



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Pope Pius XII Council No. 4885**  
**P.O. Box 213**  
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**COUNCIL NEWS**  
***January and February, 2015***

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

*Chaplain – Father Guy Selvester*  
*Grand Knight – Don Becker*  
*Deputy Grand Knight – Steve Szabo*  
*Financial Secretary – Joe Sudnick*  
*Chancellor – Ed Testa*  
*Recorder – Kris Schmidt*  
*Treasurer – Dan Kovach*

*Advocate – Neil Puritz*  
*Warden – Mike Shaffery*  
*Inside Guard – Francis Cosmas*  
*Outside Guard – Herc Suydam*  
*1 Year Trustee – Kurt Barkley*  
*2 Year Trustee – Wayne Mascola*  
*3 Year Trustee – Bob White*

**Meetings: January 8<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Meetings at 8 P.M.**

**Grand Knight's Message:**

On behalf of the Edison Council, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New year.

As of January 1<sup>st</sup> we entered the last half of our Columbian year. As many of you have heard, Supreme is not happy with council's having Columbian Clubs. Therefore, they are in the process of issuing regulations regarding these councils. Metuchen Diocese is having a meeting of all Councils with Columbian Clubs on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Until then, we have to wait to find out what the new regulations will be.

We are grateful to the Ladies Auxiliary for their recent, very generous donations to both our Council and the Mentally Handicap drive. Please see the message further in this newsletter.

Our officers have been busy addressing the reasons why we have such a low turnout at all council functions, including our meetings. Last month we met and drafted a quick survey form for all members. This form is attached as the last page to this newsletter. Please take the time to complete this survey and mail it to the P.O. Box address listed at the top of the survey form. It is very important that you take a serious view when completing the form as it pertains to the future survival of our Pope Pius XII Council and our home in Edison.

***Fraternally Yours,***  
***Don Becker, Grand knight***

 ***God Bless America***



**A NOTE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN**

By Father Guy Selvester  
Council Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights:

Happy New Year to you all!

Resolve that this year will be the year that you become a closer, more faithful, more devout follower of Jesus Christ. Instead of allowing the world and all its cares to overtake you and preoccupy you allow the love and service of God to be paramount in your life.

Stop worrying! Worry is useless and does nothing but waste your time and sap your strength. Worry feeds into your fears and causes you to doubt the Lord. It preys upon your faith and draws you farther away from God. So, let go of worry and have faith that in all things and at all times God is in charge.

Allow yourself to be more concerned about others in the year that is before us than you are about yourself. Sometimes we become so wrapped up in ourselves that we become oblivious to those around us who are in need and who could benefit from some of our time, effort and attention.

Place your life and the lives of your loved ones in God's hands this year and be resolved to seek His will in all things and to have the grace to do it whatever it may be.

May Emmanuel, God-With-Us, the Son of God and of Mary, bless you and yours in the New Year!

Father Guy

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Brothers,

If you are only a first degree or second degree member and are looking to advance toward third degree, please send me your contact information. I cannot do any degree advancement work unless I know who the candidates are. We should try to have a membership drive at St. Matthews Church sometime around March. We would need the pastor's support plus support from our current members who are parishioners there. It would also be nice to have fourth degree knights in regalia there who are from our council

Bob White, PGK  
Membership Chairman

## **BANQUET HALL RENTAL REPORT**

The Knights of Columbus has a Banquet Hall for rent. Depending on the function it can hold up to 100 people. The hall is located at 71 Council Place in Edison.

Please help by spreading the word that our Hall is available.

For information, you can call 732-549-0763 and leave a message or call Don Becker on his cell at 732-261-4778.

Catering, DJ and beverages are available on request.

## **BAR REPORT**

Welcome to 2015 at the Bar. Come down Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday to enjoy a beverage and chat with your fellow Brothers!

Our first Karaoke of the year hosted by your new Dynamite DJ Sheila Novembre is scheduled for Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>. So come on down and support the Council, the fun starts at 8! I know Connie and I will be there! It remains to be seen if Tom will be part of the Novembre team or only be allowed to sing, we'll leave that up to Sheila!!!

Also remember that the first Friday of every month is Shuffleboard night! C'mon down and join in the fun with your bartender Bob Stalling starting February 6<sup>th</sup>!

Look for more activities as the year rolls on. As always if you are interested in Bartending or are currently a bartender, our next meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

Any questions feel free to call me at 609-306-0878. Thank you!

Rick Parker  
Bar Chairman



## **SUPER BOWL PARTY**



The Council will be hosting our annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

**Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. -- Game time is at 6:30 p.m.**

**Cost: Adults (16 and over) \$10.00**

**Children 12 – 16 \$5.00**

**Children under 12 FREE**

**The price includes all food and your first draught beer or soda.**

At present, the football pool has boxes available. Don't be left out. Come on down to and enjoy yourself and support the council.

### **NOTICE**

It is with great dismay that we have somehow allowed smoking at our bar. We have supported the NJ Law and our councils' wishes for several years with a "No Smoking" Policy. Unfortunately, a few people have decided that they could smoke indoors in the bar area. This has resulted in the need to air out the council for a few days. It is imperative that we not do this anymore and continue to follow the NJ Law and our wishes.

Any bartender or member, who observes smoking occurring anywhere inside the council building, should immediately enforce our policy.

