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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers . . .

We have had many events in February and we kicked it off on February 5th, with another great breakfast put on by Bob "Flapjack" Banasiak PGK. The same day we had our Annual Super Bowl party, and the hall was packed with happy Giants fans!

The parish celebrated the elevation of our Worthy Chaplain, Monsignor Charles Cicerale, with a mass and luncheon on February 10th. The color corps from the Rev. John J. Griffin Assembly and the Carteret Assembly participated in the mass. Our Council prepared and served food for 400 people! Thanks to color corps commander Sean Keaveney PGK, PFN. Thanks also to John Brower, PGK for chairing our part of this event.

On February 18th we had our 5th Annual Fat Saturday Mardi Gras party. I'd like to thank John Brower PGK & his wife Nora, Ed & Kathy Eismont, Kevin & Donna Marlowe, Jonathan Plakosh, Mike Choma, and most of all, my wife Rose who runs this event with me every year.

Our Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner, on February 22nd, was another great success. We served over 200 dinners and spent some quality time with our Brothers and parish family. Thanks to Frank Sokloski, PGK for loaning us his culinary expertise. Thanks to Judy Sokloski for her hard work and organizational skills in the hall. She runs a tight ship! And thanks to the event chairman Joe Geis. Joe will have a full report forthcoming. REMEMBER: we are having another Fish Dinner on Good Friday.

Our next big event is our St. Patrick's Day Parade Social on March 11th and the doors will open at 12:00 pm. Come out to watch the parade, or better yet, come out to march in the parade with your Brother Knights! Hope to see you on parade day!!!

Vivat Jesus!

JAMES KEVIN SULLIVAN

Grand Knight, Council #857

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

The **Council Compass** is published monthly, except August. Any member wishing to submit an article or notice for publication may e-mail it to Jim Sullivan the newsletter editor, at gk@woodbridgekofc.org, no later than **20 (twenty) days** before the end of the month. All inclusions are subject to approval by the Grand Knight.

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

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH MARCH 2012 **ED LENART PGK**

Our Knight of the Month for March is Ed Lenart PGK. Ed is one of our 2-time PGKs, Hall Chairiman, and Youth Chariman. Despite his crazy schedule, Eddie always has time to jump in and run events for the Council and Club. Every year Eddie runs the Essay Contest and the Free-Throw Contest for the Council. His Annual Golf Outing is always a success, and his Monday Night Football Socials have boosted revenue for the club and membership for the Council.

Thanks for all you do, Eddy!!!

URGENT: ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY **Get Off Out Your Can!**

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.

If you forget to bring the canned item, don't forget the collection jug behind the bar! This is part of the statewide **Food for the Hungry and Holiday Food Baskets** KofC effort.

As always, our support for the food drive is greatly appreciated by Father Charlie 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! MARCH! CORRECTED!

01	Milton T Austin	13	Thomas J Farrell
01	Robert J Jardot Jr	15	Joseph Andrascik Jr
01	John M Tschinkel	15	Stephen J Novosedlik
01	Clifford J Meros	16	Michael J Dolly
02	Joseph T Geis	17	Frank W Lenart Jr
03	Thomas J Breen	19	William A Schaefer
03	Edward S Tobin	20	Robert T Herterich
04	Joseph J Hillyer	21	Michael A Seman
06	Walter S Korzeb Jr	21	Christopher T Luebcke
07	Timothy M Casey	25	Kevin P Mal
08	Joseph L Lenart	26	John M Mullen Jr
08	Matthew J Hill	29	Thomas R Hines Jr
09	Richard R Maciorowski	30	James Fischetti
11	Robert E Fanucci	31	John M Hunt

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Jim Carrigan	Pat Keenan
Bruce Turcotte	Ray Gallop
Cpl. Kevin Reinhard	Natividad Sanchez
Charles Mesick	Donna Pallino
Ginger Tornambe	Wayne McCormac
Nunzi Forlenza	Natividad Sanchez
Bill Herrmann	Dan Balinski
Pat Boccuzzi	Susan Kotlowski

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 Sullivan at 732-423-3020

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 "DIAMOND"

**JACK KEENAN PGK
14 PTS.**

**ATTENDANCE POOL
RICHARD HANDERHAN**

**70 PTS
Not Present**

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 Officer's House Maintenance meeting yielded a 3 page document of tasks and items. The "A" priority items are a leak in the roof, ceiling damage in the Pool room and Livingroom, and an uneven sidewalk by the door on Rt 35. We are starting with the roof and sidewalk and will get estimates. Once the roof is repaired we will move to the interior ceilings. More to come!

