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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers:

October was a busy month and I can only imagine with the holidays just around the corner that the next couple of months will be even busier.

October 19, 2013 was the PGK Dinner and from what I saw all in attendance had a great time, I'm sure that Jim Matits and his family appreciated all those that were able to attend. I want to thank DGK Bob Paul for coordinating this important event.

Also on October 26, 2013, we held a successful Kid's Halloween Party. Thanks to Ed Kuchie, John Brower, Dan Langon, Jr., Jim Matits, Anthony Picerno, Jack Keenan, Jim Sullivan, Ed Lenart and all that help in making this event a success.

I believe that there are a lot of great ideas out there and I'm hoping that we can involve other Knights to help our club think of new fundraising events which can also be successful. As I write this message I am reminded that I am continually mentioning the same people. Any event involves a team of people so please volunteer to help out. Many hands make lighter work.

A lot of times we have great ideas but are not sure how to get the ball rolling. There are brothers that have run events and they can be a valuable resource.

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
NOVEMBER 2013
FRANK SOKLOSKI, PGK**

Our Knight of the Month for November is Frank Sokloski, PGK. Frank was the point person on the Charity Dinner that we ran to support The Behrens Family. Additionally, Frank, as in the past, is always looking for way to raise money for the council. He will again be spearheading the "Holiday Pie Sale" this year. This has always proved to be a great fundraiser. Thanks for all you do for your Council Frank!

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! NOVEMBER!

Sean Kacsmar	11/1	Daniel Minkler	11/18
Stanley Napravnik	11/3	James Maloney	11/19
John Paul Paone	11/3	George Roussey	11/23
Ed Lenart	11/4	Michael Loda	11/24
Edwin Casey, Jr.	11/9	Samuel J. Edge	11/25
Michael Marsh	11/10	Robert Hilliard	11/25
Eugene Levy, Jr.	11/13	David Gardella	11/25
Jerry M. Demaio	11/14	Joseph P. Allen	11/27
Richard Handerhan	11/14	Pierre Catano	11/27
Patrick Zega	11/16	Don Alena, Sr.	11/29
Antonio Pardo	11/16	Joseph Gilligan	11/29
Richard Catenacci	11/18	Frank Critelli	11/30

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Frank Lenhart	Betty Dafgak
Thomas Connolly	Joseph Sullivan
Roy Brower	Behner Family
Janill Iannitto	Pat Keenan
Allison Christopher	Josephine Goellnen

Soldiers, both near and abroad

All Aborted Babies

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

Jim Fischetti, 17 Points

Attendance Pool

Mathew Lubas, 13 Points

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:

As any Past Columbian Club President will attest to, running the Columbian Club isn't easy. Sometimes it requires making difficult decisions and some decisions aren't well received. We walk a fine line and try to determine the best ways to raise money, save money and spend money.

Every Columbian Club meeting I receive a copy of the Club's in-flows and out-flows, a lot of times the out-flows far outweigh the in-flows. At the officer meetings we discuss ways to keep the Club running. As a result of one these sessions, we received a suggestion that to date has saved the Club over \$1,000 on the PSE&G electric bill.

But as you can imagine, the Officers can't think of everything, so I'm asking for your input on ways to help the Club save money and/or raise money. With that being said, if you have any practical money saving/raising ideas, please feel free to call me at 732-754-4433 or e-mail me at eeismont22@verizon.net

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

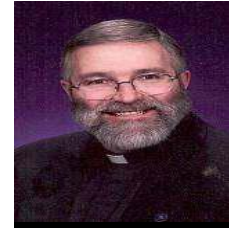
Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry

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@repcat.com**.

