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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers:

WOW! It's hard to believe that I've held the distinct pleasure of serving as your Grand Knight for two (2) months; I've learned a lot and am constantly learning as I continue of this journey.

I have instituted two new meeting processes, the "Three-Minute" Rule and the "Good of the Order" List. Please join us for our next meeting for more details.

To date, we've have our first successful fundraiser, A "Knight" at Strawberry's and those who were able to stop by had a great time. Additionally, we also had a successful blood drive in July. We had 34 donors come out to donate, out of those donors, 24 single units and 6 double units were taken for a total of 36 pints. Thanks to members Bob Sabo, Tim Cleary, Joe Travostino, John Hunt, John Brower, Art Grosskopf, Jim Matits, Tim Destefano, Louis Loso and Mark Tarantino and spouses Nancy Hunt and Kelly Destefano for coming out to donate.

Even though it was prior to my term, I would like to recognize the following members who assisted Bob "Flapjack" Banasiak with the June 23rd breakfast: Fran Bobal, John Hunt, Kevin Mal, Jim Jones, Jim Sullivan, Jim Matits, Ray Bober, Mike Choma, Bob Sabo and Jack Keenan. I would also like to thank Ed Lenart for donating 2 lbs. of bacon and 1 bag of frozen potatoes and Jules Sabo for baking 3 cranberry pound cakes.

Lastly, as we begin September with the help of brother Knights, we already are practicing one of our values, "charity". Thanks to the efforts of brother Knights we already have in place a family event (A "Day" at the Races) and a cancer benefit pasta dinner.

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

James Matits, PGK

September 2013

Mike Choma

Our Knight of the Month for July is our Past Grand Knight, James Matits. Thanks to Jim for a successful year!

Our Knight of the Month for September is Mike Choma. Mike is Past District Deputy and Recorder for the Motorcycle Ministry. Mike was very instrumental in promoting the council's first fundraiser of the 2013 -2014 Columbian Year, A "Knight" at Strawberry's. Additionally, Mike lends a hand in keeping the council grounds tidy. Help me in congratulating Mike.

Sick or In Distress

Bob Banasiak	Katherine Jones
Pat Keenan	Jayne Behner
Allison Christopher	Barbara Langdon

**All Members of the Armed Services
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

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.

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.

Happy Birthday! September!

Allan Jordan	9/1	Christopher Soakes	9/14
John Fuery, Jr.	9/7	Robert Walker	9/15
Henry Lipp, PGK	9/8	William Burns	9/20
Kevin Egan	9/9	Thomas Terpanick	9/20
Joseph Grispart	9/9	Daniel Langon, Jr.	9/20
Alex MacNeil	9/9	Louis Estock	9/21
Ernest Andrascik	9/10	Ronald Pierce	9/21
Daniel Langon, Sr.	9/11	James Rice	9/21
James G. Maloney	9/11	Jules Sabo	9/23
James DeJoy, PGK	9/12	William Gerity, Jr.	9/23
Joseph Subyak	9/13	Richard Dunigan	9/24
James Bacsoka	9/13	Richard Ungvary	9/27
William Harth	9/14	George Atkins	9/27
Richard Schwartz	9/14	Joseph Palladino	9/29

Rinky Dink Winners

Anthony Picerno 17 Points

Attendance Pool

Not drawn last meeting

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:

Now that summer is winding down we need to refocus our efforts on getting the Columbian Club back on track.

We are working on developing hall rental guidelines which will include a Maître d' and a bartender, if necessary. Once these guidelines are set in stone, I will provide more details as to each job's role and responsibilities. Additionally, we will be creating a working group list. If any member would like the opportunity to be part of this working group list, I will ask that you sign-up at that time

The only stipulation is that if you commit to being part of this working group list and your name comes up in the rotation and you offer your time, I will rely on you as a fellow Knight to honor your word.

Obviously, if you have a prior commitment on that day please let Ed Lenart know immediately so that we can make other arrangements.

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

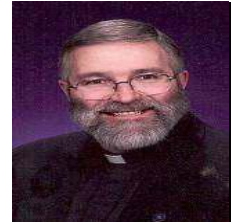
Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry

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@repocat.com.

From our Worthy Chaplain . . . Msgr. Charles Cicerale



Dear People of God;

Peace be with you as summer begins to wind down and the new school year is on the door step.

Here is a reflection on a line from today's Gospel:

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

ROMAN lectionary: Luke 13:22-30

Dilbert: The art of the “un-truth”

Dilbert is Scott Adams' daily comic strip depicting the absurdities and incongruities of life in corporate America.

In a recent strip {July 16, 2013}, Dilbert remarks, reviewing the man's resume, “but how do I know you aren't lying about your skills?” The candidate's response is unsettling to say the least.

