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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights

November is wrapping up and our Christmas season is taking shape. On November 17th we had a blood drive which was a very successful drive. Thank you to the following who came down and supported and/or donated, Bob & Jules Sabo, John & Nora Brower, Tim & Kelly DeStefano, Matt Zehnder, Joe & Toni Grispart, Jim Fischetti, Sean Keaveney, Gerry Stamato, John & Nancy Hunt, Joe Travostino, Bob Golden, Rich Maciorowski, and myself. Bob Banasiak was thrilled to have so many donating.

December 4th is our annual Manger lighting which will begin at 7:00pm, please come down and say a prayer, and sing some carols with other Knights, families and friends. Food will be served after the lighting.

This season brings one of great reflection, and I ask that we all take time out to say an extra prayer or two for those who will not be able to share Christmas at their home this year due to the storm.

As Knights during this blessed season and in the upcoming New Year think of ways to give back to your community, and how you can play a bigger role in the council if you haven't had an opportunity to be around for one reason or another.

I would like to give a special thank you to Vito Mazza, JJ Bittings, and Sue Bakes from Remax, for the generous offerings of food, and supplies for the special Thanksgiving dinner held at McCorristen Hall. The dinner was held on Thanksgiving for those affected by the storm. Thank you all for pulling this together, and especially Dayna Miller and friends for their help in preparing the food, and being so supportive, and also the Brother Knights, who helped with the event, may God Bless you all. We served over 10 families, as well as provided several trays of food to the St Joseph's Nursing facility in the Strawberry Hill section of Woodbridge.

Lastly I want to say thank you to all the fine Brother Knights for your help and support over the past few months, I hope this Christmas you will come down and celebrate at our Christmas Social on December 15th.

Vivat Jesus!

James J. Matits

Grand Knight, Council #857

Editor's Note:

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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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Knight of the Month

November 2012

Danny Langon Jr.

Our Knight of the Month for November is Danny Langon. Danny has consistently showed a commitment to helping our council in any way he can. Danny recently had our building utilities switched to another carrier for a lower monthly rate which will save our council money over our current utility bill. Danny has also been actively selling the Woodbridge Raffle tickets, and supported the Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks for your willingness to lend a brotherly hand, and set a good example for future officers.

Sick or In Distress

Barbara Langon	Wayne McCormack
Pat Keenan	Betty Sullivan
Jimmy Clarke	Dolores Mandica
Frank Zilai, PGK	Trish Matits
Mrs. Jones	Laura Kukoly
Alan Minkler	The Lennan Family
Francis Andrascik	Al Graf
Marlene Stoever	Paul White
Rose Mandala	Don Alena

Urgent: St. James Food Pantry

It would be greatly appreciated if everyone coming to the hall for a meeting, or just to watch sports, would bring with them one or two canned goods for a donation to the St. James Food Pantry.

Knights continue to work with the Food Pantry and ensure they are getting the food they need, by going out and shopping for the food and delivering it to the pantry. The Food pantry could use some volunteers to help stock/organize shelves as well.

As always, our support for the food drive is greatly appreciated by Mnsgr. 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,

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

Happy Birthday! December 2012

Francis Reilly	12/1	William Ruetsch	12/18
Michael Joseph Choma	12/4	Matthew Malat	12/18
David Sabo	12/7	Jerry Di Maio	12/21
James Juarez	12/7	David Hines	12/21
John Letso	12/9	Very Rev. Msgr. Charles Cicerale	12/23
Mark Amoroso	12/9	Alexis Kjellman	12/25
Mark Tarantino	12/9	Christopher Miller	12/25
Bernard Peterson	12/10	Brian Kuczma	12/27
Herbert Castor	12/12	Anthony Picerno	12/27
Eddy Charles	12/14		
David Frantz	12/15		
Donald Almasy	12/16		
George M. Golden	12/16		
Peter Jacovinich	12/16		
William T. LaPenta	12/16		
Everette Prior	12/17		

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

Grand Knight Jim Matits
16pts

Attendance Pool
Dr. Eugene Leahy
20pts

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**. Every effort is made to coordinate degrees with members and candidates, please make every effort to keep scheduled appointments.

Columbian Club Report

Brothers:

The current House Fund collected to date is \$775.00; thanks to all of you who have sent in your payments. If we can maintain a healthy House Fund then the rest of our everyday expenses can be maintained through many of our charitable events.

I am grateful that there has been an increase in responses to the newsletter and the house fund donations have certainly created a nice start to a fund that was nonexistent at the beginning of my term. The credit doesn't go to me, it goes to you as members and officers of this fine council, lets continue to send in our donations so we can continue to have a positive financial statement and so that we can continue to make the necessary repairs on the house, if you have been down here lately you know there is much to be done.

