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## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights

This past Columbian Year flew by, and to serve the council as your Grand Knight was a great honor and one that I will always cherish.

I want to say thank you to all the Officers, Families, St James Parish, Father Charlie, and brother Knights that helped to make this past Columbian Year such a success. As I have said before "One Knight does not run the council, it takes everyone to make it run and make it work". We are brothers united in God's work.

We started the year by talking about unity and being united in what we did and it showed. We raised money from brand new events such as our Comedy Knight, and the Woman and Babies Benefit with the help from our friends at Weight Watchers.

We provided numerous monetary donations in our unselfish quest to continue the charitable arm of the Knights. Those donations were helpful to many local organizations. We ran the council as a cohesive group, a Great Catholic Fraternity.

There were so many events we contributed man hour efforts too, so I will speak to a few; St. James Cemetery Cleanup, Food Pantry on a weekly basis, St. James Chili Cook off, and 12 dedicated Knights ran a special Thanksgiving Dinner for the local community cooking, and serving and setting up McCorristen Hall with Dayna and the Weight Watchers group.

Thanks to Dayna and the wonderful woman of Weight Watchers for all their support and help throughout the year, you guys were a god send.

Special thanks to my wife Rosie who at times, hardly saw me some weekends. She was very supportive to me throughout my term and I am grateful for that.

Last but not least, I know our incoming Grand Knight Ed Eismont will do a spectacular job, and I know his beautiful wife Kathy will be there to support him throughout his term as GK. The council is in great hands with you Ed, and we should all feel confident of the job you will do as Grand Knight, and with the fine officers you have to help 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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Community Chair	James K. Sullivan PGK	
Sick Chairman	Robert Golden, PGK	596-2115
Right-to-Life Chair	John C. Brower, PGK	

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## Knight of the Month

May 2013

**John C. Brower**

Our Knight of the Month for May is John C. Brower PGK, PFN. John is always there to lend a hand. I've called him and he gets back to me right away. He ran the Right to Life Dinner and a Movie, helped set up and run the Comedy Knight, and was responsible for drawing up the plans for our oil tank location, installation and gathering approvals, and the signing of the work permit. Thanks for all your help and congratulations as our new District Deputy!!

## 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.

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

## Sick or In Distress

Jules Sabo	The Marria Family
Father Smiths Family	Pat Keenan
Connie	Nunzio
David Major	John Fischetti
Gerard Bracken	Alan Minkler
The Wyzykowski Family	Linda Kuchie
Ron Langan	Oklahoma Tornado Victims

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! June 2013

Chester Brodzinski	6/1	Joseph E Sullivan	6/22
Rocco D Addario	6/1	David Addota	6/24
David J Lynch	6/1	James OKeefe	6/24
James J. Keating	6/1	James J. Peterson	6/24
Philip A. Scardilli	6/2	Thomas P. Brown	6/26
John Sestak	6/2	Alexander Kotlyarevsky	6/26
Martin F. Naughton III	6/5	Jon F. Plakosh	6/27
Christopher Hrabinski	6/6	Donald E Reilly	6/28
Gary Zimmer	6/7	Robert A Sabo	6/28
Joseph C. Gregus	6/9	Justin Kukoly	6/29
Daniel P Semenza	6/15	Kenneth French	6/30
Andrew Uszenski	6/16		
Paul M Tornambe	6/17		
Robert Nixon	6/18		
Mick Vargo	6/18		
Richard M. Warshany	6/19		
Edward M Weisenhorn	6/20		
Edward V Quinn	6/20		
Kenneth M. Egan	6/22		

## 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

**Ken Wahl**  
23 pts

Attendance Pool  
**Herb Castor**  
50 pts

## 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](mailto:RobertGolden@topproducer.com). The next 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree will be held at Perth Amboy's Council on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Columbian Club Report

Brothers:

I am pleased to announce, that we have purchased an energy efficient air conditioner (23,500 Btu) for the bar. Thank you to Ken "The Money" Wahl, Tom "Hundreds" Patton, and Kevin "The Installer" Uszenski. I couldn't have asked for more help to get the air conditioner, and to have it installed so quickly. It took many years of healthy discussions, but it's done now, and last thing is to secure the ground with plastic and stone. Thanks guys you all rock!