Reminder: As of **February 15, 2012** drink prices are as follows:

Top Shelf \$4.00 Shots \$3.00	Reg. Liquor \$3.00 Shots \$2.00	Premium Beer \$3.00	Reg. Beer \$2.00
Romana Sambuca	Seagram's 7	Guinness	Miller Light
Malibu Rum	Seagram's Gin	Corona	Budweiser
Bacardi Superior Rum	Platinum Vodka	Corona Light	Yuengling
Absolute Vodka	Blackberry Brandy	Heineken	Beck NA
Kahlua	Bacardi Gold Rum		Coors Light
Jack Daniels	Canadian Club		Black & Tan
Dewars White Label			
Tanqueray Gin			
Jameson's			
Jim Beam			

Fraternally,
JAMES KEVIN SULLIVAN
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 the current Faithful Navigator **Mr. Matt Hill, PGK** at **201-243-6673** or e-mail **matthew.j.hill@mac.com**.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Our Members Who Reached Milestones in the 1st Quarter of 2012.

Honorary Life Members

Jan. 22 nd —John P. Reager	Feb. 1 st —Anthony J. Caracaus
Feb. 10 th —Adam J. Sosnowski Jr.	March 31 st —John M. Hunt

25 year Members

Feb. 1 st —Anthony J. Caracaus	March 4 th —James F. Ciampa
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50 year Member

Feb. 27 th — Jerry DeMaio

God Bless each & every one of you for your longevity!

Dues Notice

All members who haven't paid their 2012 membership dues, by now should have received a 2nd notice of payment in the mail. As of February 14th, there are still 76 members in arrears, 10 of those owe for 2011 dues as well. Please send out the check out ASAP to avoid suspension.

* BULLETIN BOARD *

SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST

On Sunday, February 5th, a Super Bowl breakfast was held at the council. There was a nice turnout and we made a profit of \$225.00. I'd like to thank the following members who helped me in the prep of the food, setting up the hall, cooking the breakfast, & clean-up: James Jones, Fran Bobal, John Hunt, Ed McSherry, Gerry Stamato, James Matits, Jules & Bob Sabo, John Brower, Mike Choma, & Matt Zehnder. —*Chairman, Robert Banasiak, PGK*

ST. JAMES BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, February 11th, there was a blood drive held @ St. James Church. The following members either donated or helped @ the canteen: John Brower, Bob Banasiak, Mark Tarantino, Steve Novosedlik, Joe Travostino, Everett Prior, Trevor Pinto, Bill Dowling, Charles Kenny, Leo Caffrey, Bob Floersch, Kevin Marlowe, Joe Brinamen, Jim Matits, Bob Golden, & Kevin Mal. *If there are any omissions, please contact Jim Sullivan, so he can put you in the April newsletter.* Thanks to all who came out on the snowy day to help out the blood bank!

CELEBRATION FOR MONSIGNOR CICERALE

Thanks to all from our Council who helped with the Celebration for Monsignor Cicerale!

John Brower PGK, Bob Sabo PGK, Jules Sabo, Kevin Marlowe, Gerry Stamato PGK, Frank Sokloski PGK, Ed Lenart PGK, Rich Maciorowski, Jim Matits DGK, Leo Luebcke, Bob Handerhan, Steve Novosedlik, Bob Banasiak PGK, Alex Kotlyarevsky, Michael Choma PGK, DD, John Hunt PGK, Pascal Dougboh, Kevin Mal, and Jim O'Keefe

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil will be held from February 22nd—April 1st at American Women's Services/American Wellness Center—228 Main Street, Woodbridge NJ. Please visit www.40daysforlife.com for schedule and info. *Come down and show your support!*

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & SOCIAL

Come down to the club and enjoy the annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade** at the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, March 11th. The fun, food, and festivities will begin at NOON and run all day.