Last month we talked about the Electric and Utility services and the cost for the Council. I am pleased to announce that the Knights of Columbus is going to be getting a reduced monthly cost on their electric bill approximately 3.5 to 4 cents per kilowatt hour, and over a month this can equate into a savings of anywhere between 50 -100 dollars. Thanks to Brother Danny Langon Jr and Ken Wahl our Columbian Club Treasurer for working on this great energy saving initiative.

If you or another Brother Knight has skills to repair a leaking sink, toilet, paint, spackle, etc., please let us know, since we are always looking for help getting some of the minor issues resolved before they become large problems.

The officers voted last month on a Maître D' position for Council Hall rental events. Ed Lenart our Hall Chairman has been a big help in our efforts to get the hall booked and raise funds, and the addition of a Maitre 'D at hall rentals helps keep the hall ready for the next rental, and minimizes costs from lights that may be left on, etc. The following paragraph details are from last month but I am rerunning it for anyone that missed last month's newsletter.

From Last Month's Newsletter

We are also in the process of instituting a Maître D service with our Hall rentals. That would mean that there would be an additional \$50.00 fee to be applied to hall rentals(which would be given to the Knight serving as the Maître D at the event) so there would always be a Knight on duty to ensure doors are locked, A/C, heat, and lights are off, and the garbage is put outside.

There will be an opportunity for whoever would like to participate as a Maître D to be placed on a list, which will be on a rotational basis. We have several folks already lined up, but we would be looking to move forward with this beginning in the New Year, so there's time to add to the list. The officers agreed on a job description and what the role of the Maître D would entail, and this was brought up in our business meeting on 10/16. If you would like to be on the Maître D list please reach out to me and let me know.

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 - Benefits of Membership

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products; there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include: guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children, death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children, orphan benefits, and member/spouse accidental death benefits.

To learn more about these benefits, please make an appointment with our Field Agent, Brother James Fischetti:

Mr. James Fischetti 1-917-573-9751

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 EEismont@comcast.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 Announcements

Congratulations to the following members for reaching a milestone in the 4th Quarter

Honorary Member

Honorary Life Member

Robert Goodman -10/20	Roger Lebeda -10/26
Donald Miller Jr. - 10/25	Robert E. Hugelmeyer -11/12 – 50 year Member
And God Bless John Letso, a special member who passed away on 11/4/12 a month shy of his 25 year anniversary and honorary member status	

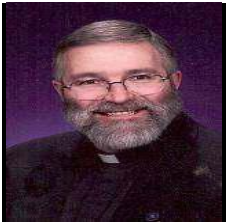
Special Note from Msgr. Charles Cicerale - Welder Needed

If you or someone you know has some time and can weld then Msgr. Charlie Cicerale could use your help. The bottom of the kneelers could use some TLC and Msgr. Cicerale has the new parts and needs a welder to do some welding on the kneelers. If you're a welder please help out the great parish of St James. Feel free to reach out to Msgr. or to myself. Msgr. Cicerale can be reached by calling the St James parish Office, or you can send him an email @ FatherCharlie@stjamesonline.org

Grand Knight Golf Outing Help

Ed Lenart has asked for some help organizing this upcoming year's Golf Outing scheduled for April. Ed is looking for help in coming up with donated items for the event. Please reach out to Ed with any questions.

From our Worthy Chaplain . . . Msgr. Charles Cicerale



Dear beloved People of God;

As we continue to reflect on living The Year of Faith. . . along with all believers throughout the world, we are living the Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. The Year of Faith continues through November 24, 2013, concluding on the Feast of Christ the King. This year, Catholics are called to “open the door of faith” to the contemporary world with a renewed conversion to Jesus Christ.

3 Ways to “Open the Doors of Faith”

As followers of Jesus, we are called to lead others on the path of faith, The Catechism reminds us of this mission: “Lay people also fulfill their prophetic mission by evangelization, “that is, the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life” (CCC 905).

1. **Strengthen your own faith.** The beginning of the Year of Faith coincides with the anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Take a few minutes each day to study the documents from these Catholic sources as a way to deepen your knowledge of Church teachings. Do you have a copy of the Catechism? They are very inexpensive and you can even find a used copy on the internet!

2. **Do not be afraid.** As Catholics in the modern world, we can sometimes feel pressure to keep our faith to ourselves.

Jesus reminds us that we should not hide our light! Pray for the courage to be bold in faith and do not be afraid to share your beliefs with love. Take the risk and talk about your faith with another person this week.

3. **Live the Gospel.** The way we live our daily lives communicates our faith to the world around us. The choices we make, where we spend our time, what we value, all reflect our commitment to the Christian life. Sometimes we also called to explain lovingly what we believe or to speak up on behalf of the poor or vulnerable.