The Oil Tank Blueprint and Permit have been taking care of, and now the work on having a contractor to lay the concrete pad and fix our front walkway has begun. This should be completed before July 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to personally thank The LaPenta Family for their help and effort, and the other Knights that played a role in getting the tank to the council. God bless you all!

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. This work is currently being priced and should be completed before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Although we weren't able to get all the repairs done timely, we did complete a lot of tasks that were necessary for our club. The Toilet fix was huge, and the switch to a new energy provider has given us a nice savings over the past few months of over \$300.00. We've got more work to complete, and I know that the council can continue to count on all of you for your support.

Our Hall Rentals have been consistent for the most part throughout the year, and I thank our hall Chairman Ed Lenart for all of his hard work and efforts.

Our Maître D program will be utilized moving forward so we can ensure the hall is left in a clean manner, for other rentals, and that the lights, and air conditioners are off, and club doors are locked. There will be a checklist for all Maître D's to follow along with a "Rules of the Rental" for all customer hall rentals in the upcoming year. This is not a new function as guidelines were provided last year, so this just enforces that set of guidelines. If you wish to get on the Maître D list please contact Ed Lenart.

Lastly I want to end, by saying it was a pleasure to serve as your Columbian Club president, together we made great things happen, and I know you will support our incoming Columbian Club president Ed Eismont.

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. James K. Sullivan, PGK** at 732-423-3020 or e-mail **repcat@yahoo.com**.

**Special Announcement of our past events**

- **Tootsie Roll Drive collected 2500.00**
- **GK Golf Outing raised over 1000.00**
- **Comedy Knight raised over 500.00**
- **Right to Life Dinner and Movie raised over 200.00**

\*Keep in mind, the Knights raise the money, but we turn around and provide it to local organizations, so these events are another great way that we can continue to donate money to various organizations.

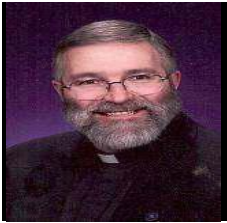
**2013/2014 Elected Officers**

Elections have been held and the following table provides you with the incoming officers for the 2013-2014 Columbian Year. Congratulations to all the officers.

<b>Grand Knight</b>	Ed Eismont	<b>Advocate</b>	John Hunt PGK
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	Bob Paul	<b>Warden</b>	Danny Langon Jr
<b>Chancellor</b>	Kevin Marlowe	<b>Inside Guard</b>	Kevin Mal
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Gerry Stamato PGK	<b>Trustee 2</b>	James Kevin Sullivan PGK
<b>Lecturer</b>	Jack Keenan PGK	<b>Trustee 3</b>	James J. Matits Sr. PGK

State Elections were also held in Wildwood NJ. Andrew Lipenta will be the New State Deputy, Bruce De Molli State Treasurer, Bob Hatler State Secretary and Jim Stoever will be the State Warden. Visit <http://njkofc.org> for more information.

## From our Worthy Chaplain . . . Msgr. Charles Cicerale



Dear People of God,

In this Feast of Pentecost, I offer you a reflection by Fr. Jose Pagola, S.J. called **“The Breath of Life”** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hand and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven, if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

The Hebrews made of life a very real and beautiful mystery. They thus described the creation of man in an old story in the 9<sup>th</sup> century before Christ: **“The Lord God formed man from the dust of the earth. Then he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. And so man became a living being”**. This is what our experience tells us. The human being is clay. At any moment it can fall apart. How do you walk with feet of clay? How do you look at life with eyes of clay? How do you love with a heart of clay?

