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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers:

As the Christmas Season fast approaches, I feel that it's a good time to reflect. I find myself getting very contemplative about the past year. I think about friends that I've lost, new friendships that I've developed and mostly about family.

In my opinion, I equate Christmas with family. I mean we hear the beautiful story about the birth of Jesus, how Joseph wanted to get Mary to a place where she could feel warmth and kindness. Even though Jesus was born in a stable I believe that it didn't matter because as with any newborn he wanted to be near his family.

Imagine if you will, those soldiers who are unable to make it home for the holidays. I'm sure they wouldn't care where they were as long as they were surrounded by family. I believe that it's that thought of family that keeps many soldiers spirits high, the thought that they will someday come home to spend Christmas with their family.

So as I conclude this message, I would like us to reflect on family and not the "hoopla" surrounding the Christmas season. Let's keep our eye on the ball and remember it's about family and the Baby Jesus and let's truly "Keep Christ in Christmas".

God bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Eismont

Grand Knight, Council# 857

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Editor's Note:

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If you are planning on moving or have a change in your email address, please notify the council with your new information so you don't miss any issues of the newsletter.

Knight of the Month

December 2013

Ed Kuchie

Our Knight of the Month for December is Ed Kuchie, Ed is always willing to “throw his hat in the ring” to coin a phrase. He recently volunteered to the “Community Chair” for our council and played an active role in the kid’s Halloween Party. Congratulations Ed and thanks for all you do for our council.

Sick or In Distress

Kathy Eismont	The Demaio Family
Paul Tornambe	Roy Brower
Janil Iannitto	Joseph Sullivan
William Herrmann	Josephine Goellner
Barbara Langon	Irene Gorecki
Allen Minkler	The Marria Family
Jos Lasparagata	Pat Keenan
Dre	Betty
The Behrens Family	Travis Kukoly

Armed Forces, Aborted Babies and the Victims of the Philippines.

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 732-634-6783

If you know of a Brother Knight who has passed away, please contact GK Ed Eismont at 732-754-4433

Urgent: St. James Food Pantry

As always, our support of 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.

Feel free to drop off any items when you come down for any meeting or event as the food pantry goes through quite a bit of food on a regular basis and each item helps serve others.

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.

Happy Birthday! December!

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

Rinky Dink Winners

Ed Eismont (15 Points) – 11/5
Kevin Mal (21 Points) – 11/19

Attendance Pool

Barry Thostesen (Not Present) – 11/5
No Drawing – 11/19

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.

Welcome our New First Degree Member

Steve Gardella

Columbian Club Report

Brothers:

As you may have noticed, we are in the process of replacing the Knights of Columbus sign on the corner of our building, based on what I'm seeing the sign is going to be VERY noticeable.

That being said, there are other "projects" that need attention and I am looking for volunteers for "work parties" to assist. Based on the information that is provided to me, there are currently two "projects" that need attention:

1. The outside door that is located by the bathrooms in the hall needs to be repaired/replaced.
2. A member donated a sound system to the club and we would like to replace the current sound system.

If you are interested in heading up a "work party" or have another idea as to how we can have the above mentioned "projects" completed, please feel free to come to the next Columbian Club meeting and share your ideas.

Fraternally,
Ed Eismont
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

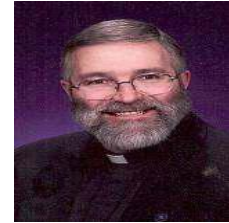
Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry

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 **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 the current Faithful Navigator **Mr. James K. Sullivan, PGK, FN** at 732-423-3020 or e-mail **jim@repocat.com**.

From our Worthy Chaplain . . . Msgr. Charles Cicerale



Dear St. James Family,

Closing the Church liturgical year and The Year of Faith with this feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe... I have a true story of faith besting fears:

“Everything will be OK”

It happened on the first Tuesday of the new school year.

Maybe you saw it on television or read about it: A man armed with an AK-47 with 500 rounds of ammunition and “nothing to live for” broke into an elementary school in suburban Atlanta. But this story had a much different ending than the tragedies we have become used to – thanks to a school’s employee.

The gunman managed to slip inside the secure school by shadowing someone into the building. As soon as he got inside, he fired one round on the main floor. Antoinette Tuff, the school’s bookkeeper, immediately called 911. Taking several staff members hostage, the gunman then demanded that someone call a local television station. Antoinette placed the call, but kept the 911 dispatcher connected.

Throughout the ordeal, the 46-year-old bookkeeper kept talking to him, calming the gunman, a 20-year-old named Michael. Antoinette told him that he wasn’t alone in having troubles. When he mumbled something about no one wanting to listen to him, she told him, “But I’m sitting here with you and talking to you about it.”

Michael said that he was off his medication for a psychological disorder. He said that he didn’t have any reason to live and that he knew he was going to die today. Antoinette shares stories of heartbreak from her own life: her recent divorce, her son with multiple disabilities.