“You should hope that I AM lying,” he maintains. “Studies show that people who exaggerate their credentials tend to be more effective once hired. That's because misleading people is a valuable business skill. For example, I might need to convince our customers that our products are better than the competition. Or I might need to dupe some idiot into leaving my cubicle so I can concentrate. Anyone can learn technical skills, but lying is an art form.”

The interview concluded, Dilbert reports to his clueless boss. “He doesn't have an honest bone in his body.”

“Perfect,” the boss says. “I'll tell human resources to send him an offer.”

We have learned, by and large, to avoid the Gospel's “narrow door” by our ability to obfuscate, rationalize, hedge and evade. But our entry into the life of God requires of us a selflessness and integrity that does not allow us to justify our self-serving sense of ethics or our obsessions with winning at all costs. The “narrow door” is the honest confrontation of who we are, what we believe, what we hear God asking of us in the depths of our hearts. The “narrow door” is the way of limitless love, unconditional forgiveness, sacrificial humility. Though difficult to negotiate, though requiring us to humbly bend our egos and wills in order to pass through it, Jesus promises that anyone seeking the way through “the narrow door” will find a meaning and purpose in their lives that ultimately leads to the dwelling place of the Father.

Blessings and Grace;
Msgr. Charlie
Pastor

*** Bulletin Board ***

MONMOUTH PARK – SEPTEMBER 14th, 2013

Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Paul has secured the above date for "A Day at the Races". The cost is \$20.00 for adults and must be purchased in advance and children under 12 years old are free. Price includes admission to the track, a program, hot dogs, hamburgers and soda. Gates open at 11:30 am and Post Time is 12:50 pm. Bob Paul can be reached at 908-565-4002.

ST. JAMES STREET FAIR – SEPTEMBER 21th, 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. Additionally, as in the past we will be having our annual mattress sale in our council hall.

CANCER BENEFIT PASTA DINNER – SEPTEMBER 28th, 2013

Our council will be having a benefit pasta dinner. All monies raised will be donated to the Behren's Family to help defray the medical bills incurred as a result of treating Jamie Behren for an amnioblast. Tickets can be purchased in advance, at the St. James Street Fair on September 21st and after each Mass in the church vestibule on September 21st and 22nd. The cost for adults is \$10.00 and children 10 years old and under is \$7.00. Additionally, there will be a 50/50 raffle. DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

COLUMBUS DAY BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 6TH, 2013

Once again our Financial Secretary, Bob "Flapjack" 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 to 10. During the breakfast we will be holding an impromptu tour of our council, so if you know of any Catholic men 18 years of age and older who may be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus this would be a prime opportunity for them to come down to our hall, have a great breakfast, meet some brother Knights and find out what the Knights of Columbus are all about.

PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S DINNER – OCTOBER 19th, 2013

This dinner will honor our latest Past Grand Knight, James J. Matits, Sr. as well as all Past Grand Knights. We invite our members, their families and friends to come out and join in the festivities. The doors will open at 6:30 pm with the event starting at 7:00 pm, the cost for this event is \$30.00 per person and will include; Open Bar, Dinner, Dessert and Coffee. As always, we will be having a 50/50 to defray the cost of the dinner, tickets are \$5.00 each.

The winning ticket will be drawn at this event and the winner need not be present. For tickets to this dinner or additional 50/50 tickets please contact: Bob Paul, DGK, 33 Austin Street, Sewaren, NJ 07077.



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PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S DINNER

This dinner will honor our latest Past Grand Knight

Mr. James J. Matits Sr, PGK
And all Past Grand Knights

This event will take place on Saturday October 19th 2013 at 7:00pm
(Doors Open at 6:30PM)

We invite our members, their families and friends to come and join in the festivities to honor Jim Matits

We especially invite and encourage ALL of our Past Grand Knights to attend this event.

The cost for this event is \$30.00 per person and will include...

Open Bar, Dinner, Dessert, and Coffee

We will also be having a 50/50 to help defray the cost of the dinner.

The winning ticket will be drawn at this event (winner need not be present)

50/50 Tickets are \$5.00 each

There will be 2 winners the night of the drawing.

The 2 winners will split the 50% of the proceeds as follows:

1st Place 75 % of Winnings

2nd Place 25% of Winnings

For tickets to this dinner or additional 50/50 tickets please contact:

Bob Paul DGK
33 Austin Street
Sewaren NJ 07077

Council #857 - Upcoming Events

September

3	Social Meeting	7:30 PM
10	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
14	Monmouth Park – A Day at the Race	12:30 PM
21	St. James Street Fair/Mattress Sale	10:00 AM
28	Cancer Benefit Pasta Dinner	4:00 PM

October

1	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
6	Columbus Day Breakfast	8:00 AM
8	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
15	Business Meeting	8:00 PM
19	Past Grand Knight's Dinner	7:00 PM
31	Halloween	

November

1	All Saints Day	
2	All Souls Day	
5	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
12	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
28	Thanksgiving Day	

July 2013							August 2013							September 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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