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130 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights

The busy season is now upon us. School has been in session, and many events are about to take place or have taken place.

We had our first annual Hot Dog Night on Wednesday Sept 5th. Thanks to Joe Brinamen for his efforts and the great Potato Salad from Kathy Stamato. Hot Dog sales were \$36 Dollars and although this may not be something that we gush at, it was great to have folks come down and watch the game with other Knights and Friends.

The St. James Street Fair was packed with folks again, and several members came down to offer their help and support. Special thanks to Bob Golden for getting us the spot on Main Street, and the set up crew Ed Kuchie, Danny Langon Jr, Bob Paul, Kevin Marlowe, John Brower, Jim Sullivan, Ed Eismont. Last but not least, thank you to the folks who helped work the booth throughout the day, Diamond Jack Keenan, Frank Sokloski, Ed Eismont, Jim Sullivan, John Brower.

We've got an action packed month right around the corner with October coming very soon. I am looking for basket donations for our 3rd Annual Oktoberfest and also some support in working the event. It's a fun time, and benefits two great programs, The Woodbridge P.A.C.E Program and the St. James Tuition Angel Program.

On another note I know last month I asked for donations toward the House Fund which in turn helps us maintain the building for generations to come. Currently we have collected \$525.00 toward the house fund but we are far away from where we could be. If you can't donate the money please come down and participate in our events.

We are currently selling Raffle tickets (for a Woodbridge Mall shopping spree of up to \$5,000.00) for \$5 and will be gearing up for our annual pie sale shortly, please feel free to reach out to me for more details, and may God Bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!
James J. Matits
Grand Knight, Council #857

Editor's Note:

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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
September 2012
Tim DeStefano**

Our Knight of the Month for September is Tim DeStefano. Tim has been a member of our council for about 6 months but has made an immediate impact with a willingness to lend a helping hand. Tim and his wife worked with me all day Sunday 9/2 to help fix the ceiling in the sitting room of the Council. Tim also came down and supported the Right to Life Dinner and Movie by lending a hand to PGK John Brower. Great Job Tim and Congratulations on being the Knight of the Month!!!!

Urgent: St. James Food Pantry

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 Mnsgr. 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.

Sick or In Distress

Frank Zilai, PGK	Gina Pryvach
Pat Keenan	Betty Sullivan
Bill Hermann	Rose Caruso
Pascal Dougboh	Barbara Langon
The Uhnjem Family	Laura Kukoly
Valerie Tice	The Lennan Family
Susan Dirlich	Al Graf
Marlene Stoever	Paul White
Rose Mandala	

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! October

George Miller	10/1	William Kober	10/20
Fran Bobel	10/4	Charles Kenny PGK	10/21
James Jones PGK	10/5	Joseph Travistano	10/22
Michael Tedesco	10/5	Robert Kukoly	10/23
Robert Browne	10/6	Ronald Lukach	10/24
Timothy Mannion	10/6	Raymond Deacon	10/24
Wayne Egan	10/7	Leo Caffrey	10/25
Joseph Golden	10/8	Donald Miller Jr.	10/26
Kevin Harth	10/8	Roger Lebeda	10/26
Mathew Lubas	10/8	Joe Cardello PGK	10/27
Edward Barcellona	10/9	Richard Tomasheski	10/27
Patrick Andriola	10/12	Michael Boyle	10/27
Gregory Cannonie	10/13	Joseph Van Nest PGK	10/28
Christopher Modeszto	10/14	Richard Gould	10/29
Carl Gargano PGK	10/14	Eugene O'Neill	10/30
Rev. Sebastian Puthenkandam	10/14		
Frank Zilai PGK	10/15		
Stephen Estok	10/16		
William J. Korzeb	10/17		
Anthony Peterson	10/18		
John Francisco	10/19		
Robert Goodman	10/20		

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

*None for September
Opts
Attendance Pool
None for September
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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

Columbian Club Report

Brothers:

Last month this memo ran and I saw fit to run it again.

Please help support your council.

Our council needs your help and as your Grand Knight I need your help in restoring our House.

On March 4, 2013, our council will be celebrating its 109th year as a fixture in our community and our church. Our council has weathered many economic downturns, recessions, and even a depression. As you know, this current 'great recession' has had a devastating effect on the financial stability of many organizations and ours is not immune to these conditions.

Being in existence for 109 years, and in our current location for many years, it is inevitable that the years do take its toll on the infrastructure. We made many repairs throughout the council home over the past few years, including: renovating the bar, repairing the tile roof, replacing the roof over the main porch, installing new electrical panels, and painting the hall. All of these projects have been paid for with monies raised by the membership at our functions. However, there are many areas of the hall and council building that is in need of repair.

