



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Pope Pius XII Council No. 4885**  
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**COUNCIL NEWS**  
***March and April 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: March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Meetings at 8 P.M.**

**Grand Knight's Message:**

I'm sure we are all saying the same thing, "when is it going to stop snowing and when will we get some warmer weather". We just can't fight with Mother Nature, but I hope it changes soon.

The last few months have been very hectic at the council. We received a handbook from Supreme entitled "Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporations Facilities" (meaning Columbian Clubs with bar and hall rental facilities). The book has forty pages and tells what is to be done at councils with these facilities. It will take months for our council to determine what will happen with our Columbian Club. Shall we keep it, close it, or just make the necessary changes? We know a few things for certain. We can no longer advertise our hall for rent using "Knights of Columbus" hall for hire nor can we advertise on Facebook to "come on down to the Knights of Columbus for Karaoke". There has to be clear separation of the Knights of Columbus from the Columbian Club activities.

I could go on and on about the changes we may have to make, but until all is finalized, we will have to take one step at a time.

We are now in the Lenten Season. The message from our council Chaplain (Father Guy) says it all very well.

On behalf of our council, I would like to wish you all a very Holy and Happy Easter Season.

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

 ***God Bless America***



### A NOTE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

By Father Guy Selvester  
Council Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights:

After what has been another challenging winter with a lot of darkness, cold and dreary weather it seems easy to give in to the general negativity of this world. When it is bleak outside it isn't difficult for us to become dismal inside.

That is why the prayerfulness of Lent and the joy of Easter are so important for us as Catholic Christians.

Lent, with its discipline of penance, prayer and fasting, helps us to strip away our sinful inclinations and remove any barriers between us and God. It purifies us like a kind of "spiritual spring cleaning". When the bleakness of the world is getting to us this kind of cleansing is very helpful.

That prepares us to celebrate Easter with unencumbered joy! We remember that Christ is risen from the dead; He conquers sin and death to offer us reconciliation, love and salvation. It's no coincidence that we celebrate this in spring when all around us the world is coming back to life.

No matter how bleak the winter the spring will always follow. No matter how much it looks like sin and death will triumph Jesus will always be the victor; the ruler; the Lord and redeemer!

Fr. Guy



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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Brothers,

Since the last newsletter, it was brought to our attention that members are interested in taking the Third Degree, which is scheduled for next month. Any other members interested in advancing to Second Degree or Third Degree, please contact me (Bob White).

We would like to conduct a membership drive at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in either March or April. In order to make this a successful drive, we need membership support. Please contact either the Grand Knight or Bob White to express your interest in helping us with this endeavor that keeps our council alive.

Bob White, PGK  
Membership Chairman

## **MENTALLY CHALLENGED CITIZEN DRIVE**

Once again the time for our Annual Fund Drive for God's Special Children is drawing near.

Our members and all friends of the Knights of Columbus will be at their assigned corners soliciting funds from our Middlesex County Residents on the following dates.

- \* Corner collections will be held on April 23rd thru the 26th.
- \* ShopRite collections will be held on April 3rd & May 24th

This year, we received permits to solicit on Old Post Rd & Route 1 (at Boston Market and Pep Boys) and are in need of a Corner Captain. Anyone interested in holding this position is asked to contact Paul @ 732-287-1109. Grand Knight Don Becker and I would like to reach out to all council members to please commit as much time as possible to this worthy cause. Please cheerfully volunteer to work as many hours as possible during this drive when called by the captains.

"Remember all our Charities are depending on us"

Paul Gorski  
Mentally Challenged Citizen Drive Chairman

## **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:*

*Deacon Barry Demarest*

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

### **A MIRACLE FOR DEACON BARRY**

**Deacon Barry Demarest has been diagnosed with a serious illness. He, along with his family and multitude of friends are praying for a Miracle. Many family members and friends have been asking if they can help to ease the family's financial burden. With the permission of Deacon Barry and his wife, Mary, a special fund has been created.**

**For anyone who would like to donate, checks should be made payable to:  
The Deacon Barry Fund.**

**Contributions should be mailed to:  
The Deacon Barry Fund  
P.O .Box 7  
Edison, N.J. 08817**

## **BANQUET HALL RENTAL REPORT**

The Columbian Club of Edison 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.