### **SICK AND DISTRESSED**

***If anyone has information about a member who is sick or in distress, please contact the council at 732-549-0763.***

*Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:*

*Our Troops, may they have a safe and speedy return home from duty.*

*We would like to send our condolences to the family of Bill Cronin who passed away on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Bill was a member of our Council for 21 years. He will be greatly missed by all. May he rest in Peace.*

## **NEWSLETTER BOOSTERS**

July 1, 2014 started a new Columbian year for the Knights of Columbus Newsletter Boosters. To help manage the cost of this newsletter, we ask that you consider becoming a Booster. In return for your \$10 annual donation, your name will appear each month as a sponsor. If you wish to participate, send a check to the council payable to "Knights of Columbus". Please show your support by sending in your donation.

Boosters for 2014 – 2015:

Don Becker, Evelyn Becker, Richard Bodner, Samuel Dalfonso, Tony DeNicola, Ferdinand Fiore, Paul Gorski, Pete Hackett, Chris Jardot, Dan Kovach, James O'Connor, Bob Puhan, Rick Parker, Jack and Marie Robinson, Bob Stalling, Dan Stalling, Tom Stalling,

## **Ladies Auxiliary Message**

I received this note from the Ladies Auxiliary and felt it should be shown to all members:

Dear Grand Knight Don Becker  
and Fellow Knights of Columbus:

As 2014 comes to an end, it is with great regret that I must inform you that the Ladies Auxiliary will no longer be an organization within this establishment. Although we are no longer a designed group of ladies, we want you all to know that we are still here to support you in any way that we can.

As we close out our books, and on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary Council #4885, I would like to give the Knights of Columbus a check for \$750.00. We hope that this will be able to help you with whatever it is you are in demand of.

This was a tough decision for all of us, and because no one knows what the future will hold, I can't say that this is the end of our organization, but for now it is what we as a group needed to do.

We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year! We pray for all of you and will continue to support this council. Please reach out to us, we are here for you.

Yours truly,  
Diane Stalling  
Past President, Ladies Auxiliary



To all members receiving the newsletter via regular mail....  
Please send me your e-mail address if you have one. It will be greatly appreciated. Send to [DonnyB117@aol.com](mailto:DonnyB117@aol.com)



## Happy Birthday

### January

- 1 Tom Stalling
- 3 Peter Maduri
- 3 Joseph Vasta
- 4 Richard Johnston
- 6 Matthew O'Connor
- 7 Andrew Majaros
- 11 Joseph Onufer
- 13 John Lancia, Jr.
- 15 Albert Kohlbecker
- 17 Donald Becker
- 17 Robert Doggett
- 21 John McGrory
- 22 Bob Whiite
- 23 Joe Romano
- 24 Christopher Gorski
- 25 John Swartz
- 26 Frank Haliczky
- 28 Nick DeCataldo
- 28 Sean Leary
- 30 Dave Smelko

### February



- 1 Ralph Borrello
- 2 William Donahue
- 2 Neil Puritz
- 3 Jonathan Suydam
- 5 Tom Novembre
- 5 Joseph Pietoso
- 7 Walter Jarema
- 7 Steven Lorient
- 21 Francis Cosmas
- 23 Chris jardot
- 25 Ryan Foley

**UPCOMING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: SEE ATTACHED CALENDAR**

## January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Men's Mtg. 8:00 p.m.	9 Shuffleboard Night	10
11	12 Bar Mtg.	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 	20	21	22	23	24 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Super Bowl 	2 	3	4	5	6 Shuffleboard Night	7
8	9	10	11	12 Men's Mtg. 8:00 P.M.	13	14 Valentines Day 
15	16 Presidents Day 	17	18  Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**Coming March 6<sup>th</sup>..... Fish and Pasta Night (Chef Wayne)**

**Time: Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner: Fish (tbd\*), Pasta (tbd\*), salad & fixings, dessert, coffee & tea  
(tbd\* = to be determined)**

**Price: \$7.00 for 1 piece of fish - \$9.00 for 2 pieces of fish**

**Please keep this date in mind and plan to attend.**



**Make her happy this Valentine's Day  
with the Romantic Gift of Dance  
right here at the Knights on Tuesday Nights at 8pm**

**This year we have a Special 3 Week Course in  
"Introduction to Couple Dancing"  
February 24th, March 3rd and March 10th**

**Special Promotion for Knights and their Friends and Families  
only \$50 per couple for all 3 Weeks  
(Normally \$78)**

**For more information, Please contact Brandis at  
(732) 388-4605 or [Brandis@BrandisDance.com](mailto:Brandis@BrandisDance.com)**

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January 8, 2015

Dear Brother Knights,

For several years, attendance from the membership at Edison Council has been minimal. This is both at Council functions as well as meetings. Therefore, we would like to take the opportunity to ask you a few questions that are below. Please take a moment to answer these questions and return this letter to our Council at the address above.

1. How long have you been a member: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you a current or past officer: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If so, what office did you /do currently hold: \_\_\_\_\_
3. When was the last time you visited our Council home: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. For what purpose: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What would attract you to our Council: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Would you bring your family to a function: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If so, what type of function: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you support the annual Mentally Handicap Drive: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If so, what corner do/did you work: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you support the Corporate Communion: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is there anything about our Council that you think needs improvement or that keeps you away?

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9. Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Yours In the Brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus,

Donald Becker, Grand Knight Council 4885