Due to the extent of the repairs required, the council will require a large influx of money. The Officers of the Knights of Columbus Middlesex Council # 857 are asking each member to send in a \$25.00 donation (Checks can be made payable to Knights of Columbus # 857, memo is House Fund) to be placed into a separate House Fund account which is part of our bylaws that applies to each council which operates a Hall outside of a church basement. Keep in mind that the membership will be donating their time to complete this work, whenever possible in order to save money. In addition to the money, we would greatly appreciate it, if members could donate some time doing work around the council home. If you've been away from the council for a long time, take this as an opportunity to reconnect with your council and the membership...if you are a newer member, use this as a way to get involved with your council and make new friends or meet new brothers.

We have a long list of projects throughout the building, but the following are the most urgent projects:

Replace the concrete walkway in front of Hall steps facing The Reo Diner.

Replace the ceiling in the 4th Degree Sitting Room, spackle and paint – Ceiling has been replaced. Materials donated by Grand Knight Jim Matits, work completed by GK Jim Matits, Danny Langon Jr, Tim and Kelly DeStefano. Thanks to our District Deputy Mike Choma for his shop vac and liquid nails.

Replace Ceiling and Light Fixture in the Pool Room

Add an A/C unit in the bar with an "Energy Saver" model to supplement the current A/C unit

If any member would like to help us complete the above projects please let me know.

Current House Fund collected to date is \$525.00; we still have a long way to go.

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 - 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 Faithful Navigator **Mr. John C. Brower, PGK** at 732-690-6200 or e-mail **jbrower@gmail.com**.

Special Announcements

Thank you to all of those who came down to support and work the Knights booth at the St. James Street Fair. Brother Ed Kuchie, PGK John Brower, PGK Jim Sullivan, DGK Ed Eismont, Chancellor Bob Paul, Warden Kevin Marlowe, Guard Danny Langon Jr, PGK Jack Keenan, and PGK Frank Sokloski. I could have not have done without you all!!!

Thank You Joe Brinamen for running the Hot Dog and Beer event down at the Council on Wednesday Sept 5th.

RTL Report

'Dinner and a Movie' R.T.L. Fundraiser

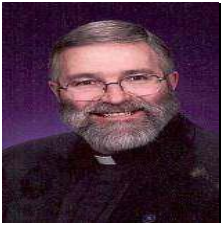
RTL Chairman, John Brower, hosted another 'Dinner and a Movie' fundraiser on Saturday, August 25th. **\$250** was raised donated to the Good News Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Thanks to Brothers Matt & Lenora Zender and Tim & Kelly DeStefano for their help with the event. Thanks also to Kathy Dowling for baking her famous chocolate chip cookies and to Kelly DeStefano for baking cupcakes. Special thanks to my wife Nora for working side by side with me at all my Movie Nights.

The wives are just as important to the success of our council as the members!

John C. Brower (Right to Life Chairman)

From our Worthy Chaplain . . . Msgr. Charles Cicerale



Dear Holy People of God:
 I have a true story for you called: ***“The Church Downstairs.”***
 The pastor calls it the “church downstairs.” They have a good problem: they need more chairs.

For years, Alcoholics Anonymous has met in the church hall every day of the week, sometimes twice a day. The supportive pastor started thinking of those meetings as the “church downstairs” after a new parishioner told him how she came to join the parish after first going “downstairs” for several months.

The priest occasionally sits in on the meetings and it has helped him understand what it means to be “church.”
 Three things about AA have struck him:
 First, there is a “genuine and low-key sense” of welcoming. But it is not simply a matter of a designated greeter shaking every new hand. In fact, “AA”, is at its most hospitable after the meeting is over. No one is bolting for the door

when the last word is pronounced. Instead, people stay around for another cup of coffee, especially if someone new has joined them.”

The second thing the pastor has noticed is how the “church downstairs” rallies around the weak, the powerless, and the hurting. “Even those some might relegate to the social fringe are met with acceptance in the group, not least because of a common denominator. We are all *powerless over alcohol*, remains central.”

And the third thing that Alcoholics Anonymous groups demonstrate so well, the pastor admires, is “the belief that everyone has a story to tell and a right to be heard. This belief is essential not only to the Twelve Steps, but to the sense of commonality and communion that is generated in the group. Everyone can learn something from another person’s story...”
 “Welcoming strangers. Lifting up the weak and struggling. Listening to what everyone has to say.