However the clay lives! Within it lies a breath that make it live. It is the Breath of God. His life-giving Spirit. At the end of his Gospel, John has depicted a magnificent scene. It is the climactic moment for the risen Jesus. According to John’s account, the birth of the Church is a “new creation”. When sending his disciples, Jesus **“blows his breath upon them and says “Receive the Holy Spirit”** Without the Spirit of Jesus, the Church is lifeless clay: a community unable to bring hope, comfort and life in the world. It can pronounce sublime words without conveying ‘something’ from God to the hearts of people.

It can speak with confidence and firmness without confirming the faith of people. From where will it bring hope if it is not from the breath of Jesus? How will it defend itself against death without the Spirit of the Risen One? Without the Creative Spirit of Jesus, we may end up without anyone in the church believing anything different. Everything has to be as it has always been. No one is allowed to dream of great new possibilities. The most secure religion is an unchanging and controlled one that changes as little as possible. What we have received from times past it is also best for our own. Our modern generations have to celebrate their faith in the language and rituals of many centuries ago. The directions we must take are decided. Do not ask why.

Why shouldn’t we cry out: “Come, Holy Spirit.” Come to your Church. Come to free us from fear, mediocrity and lack of faith in your creative power. We must not point to others. We must, each of us, open our hearts.

Let us keep Deacon Juan in our prayers as he prepares to enter into the Order of the Holy Priesthood. He has been a true servant of God for the parish this year. Deacon Juan's involvement at liturgies and sacraments of Baptism and Marriage have been truly inspiring. His commitment to the Spanish ministry has continued the tradition of hospitality at our church. Please join us on Sunday May 26 as then Father Juan will be celebrating his first mass. God bless him.

Blessings and Grace;  
Msgr. Charlie ~ Pastor

**\* Bulletin Board \*****CONGRATULATIONS – TO...**

David G on winning the Free Throw contest in the Metuchen Diocese.

Great Job, Way to go David!!!

**SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR DEACON JUAN - 5/26 AFTER THE  
12 O'CLOCK MASS**

The Knights of Columbus and St. James Parish will be having a special celebration for Deacon Juan celebrating his 1<sup>st</sup> mass after the 12:00 mass on May 26<sup>th</sup>. God Bless you Deacon Juan as you make your journey into the priesthood. The Knights are here for you!!!

**CHANGING OF THE KEYS – 6/22 6:30 PM**

Our annual Changing of the Keys celebration will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm till???. This is great time to be had by all. The last 3 celebrations have been wonderful and it's a great way to meet fellow officers and Brother Knights and their families. If you would like to make/bake/cook/boil/fry/or buy food for this event please reach out to me and let me know. All food is welcomed; as there are some guys with really big hearts and even bigger appetites.

**A SUMMER BREAKFAST – 6/23 – 8AM -12PM**

Brother Bob and other Knights are looking to serve up some special omelets and other great breakfast items at our summer breakfast event. Please support this great event and let Bob Banasiak know if you can work the event.

**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.

**MONMOUTH PARK – SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY**

Our new Deputy Grand Knight Bob Paul has secured a date for Monmouth Park. The cost will be \$20.00 per person and look for more details to come in the July/August newsletter, if you would like information on it you can also contact Bob at 908-565-4002

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

<b>4</b>	<b>Social Meeting – Hot Dogs &amp; Hamburgers- bring the family</b>	<b>6:30 PM-8:30PM</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Officers Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>June 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Weekend Family Mass Cards to be handed out by Knights</b>		
<b>18</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Changing of the Keys Social</b>	<b>6:30 PM - ?</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Summer Breakfast Event</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 12:00PM</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Yankees vs. the Baltimore Orioles</b>	<b>12:00PM - ?</b>

**July**

<b>9</b>	<b>Officer Installation – all are welcome</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>

**August**

<b>13</b>	<b>Officers Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>

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# NY Yankees VS. Baltimore Orioles

Baseball trip Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 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

Stamato

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