## **HALL RENTAL**

**Thank You! Thank you!**

The last three snow storms just happened to occur on days of a Hall Rental. Many thanks to the Quinn family. They somehow found a way to get to the council and clear our property. All three rentals went on without incident.

## **BAR REPORT**

What better place to warm up during this frigid winter then 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 was a big success so please plan on attending the next one Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Come on down and show your support, the fun starts at 8!

Lots of other festivities planned in March including a Fish dinner on March 6<sup>th</sup> and a Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please show your support for these functions and the hard work our members do to make it a success!

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.

Please note that due to the increase in cost and the fact that we have not increased beer prices in approximately 20 years, effective March 1<sup>st</sup> all Domestic Beer will increase by \$.50. As always if you are interested in Bartending or have any questions feel free to call me at 609-306-0878 or email me at [rickp0605@optonline.net](mailto:ricken0605@optonline.net). Thank you!

Rick Parker  
Bar Chairman

## **NOTICE**

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

## **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,



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## *Happy Birthday*

### March

- 1 Michael Sikora
- 3 Joseph Kelly
- 7 Ralph Pugliese
- 8 Fred Bohn, Sr.
- 10 John Quinn
- 11 Jeffrey C. McGorvin
- 11 Martin Henry IV
- 14 Francisco Losito
- 19 Timothy O'Shea
- 19 Kristopher Schmidt
- 20 Peter E. Pavlis
- 23 William Sowder
- 23 Vincent Zanfordino
- 24 John Kane, Jr.
- 24 Alan Krushinskie
- 31 Joe Sudnick, Sr.

### April

- 1 Keith Koenig
- 8 Michael Mintchwarner
- 11 Joseph Stebila
- 14 Robert Schwalje
- 17 Dominick Masi
- 17 Daniel Stalling
- 24 Steven Ellmyer
- 26 Rev. Kevin Crowley
- 27 William Franklin
- 29 Justin Walters

## March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Fish and Pasta Night	7 
8	9	10	11	12 Men's Mtg 8:00 p.m.	13 	14 St. Matthew's Irish Nite
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## April 2015

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# ***FISH AND PASTA***

***Friday, March 6, 2015***



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## **Fish and Pasta Night (Chef Wayne)**

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

**Dinner: Fish, Pasta , salad & fixings, dessert, coffee & tea**

**Price: \$8.00**



**Corned Beef and Cabbage**  
***Saturday, March 21, 2015***



**Chef Bob Puhan assisted by Chris Jardot**

**Where: 71 Council Place, Edison, NJ**

**Phone: 732-549-0763**

**Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Price: \$11.00 complete dinner which includes 1 free draught beer or soda, bread, coffee, tea and dessert.**



## **SHOW TRIP EXTRAVAGANZA**

### **ANYONE INTERESTED?**

**A few friends of mine sold me on this trip to Branson, MO.  
A great, fun trip for all, so I thought I would extend the invitation to anyone who  
might be interested in going.**

**This trip is in no way affiliated with St. Matthew's or the Knights of Columbus.**

**9 Days / 8 Nights (Sept 26 – Oct 4, 2015)**

**\$769.00 per person - double occupancy  
(\$75.00 per person, based on double occupancy, due upon signing)**

**Departure: Edison, NJ @ 8:00 a.m.**

- **Motor coach transportation**
- **8 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in Branson**
- **14 meals: 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners**
- **Admission to 7 Fabulous Branson Shows including:**
  - **Three Morning Shows: New Jersey Nights Show, Brett Family Show, and Dublin's Irish Tenors with Special guests The Celtic Ladies.**
  - **Three Evening Shows: The Haygoods Show, The Dutton Family Show, and the "IT" Show.**
- **Showboat Branson Belle (a cruise on the pristine waters of Table Rock Lake)**

**For more Information & Reservations please call:**

**Marge Nocerino @ 732-549-9893**