Maybe that’s why they need more chairs at the “church downstairs.”

{From “ The Church Downstairs: What Catholics can learn from Alcoholics Anonymous” by Father Nonomen, Commonwealth, July 13, 2011}

Congratulations to our Members who reached Milestones during the 3rd quarter of the current year

Honorary	Elmer Cuzzolina	7-15-2012
Honorary Life Member	Edward Evaldi	7-14-12
25 Years	Tom Patton	9-10-12
	Patrick Zega	8-9-12
	Robert Zega	9-10-12

God Bless all the members on their longevity as members of the Knights of Columbus #857

* Bulletin Board *

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL RETURNS

Monday Night Football (MNF) returns in the upcoming weeks to the council. A Halftime 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. Oct 1st is the start for MNF at the Council.

BISHOP AHR STAR DINNER – OCTOBER 4TH, 2012!

The annual Bishop Ahr Star dinner is scheduled for October 4th. We always need help in the kitchen for this great event that helps serve families and children at Bishop Ahr. Not all our events bring in money for our council but providing something to others is one of the most important things we can do. Charity is part of who we are. If you are interested in helping please contact Ed Lenart at 732-636-2700. The time frame is usually from 3pm – 7:00pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – 10/6-7

We are always looking for men to join the Knights of Columbus. In order to increase our membership we hold annual membership drives. This will be the second of 3 scheduled drives throughout the Columbian Year. If you're interested in helping out please contact me Jim Matits GK at 732-874-2170. We will be selling Oktoberfest tickets in the Church vestibule after mass and will need your help.

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY – OCTOBER 27TH, 2012!

A kids Halloween party will be running on October 27th from 12-2pm at our council. This is a great event for the kids to have a great time in a safe friendly environment. Food is served as well as candy, and entertainment.

OKTOBERFEST III – OCTOBER 27TH, 2012!

Our 3rd Annual Oktoberfest is on Saturday October 27th, 2012 from 6-10pm. This year's band is 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! To reserve tickets in advance feel free to reach out to me James Matits Grand Knight at 732-874 2170 or at thecomicalsaint@yahoo.com. Tickets Price for adults is \$30.00(21 and over); kids 11-20 are \$15.00 and anyone 10 and under are free. There will be a 50/50, and great basket raffles along with wonderful German food.

PGK DINNER – TBD

Come out and show your support and appreciation for our PGK James K. Sullivan. This event is a great way to enjoy some food, entertainment and presentations celebrating the great work that Jim did during his term as our Grand Knight. Last year was a great success and this year will be nothing short of the same. The event is being run by PGK, PFN Paul Tornanbe and PGK, PFN John Hunt, please stay tuned for more details to follow.

Digital Online Newsletter NOTICE

The Council will be transitioning to a digital/email newsletter. Due to the costs of printing and mailing, as well as the erratic delivery performance related to bulk mail, we are forced to make this move.

- Please note we will still print and mail a *limited* number of newsletters.
- Newsletters will continue to be available in the Bar.
- Those members wishing to receive a newsletter by mail must contact Jim Matits by mailing the form below or calling 732-874-2170.
- Our goal is to get to a reasonable number of mailed newsletters that can be easily and economically handled with 1st class mail.
- ***If you have an email address, please forward that to us as well!*** Even if you want the mailed newsletter, we can get important communications out quickly by email.
- Newsletters are also available for download on our website: ***www.woodbridgekofc.org or www.kofc857.org***

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Council #857 - Upcoming Events

October

2	Social Meeting –Rosary (7:30pm) –P.A.C.E Program	8:00 PM
4	Bishop Ahr Star Dinner	4:00 PM
6-7	Membership Drive at St. James	After masses
9	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
16	Business Meeting – Rosary (7:30pm)	8:00 PM
27	Kids Halloween Party	12-2PM
27	Oktoberfest III	6:00 PM

November

6	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
13	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
??	PGK Dinner - TBD	6:00 PM
20	Business Meeting	8:00 PM
22	Thanksgiving Day Mass	9:00 AM
24	Blood Drive	9:00 AM

December

4	Social Meeting – Lighting of the Manger	7:00 PM
11	Officers Meeting	8:00 PM
18	Business Meeting	8:00 PM
21	KOFC Christmas Party	7:00 PM

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**.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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<p><u>WeightWatchers – Stop Dieting, Start Living</u> Losing weight is closer than you think Woodbridge Knights of Columbus – 130 Main Street Monday @ 6:00 PM & Thursday @ 5:30 PM (Weigh-in begins 30 minutes prior to meeting)</p>		

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