When police arrived, Michael wanted to face the police, but Antoinette persuaded him to surrender. She convinced him to empty his pockets and backpack and put his weapons down, and to get down on the floor, with his hands behind his back. When the police entered the room, Michael did not resist and was taken into custody.

No student or staff member was harmed.

The recording of the 911 call shows her remarkable calm: “It’s going to be alright, sweetie,” Antoinette told Michael. “I just want you to know I love you, though, OK? And I’m proud of you. That’s a good thing that you’re just giving up and don’t worry about it. We all go through something in life. No, you don’t want that. You’re going to be OK.”

“I thought the same thing, you know. I tried to commit suicide last year after my husband left me. But look at me know. I’m still working and everything is OK.”

“We’re not going to hate you, baby. It’s a good thing you’re giving up, so we’re not going to hate you”

Antoinette Tuff saved the lives of 800 elementary school students and their teachers because she used her hear – and her heart.

Blessings & Grace
~ Msgr. Charlie

** Bulletin Board**

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CONTINUES

Monday Night Football (MNF) returns in the upcoming weeks to the council. A Half-time Buffett and a 50/50 along with the game make this a special night to enjoy. Not every Monday Night Game is hosted at the Knights, but you can catch the biggest games and team rivalries for less than a night out anywhere else. Watch our bulletin board for details of upcoming MNF games at our council.

ADVENT BREAKFAST – DECEMBER 1, 2013

Once again our Financial Secretary, Bob Banasiak will be serving up his famous omelets as well as other breakfast staples from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and \$4.00 for children ages 5-10.

MANGER LIGHTING – DECEMBER 3, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

Stop by, say a prayer and sing some Christmas Carols in front of our council. After the lighting we can head inside and enjoy some food and family time. Anyone that would like to prepare a dish for this event please reach out to me at 732-754-4433 (Ed Eismont)

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 14, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

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.

JEWELRY “FUN”DRAISER – DECEMBER 15, 2013 AT 2:00 PM

This is one for the Ladies!

Premier Designs Jewelry has offered to hold a fundraising event for our council – please see attached invitation for details. The jewelry is professional quality and very attractive. Bring a friend and help “FUN”d raise for our council. Anyone with questions, in need of a catalog or that is willing to prepare a dish for this event, please reach out to Kathy Eismont at 732-754-5872.

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

December

1	Advent Breakfast	8:00 AM
3	Social Meeting/Manger Lighting	7:00 PM
10	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
14	Christmas Party	7:00 PM
15	Jewelry "FUN"draiser	2:00 PM
17	Social/Business Meeting	8:00 PM
25	Christmas Day	
31	New Year's Eve	

January

1	New Year's Day	
7	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
14	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
21	Social/Business Meeting	8:00 PM
		7:00 PM

February

2	Super Bowl	TBD
4	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
11	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
18	Business Meeting	8:00 PM

**You're invited to a
"BLINGLE & MINGLE"
"FUN"draiser
featuring
Premier Designs Jewelry!**



Hosted by:

***Wives of the
Knights of Columbus***

Date:

Sunday, December 15th

Time:

2:00-4:00 pm (Stop-n-shop anytime!)

Location:

***Knights of Columbus Hall
130 Main Street
Woodbridge, NJ***

*Join us for some light refreshments while browsing
Premier Designs' affordable high fashion jewelry.
Jewelry lady, Christine Cooper, will share the majority of her
profits to go towards our fund.
In addition, we will earn 50% in free jewelry of the retail sales for
additional "fun"draising!*

-BEAUTIFUL CROSS COLLECTION-

-GIFTS FOR KIDS-

***-CAN PURCHASE ON THE SPOT AND WRAPPING STATION WILL BE
AVAILABLE ON SITE-***

-SPECIAL ORDERS CAN BE DELIVERED BY CHRISTMAS-

***Bring as many friends as you'd like!
THE MORE THE MERRIER!***

For a quick head count, please RSVP Kathy Eismont at 732-754-5872

The Council Compass is "Going Green"

In an effort to decrease expenses, The Council Compass will be transitioning to a fully digital/email newsletter beginning in January, 2014. Due to the increased cost of printing and mailing, as well as the erratic delivery performance related to bulk mail, we have decided to eliminate the mailing of hard copy newsletter. By doing this we can save in excess of \$3,000 per Columbian Year.

Please note – we will still print a limited number of newsletter which will be available in the Bar. If you have an email address, please forward it to us. Newsletters are also available for download from our website: www.woodbridgekofc.org or www.kofc857.org.

Please complete the questionnaire below so we can add you to our email list and send your newsletter electronically. You can mail this form back to Knights of Columbus 130 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, Attn: Ed Eismont, GK. You can also call me at 732-754-4433 or send an e-mail with the information to eeismont22@verizon.net.

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