FROM OUR WORTHY CHAPLAIN . . . MSGR. CHARLES CICERALE



Dear People of Faith,

A Daily Meditation by Richard Rohr
Themes of an Alternative Orthodoxy

The path of descent is the path of transformation. Darkness, failure, relapse, death and woundedness are our primary teachers, rather than ideas or doctrines. In many ways, Jesus and Buddha were talking about a very similar process of human transformation. Pain is the foundational teacher of transformation for both of them, which led to compassion in Buddhist language and love in Christian language. (I accept the common definition that our suffering is the degree of resistance we have toward our pain.) Buddha taught us how to change our mind about what causes our suffering; Jesus taught us to change our very attitude toward necessary suffering, and that we could make it into a redemptive experience for all concerned. They both recognized that pain is the only thing strong enough to grab our attention and defeat the ego's dominance. Our suffering, in my definition, is *whenever we are not in control*. It is our opposition to the moment, our inner resistance that says, "I don't want it to be this way." Since the ego is always trying to control reality, it is invariably suffering, irritated or unhappy, because reality is never exactly what we want. Isn't that true? So Buddha teaches us how to undercut the ego in a most radical way through mental attitude and discipline. Jesus teaches us how to undercut the imperial ego by always choosing love, dedication and service. The final result is often the same, although Jesus' teaching had more social implications, which most Christians roundly ignored. Jesus' suffering on the cross was a correct diagnosis and revelation of the human dilemma. It was an invitation to enter into solidarity with the pain of the world, our own pain, instead of always resisting it, avoiding it, or denying it. Lady Julian of Norwich, my favorite Christian mystic, understood it so well, and she taught, in effect, that "There is only one suffering and we all share in it." That is the way a higher consciousness eventually sees the so-called problem of evil. That is the way the Buddha saw it too. There is only one suffering, and for Christians Jesus personified a radical surrender to the cosmic mystery of human suffering – a non-resistance to reality until we learn its deepest lessons. Adapted from ***Jesus and Buddha: Paths to Awakening*** - what is the core message of Scripture and what does it tell us about God's character? Jesus shows us a biblical text tending toward inclusivity, mercy and justice. He reveals a benevolent God. Register for this webcast at store.cac.org.

A Special Thank You...to Bob Sabo for the very generous gift of a State of St. Francis of Assisi - whose relic we will have in our church at the ceremony blessing on Sunday, November 10th at the Noon Mass. Thank you to Jules Sabo for his amazing talent in crafting the shelter protecting the statue. May you both be blessed with serenity and peace by St. Francis known around the world as a great disciple of the Prince of Peace.

Please keep Fr. Joemar and myself in your prayers as we join the "Metuchen Priest Gathering" on November 6th through the 8th at St. Alphonsus Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ. The theme this year is "The Powerful Spiritual Leadership of a Unified Presbyterate." Our facilitator is Rev. J. Ronald Knott. We have a total of eight conferences over these days and time for communal prayer and daily Mass together. Be assured we will pray for your needs each day. Our Mass schedule will be affected so please consult the parish bulletin.

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.

VETERAN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST – NOVEMBER 10, 2013

The 4th Degree will be sponsoring a Veteran's Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 10, 2013 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. The prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and \$4.00 for kids. Please feel free to reach out to Jim Sullivan PGK and Faithful Navigator for more details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 23, 2013

We will be holding a blood drive on Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. If possible, please donate, as blood supplies are always very low making it a very valuable commodity in the healthcare/hospital industry. Anyone who donates is given a "scratch-off" lottery ticket. As always, Brother Bob Banasiak chairs the event so feel free to reach out to him for any additional details.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – NOVEMBER 28, 2013 AT 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at St. James Church at 9:00 am and will be held in honor of all those deceased. If you're a Brother Knight please come down, if you are a member of the 4th Degree please come down in your social baldric.

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)

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. There will be light refreshments and a jewelry showing at 2:00 pm in our hall. The Council will receive a percentage of all sales directly from their profits and earn free jewelry which will allow us to earn additional funds through a future raffle or an "auction". The jewelry is professional quality and very attractive. All jewelry displayed will be available for immediate "cash and carry" should you wish to buy Christmas presents. Catalog ordering will also be available, and will be guaranteed by Christmas. 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.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 14, 2013 – 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.

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

November

1	All Saints Day	
2	All Souls Day	
5	Election Day/Social Meeting	8:00 PM
10	4 th Degree Pancake Breakfast	8:00 AM
12	Officer's Meeting	7:30 PM
15	Holiday Pie Orders are due	
19	Social/Business Meeting	8:00 PM
24	4 th Degree Exemplification (Cherry Hill, NJ)	11:00 AM
26	Holiday Pie Order Pick-up	4:00-7:00 PM
28	Thanksgiving Mass	9:00 AM

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

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.

NAME: _____

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Please Note: If we do not receive a response from you by December 31, 2013 we will assume that you no longer want to receive copies of the newsletter

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #857 HOLIDAY PIE SALE

\$12.00 EACH:

TYPE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
APPLE	_____	\$____.00
APPLE CRUMB	_____	\$____.00
BANANA CRÈME	_____	\$____.00
CHOCOLATE CREAM	_____	\$____.00
PUMPKIN	_____	\$____.00
LEMON MERINGUE	_____	\$____.00
COCONUT CUSTARD	_____	\$____.00
MINCE	_____	\$____.00
SWEET POTATO	_____	\$____.00

\$14.00 EACH:

TYPE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
APPLE - SUGAR FREE	_____	\$____.00
BLUEBERRY	_____	\$____.00
BLUEBERRY CRUMB	_____	\$____.00
CHERRY	_____	\$____.00
CHERRY CRUMB	_____	\$____.00

TOTAL	_____	\$____.00
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PHONE NUMBER _____

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