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## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers:

First and foremost, thank you. I'm honored that you have elected me to represent Middlesex Council # 857 and serve as its' Grand Knight for the 2013 - 2014 Columbian Year.

For those of you who don't know me, I was born and raised in Linden, NJ. I went to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic School; I graduated from Roselle Catholic HS (Class of 1980) and am a Rutgers Alumnae. I was recruited into the Knights by my father and made my 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees in the 80s. Until about 5 years ago I was a member of the Linden Council # 2859 and then transferred to this Council.

I just celebrated 10 years of marriage to my best friend Kathy and together we've created a home full of love and laughter (most of the time). I have a 20 year old stepson Mike who graduated WHS in 2011 and is currently going to culinary school.

As I write this I can feel myself starting to get excited about the challenges of Grand Knighthood and I know with the help of fellow Knights that have way more knowledge and experience than I, will be a valuable assets in assisting me in being "worthy" Grand Knight.

Kathy and I have had many discussions about me taking on this very important role and as always she will give me her full support and assist in whatever way she can. For that I would like to thanks her in advance and let her know that I truly appreciate her support.

I would like to thank Jim Matits, PGK, for adding another layer to the foundation of Council # 857. I hope that I can continue what he and all Grand Knights before him have accomplished.

Lastly, thank you to all the members. We are Knights, because we love helping our community, our parish, each other, and being Catholic gentlemen.

Vivat Jesus!

**ED EISMONT**

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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**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH  
JULY 2013  
KEN WAHL**

Our Knight of the Month for July is Ken Wahl. Ken has always done an amazing job as Columbian Club Treasurer. As Treasurer, he was approachable and if he didn't have the answer readily available he would offer to find out and get back to the individual. Additionally, he is in the process of training our incoming Treasurer, Daniel Langon, Jr. We thank Ken for his many years of service to both the Columbian Club and Council # 857!

**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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JULY/AUGUST!**

Nestor Salcedo , John Bonner Luis Catapane	7/1	Michael Travostino	8/1
Michael Pasko	7/3	Agustin Sanchez	8/2
John C. Brower	7/4	Joe Gaul & Jack Pullizzi	8/5
Mathew Golubieski	7/6	Luis Ramos & Leonard Gigantino	8/8
Michael Black	7/8	Anthony Caracaus	8/12
John Trask & Chester Kotlowski	7/12	Stanley Troyano	8/13
Robert Christopher	7/13	Donald Eak Jr.	8/14
Edward Evaldi , Alfred Jankowski , Danny Silva & Chuck Bellanca	7/14	Anthony Claps	8/15
Elmer Cuzzolino & John Demarie	7/15	Robert Sullivan	8/16
Bob Paul Harry Pease	7/17	Robert Floersch	8/21
James K. Sullivan	7/19	Ed Eismont & Frank Dellapolla	8/22
Kevin Rich	7/20	Joseph Nagy & Donald Farley	8/24
Gerard Stamato	7/23	Michael J. Choma & Dominick LaPenta	8/26
Michael Merritt	7/24	Leon Jordan	8/27
Henry Hudak	7/31	William Almasi	8/29
		Michael Shannon	8/30

**SICK OR IN DISTRESS**

Bryn Jarka	Bill Dowling (HFD)
Pat Keenan	Jayne Behner
George Waldomore	Bob Jiminez
F. Jerard Braken	

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to  
Ed Lenart and his family for the  
recent loss of Joe Lenart.**

**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 732-634-6783

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

**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**

*Bob Sabo 20 Points*

**Attendance Pool**

*Joe Geis 55 Points*

**Knights of Columbus Degree Updates**

Degrees are offered throughout the Columbian year (except during the summer months). If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

As we start the new Columbian Year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for what you do for the Columbian Club.

As you may be aware we purchased a new more efficient air conditioner for the club and thanks to Gerry Stamato, PGK for insuring that it was installed correctly.

As my predecessor has done so will I continue to ask members for a \$25.00 for the Councils building maintenance fund so we may continue to provide events for the community in which we serve, and the great parish we support.

In the coming months I will provide additional details regarding what's happening in the Columbian Club, so until next time, be safe and God Bless!

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 mean 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**

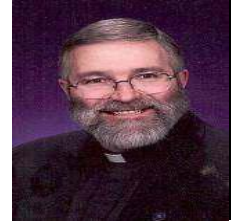
### Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry

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](mailto: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@repcat.com](mailto:jim@repcat.com).

## FROM OUR WORTHY CHAPLAIN . . . MSGR. CHARLES CICERALE



### *Who do you say I am?* **“Shepherd in combat boots”**

Dear People of God,

Sixty years ago, a group of American GIs walked out of a North Korean prison camp, carrying a large wooden crucifix they had made from firewood and bits of wire. The cross was a tribute to a fellow prisoner who had touched their souls and saved their lives, Father Emil Kapaun {pronounced Ka\_PAWN}.

