TH, 27, AND 28TH

Come out and support folks with intellectual disabilities by working the Tootsie Roll Drive Event. There is a signup sheet at the council, for many time slots. Last year we raised over 2000.00 and had many empty time slots, this year let's aim for over 3000.00 by having all of the time slots filled. We can do it, and we can help those that need our money most and make a difference. Won't you join me and some other Brother Knights in this act of unity, fraternity and charity? Feel free to reach out to Gerry Stamato our Family Chairman with any questions on time slots or how to help. We still have plenty of time slots to fill.

A KNIGHT OF LAUGHTER – MAY 11TH 7:00 DOORS OPEN 7:30 START TIME.

The Knights will be hosting a Comedy Night on May 11th at St. James' McCorristen Hall. The prices of tickets are \$15.00 each and that pays for the 3 comedians. Proceeds will be distributed by the Knights of Columbus to help support local community organizations. The comedy may have some adult content so please keep this in mind. A light buffet of food will be served as well. If you wish to bring some snacks feel free to do so, as Knights will also have beer, wine, soda and water for sale. This is our 1st comedy night so let's make this a great event. For tickets you can reach out to me at 732-874-2170, they are first come first serve.

MONMOUTH RACE TRACK – JUNE –TBD

The Knights of Columbus are having a family outing at Monmouth Park Racetrack. If you enjoy time horse racing and a barbeque style fare of food then this is for you. We are renting a spot at the racetrack and awaiting the confirmed date. Please stay tuned for the details in the upcoming weeks. This is great event for a Knight and their family or your friends and organizations to attend.

NEW YORK YANKEES VS. BALTIMORE ORIOLES – 6/29

Our Family chairman Gerry Stamato has booked tickets for an upcoming New York Yankees versus the Baltimore Orioles, down at Camden Yards. If you have not seen Camden Yards it's a really nice ballpark, but even more this is a great way for Knights to relax with family and friends after a long year of charitable acts. Please let PGK Gerry Stamato know if you're interested, and money needs to be paid prior to the trip.

<i>Council #857 - Upcoming Events</i>

April		
2	Social Meeting – Great Expectations	8:00 PM
9	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
16	Business Meeting –	8:00 PM
22	Grand Knight Golf Outing	8:00 AM
26-28	Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive	Fri –Sun 9am -6pm
May		
7	Social Meeting – TBD	8:00 PM
11	A Knight of Laughter – McCorristen Hall	7:00 PM
14	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
21	Business Meeting Officer Elections 2013-2014	8:00 PM
June		
4	Social Meeting – Hot Dogs & Hamburgers at the Council, bring your family	6:30 PM-8:30PM
11	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
18	Business Meeting	8:00 PM
22	Changing of the Keys Social	TBD
29	Yankees vs. the Baltimore Orioles	12:00PM - ???



VS.



Baseball trip Saturday June 29th 2013
At Camden Yards, Baltimore Maryland

**\$75 / person - Limited Seating
Reservations required**

A light lunch will be served at 12:00pm.

The bus will leave the Council at 1:00pm and arrive in Baltimore at approximately 4:00 pm. The game starts at 7:00 pm.

The bus will depart for home immediately following the game (approximately 11:00 pm) and will arrive back at the Council around 2:00 am.

Please note tickets will not be held without payment, payment will be required when you make your reservation.

For more information or to reserve your tickets contact Gerry
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