This is a very SPECIAL year as our own Sean Keaveney PGK PFN has been named Grand Marshall!!!!

Please note that there will be a small charge for the food this year (*Prices to be determined*). *Cash Bar*.

NOTICE: ST. PATRICK'S DAY – MARCH 17TH

On Saturday March 17th, the bar will be open to members as usual, however, there will be **No Social** as was advertised.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

On Sunday, April 1st, 2012, we will be having our annual Palm Sunday All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast in the Council hall from 8 am - Noon. Another "Flapjack" Banasiak presentation!

\$7.00 - adults | \$6.00 - seniors | \$4.00 for kids (10 & under). *You won't be disappointed!*

GOOD FRIDAY FISH DINNER

We conclude Lent on Good Friday, April 6th 2012, with our annual Good Friday Fish Dinner in the Council hall from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm. \$11.00 - adults | \$9.00 - seniors | \$6.00 for kids (12 & under). *Eat-in or Take-out*.

KofC BLOOD DRIVE–NEW DATE!!!

Brother Bob Banasiak has scheduled our next Council Blood Drive for Saturday **April 7th, 2012**, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. **A \$3 NJ Lottery ticket is given to all donors!** Every pint matters and the blood supply, is always dangerously low. Please donate! *Note: Check upcoming newsletters and the website for the confirmed date.*

GRAND KNIGHT'S CHARITY GOLF OUTING

The 2012 Grand Knight's Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday April 23rd, 2012, at the Colonia Country Club. The price is \$150 per person and includes a BBQ lunch before the noon Tee-off. Also included is a banquet at the Council Hall immediately following the golf outing.

Please make reservations with Ed Lenart PGK, at 732-636-2700.

This year's charities are the **St. James Food Pantry** and the **Veteran's Home in Menlo Park Terrace**.

*** * * TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE*-APRIL 26TH –APRIL 29TH * * ***

Brothers . . . I have volunteered to chair this important event again this year, but **I need your help!!!**

I need about 1½ hours of your time over the course of this drive.

I want to make sure we have (4) guys on our corner on **Saturday 4/28 and Sunday 4/29**.

I will be scheduling 1½ hour shifts from 9 am to 6:30 pm each day.

We can also use guys on Thursday & Friday!

With the proper coverage we can collect a lot of money, money that goes to help the handicapped in our town.

More info and sign up info to follow.

Last year we raised over \$3000 and that's with only half of the shifts filled, let's try to beat that number this year!

--Gerry Stamato PGK, 908-239-0514, gerry1204@msn.com

OKTOBERFEST III - SAVE THE DATE!

Our 3rd Annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday October 27th, 2012. This year's live band will be the World Famous ADLERS!!! This has been an incredible event for the past 2 years and our 3rd year is shaping up to be our biggest yet. Mark your calendars! More info to come!

<i>COUNCIL #857 - UPCOMING EVENTS</i>
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March

6	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
11	Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade & Social	12:00 PM
13	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
17	St. Patrick's Day	
20	Business/Columbian Club Meeting	8:00 PM

April

1	Palm Sunday Breakfast	8:00 AM
3	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
6	Good Friday Fish Dinner	4:30 PM
7	Blood Drive	8:00 AM
8	Easter Sunday	
10	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
11	State RTL Meeting	7:00 PM
17	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
23	Grand Knight Charity Golf Outing	11:00 AM
26-29	Tootsie Roll Drive!!!	

May

1	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
5	Cinco de Mayo Social	7:00 PM
8	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
12	Dinner & Movie Fundraiser	5:30 PM
15	Business Meeting	8:00 PM
18-19	NJ State Convention Wildwood NJ	

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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