How do we live the faith with love and compassion? All our lives as Catholics, we have prayed the Apostles Creed, take some time to reflect on the creed this week:

I believe...in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

The Paschal Mystery, the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus, is at the center of our faith. We believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the only Son of God.

He is the salvation of the world, now and forever. What does it mean for you at this time in your life to believe in Jesus Christ?

How does professing Jesus as the only Son of God transform you priorities?

Blessings and Grace,
Msgr. Charlie
Pastor

Knights of Columbus Council #857 Annual Membership Dues Notice

The annual membership dues are being mailed out at the end of December 2012.

From the desk of the Financial Secretary PGK Bob Banasiak.

There are 12 members who have not paid there 2012 membership dues yet. Our council is trying to keep the dues @ \$30.00 a year which is rather inexpensive. So please pay your dues ASAP, because it is the lifeblood of your council. If anyone is having financial difficulty, please contact myself (Bob Banasiak) or Worthy Grand Knight Jim Matits.

*** Bulletin Board ***

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Monday Night Football (MNF) is well underway at the council There have been some great games, like the Saints beating the Eagles to name one. A Halftime Buffett and a 50/50' along with the game make this a special night to enjoy. The upcoming schedule has been posted in the council and there are more rivalry games left in the season. Stop by and enjoy the game.

ADVENT BREAKFAST- 12/2/12 FROM 8AM -12PM

Come down and enjoy a nice meal right before the Christmas season takes full bloom. Our annual Advent breakfast is a great way to meet folks from the surrounding areas, St. James church and Knights. The breakfast menu has lots of delicious items to choose from and of course special made omelets are always big hit. Please come down and support the Knights of Columbus.

MANGER LIGHTING- 12/4/12 AT 7:00PM

All are welcome. Our annual Manger lighting will be Dec 4th beginning at 7:00pm. Stop by and say a prayer and sing some great Christmas carols in the front of the Knights of Columbus House. After the Manger lighting we head inside to enjoy some time together and some food.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/15/2012 – 7PM

Come celebrate the wonderful Christmas season at the annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Party. Come down and join other Knights and their families as we enjoy the company of one another, fine food, and spirits.

PGK DINNER – JANUARY 26TH 2013

Come out and show your support and appreciation for our PGK James K. Sullivan. This event is a great way to enjoy some food, entertainment and presentations celebrating the great work that Jim did during his term as our Grand Knight. The event is being run by PGK, PFN Paul Tornanbe and PGK, PFN John Hunt, Tickets to the event should be arriving shortly; please make every effort to attend.

DIGITAL ONLINE NEWSLETTER NOTICE

The Council will be transitioning to a digital/email newsletter. Due to the costs of printing and mailing, as well as the erratic delivery performance related to bulk mail, we are forced to make this move.

- Please note we will still print and mail a *limited* number of newsletters.
- Newsletters will continue to be available in the Bar.
- Those members wishing to receive a newsletter by mail must contact Jim Matits by mailing the form below or calling 732-874-2170.
- Our goal is to get to a reasonable number of mailed newsletters that can be easily and economically handled with 1st class mail.
- ***If you have an email address, please forward that to us as well!*** Even if you want the mailed newsletter, we can get important communications out quickly by email.
- Newsletters are also available for download on our website: ***www.woodbridgekofc.org or www.kofc857.org***

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Council #857 - Upcoming Events

December

- 2 Advent Breakfast 8:00 AM -12:00 PM
4 Social Meeting - Lighting of the Manger - PACE Program & St .James Tuition Angel Donations 7:00 PM
11 Officers Meeting 8:00 PM
15 Council Christmas Party 7:00 PM
18 Business Meeting 8:00 PM

January

- 1 No Social Meeting - Happy New Year
8 Officers Meeting 8:00 PM
15 Business Meeting 8:00 PM
26 PGK Dinner - James K. Sullivan 6:00 PM

February

- 3 Super bowl TBD
5 Social Meeting - Special Guest & light food 8:00 PM - 8:30 Speaker
12 Officers Meeting 8:00 PM
13 Ash Wednesday - Fish Dinner - TBD 4:00 PM
19 Business Meeting 8:00 PM

March

- St. Patrick's Day Parade - TBD

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Council #857 is in the process of updating our database. In order to improve communication with the membership regarding upcoming events, degrees ceremonies, and members sick or in distress, etc., we find our mailing list is not as efficient or effective as we would like it to be. Please fill out the questionnaire below so we can update our files and fulfill our promise to keep you as updated as possible. You can mail this form back to the council home: 130 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, or call our membership director Robert Golden, PGK at 732-596-2115 or send an e-mail to RobertGolden@TopProducer.com.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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