After the Communist invasion of South Korea in 1950, Chaplain Kapaun was among the first American troops that hit the beaches and pushed their way north through hard mountains and bitter cold. When 20,000 Chinese troops swept down on the vastly outnumbered American forces at Unsan, Father Kapaun raced across no-man’s land, dodging bullets and explosions to drag the wounded to safety.

Father Kapaun and a dozen other Americans were taken prisoners. As they were being led away on the Tiger Death March to the North Korean prison camp at Pyoktong, the priest saw another American lying in a ditch, unable to walk, his ankle shattered in a grenade blast. A Chinese soldier was about to execute the American, but Father Kapaun pushed the Chinese soldier aside. As the stunned soldier watched, Father Kapaun picked up the wounded GI and carried him for miles. When other prisoners stumbled, he picked them up, as well. When they wanted to quit, knowing that stragglers would be shot, the priest begged them to keep walking.

During that brutally cold winter, Father Kapaun took care of the sick, gave away his own clothes to freezing prisoners, fashioned pots to boil water to battle dysentery, and prayed with the men in their huts. He was known as “the good thief” for his ability to steal food and trade anything he had for meager supplies. He celebrated Mass with a missal and bread he and the prisoners kept hidden.

It was his selfless faith and unwavering hope, survivors of the ordeal remember, that saved their lives. But the chaplain did not survive. Crippled by a blood clot in his leg and weakened by dysentery and pneumonia, Father Kapaun died on May 23, 1951. He was 35 years old. Two years later, the camp was liberated.

This past April 11, Father Emil Kapaun was awarded the Medal of Honor, our nation’s highest military honor. He is the fifth Catholic chaplain in history to be so honored. It was the members of his unit who fought for years for this recognition for their chaplain, their “shepherd in combat boots.”

Father Emil Kapaun’s life was the ultimate answer to the question Jesus asks in today’s Gospel: Who do you say I am? Everything we say and do is our response to that question; every decision and choice we make proclaims exactly who we believe this Jesus is; every moment of our lives declares our faith in this Jesus, “the Messiah of God,” who comes to restore us to hope and transform us in the justice and peace of God. As Father Kapaun understood, to lay claim to the title of disciple cannot be done casually or halfheartedly; discipleship cannot be confined to certain hours of the day or limited to carefully specified situations. Inspired by the example of Father Kapaun and the selfless, brave disciples of every time and place, may we take up Jesus’ call to discipleship, willing to risk our own safety, and security for the Gospel of justice and peace, not looking back but forward to the possibilities for making the reign of God a reality in our own time and place.

What you are made of and who you really are is molded from every choice and decision you make. Keep Christ in the center of your life and ask His direction and guidance when perplexed!!

Blessings and Grace;  
 Msgr. Charlie  
 Pastor

## BULLETIN BOARD \*

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2013!

The installation of Officers for the 2013/2014 Columbian year has been scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in our Council Hall. The start time for the installation is 6:30 PM. **All members and their families are welcome!** Please come down to congratulate and welcome the new officers! There will be some food served following the installation.

### K OF C BLOOD DRIVE – JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

Bob Banasiak PGK has scheduled our next Council Blood Drive for Saturday **July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013**, from 8 AM–2 PM. **\$3 NJ Lottery ticket is given to all donors!** The blood supply is always dangerously low. Not all events raise money, but saving a life is priceless, so please donate!

### A “KNIGHT” AT STRAWBERRY’S – JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

Council # 857 will be receiving a percentage of all food that is sold that day. This event is open to everyone; all they have to do is tell them that they are here to support the Knights of Columbus.

### MONMOUTH PARK – SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Paul has secured the above date for “A Day at the Races”. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Price includes admission to the Grandstand, a program, hot dogs, hamburgers and salad

### ST. JAMES STREET FAIR – SEPTEMBER 21<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

Once again our council will have a booth at the fair to promote the council. Our aim is to bring awareness to our charitable events and to promote membership. We are looking for volunteers to work the booth, if you are interested in volunteering please call Ed Eismont, GK at 732-754-4433.

***COUNCIL #857 - UPCOMING EVENTS***

**July**

- 2 Social Meeting Cancelled
- 4 **Independence Day**
- 9 Installation of 2013 -2014 Officers **6:30 PM**
- 16 Business Meeting 8:00 PM
- 27 Blood Drive 9:00 AM
- 29 A "Knight" at Strawberry's 6:30 PM

**August**

- 6 Social Meeting Cancelled
- 10 Dinner & Movie Night (Movie: TBD) 5:30 PM
- 13 Officer's Meeting 8:00 PM
- 20 Business Meeting 8:00 PM

**September**

- 2 **Labor Day**
- 3 Social Meeting 8:00 PM
- 10 Officers Meeting 8:00 PM
- 14 St. James Street Fair 10:00 AM
- 14 Monmouth Park 1:00 PM
- 17 Business Meeting 8:00 PM

July 2013							August 2013							September 2013						
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October 2013							November 2013							December 2013						
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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**.

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ARE YOU? (CIRCLE ONE)      1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE      2<sup>nd</sup> DEGREE      3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE      4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE

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