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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers . . .

Let me begin by saying, Happy Thanksgiving! I hope your holiday was enjoyable and that you were able to spend precious time with family and friends. As we witness the Retail Madness that has gripped our society, it is evident to me that the best bargain is being together with the people you love. It costs nothing, but offers tremendous benefits to our lives. My advice to those who camped out in a tent at Walmart to save \$100 on a flat screen is . . . stay home next year! Call your brother, call your Mom, visit an old friend you haven't seen in a while. You will be richer for it, and many times you will feel a huge weight lifted off of your shoulders. Can't put a price on that, and it cannot be discounted!

The fundraiser for the Children's Home Society was a great success, despite the poor turnout. Brother Danny Langon organized a wonderful event. The AJC Band was amazing, and Brother Danny also sat in on the drums for few songs! Didn't know that about you Danny! Very cool!

Bob Banasiak's latest Blood Drive was the most successful EVER. Thanks to Bob and all those who donated and helped out! Please see Bob's report on *page 7*.

On Thanksgiving Day several members participated in the Mass for Deceased members. After mass we all enjoyed a "Coffee and . . ." back at the Hall. Thanks to Fr. Sebastian for celebrating Mass with us and thanks to Ginger Tornambe for reading the list of our dearly departed brothers.

December is shaping up to be another busy month. We will be kicking off the holiday season with the annual Advent Breakfast on December 4th, followed later the same day with the Woodbridge Christmas Parade, and our Pictures with Santa. Our Christmas Social will be on December 10th and our New Years Eve Social will be on December 31st. Please see the information in the *Bulletin Board* section.

Finally, I wish Merry and Blessed Christmas to all our brothers and their families. May the joy of this season be with you always and may God Bless you and your families!

Vivat Jesus!

JAMES KEVIN SULLIVAN

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 VISION *

Catholic Conspiracy Theories

By: **Robert P. Lockwood**

It was an ill-fated conspiracy with disastrous consequences. On November 5, 1605, a small group of fanatic Catholics in England planned to blow up the House of Parliament, killing the assembled leadership and assassinating King James I. When it had become clear that King James was not to grant Catholics any relief from the persecution of his predecessor, Queen Elizabeth I, the plot was hatched among a few desperate men. From a rented building the conspirators dug a trench to a cellar beneath Parliament. The room was filled with barrels of gunpowder. One of the conspirators, Guy Fawkes, was to set off the charge. But the conspiracy was discovered, Fawkes arrested, and a roundup began of possible conspirators. Among those captured were a small cadre of Catholic priests. They had nothing to do with the conspiracy. But the government was less interested in the facts, more interested in the propaganda value.

Donald Collins belongs to an anti-immigrant organization called the Federation for American Immigration Reform in Washington, D.C. He wrote a column a few months back entitled "Catholic bishops cross church-state line."

Collins's alleged concern was the position taken by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on immigration reform. But that topic really got short shrift in his treatment. The reader of Collins's piece would have been hard pressed to know exactly what the bishops' position on immigration reform might be—or Collins's position, for that matter.

Instead, Collins presented a dark litany about "Rome and these bishops" being hard at work for decades manipulating U.S. public policy in regard to abortion, contraception, the separation of church and state, and virtually every other issue under the sun on which the Church had spoken.

The proof in his pudding of the Church's success is that, with the confirmation of Judge Samuel Alito, there is a bloc of five Catholic judges on the Supreme Court.

According to Collins, Alito succeeded in his nomination to the Supreme Court because of the behind-the-scenes power exercised by the bishops through their 1975 Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities. He claimed that the pastoral plan created "a national political machine controlled by the bishops" that "has taken over the Republican Party."

Collins painted a picture of "the bishops" as some kind of hidden manipulative power that controls how Catholics think and act with the goal of undermining American democracy. What we have here, according to Collins, is a calculated and cynical power grab over the "American body politic."

Welcome to one of the more popular Catholic urban legends: that the Church is out to undermine free governments because it is interested only in raw power. In contemporary novels such as *The Da Vinci Code* or *The Third Secret*, the Catholic Church represents tyranny, and all its actions are based on hiding some alleged truth that would undermine the Church's secular power grab.

Collins uses this old-time Catholic urban legend as it is usually used: to attack a position the Church had taken in the public arena without ever addressing the issue itself. Why bother to argue ideas when you can simply appeal to visceral anti-Catholicism?

A Centuries-Old Tradition

This particular legend has a long pedigree, having cropped up over and over again in U.S. history and, in fact, before there

even was a United States. When the Quebec Act of 1774 appeared to allow a French Catholic presence west of the Alleghenies, an anti-Catholic frenzy was raised in the colonies, with protests focusing on "a popish French government in our rears set up for the express purpose of destroying our liberties."

Nineteenth-century America was filled with stories of Catholic conspiracies to destroy the American republic. In 1836, Lyman Beecher, the father of Harriet Beecher Stowe of Uncle Tom's Cabin fame, published "The Plea for the West," in which he outlined a Catholic conspiracy to take over the Mississippi valley. Samuel Morse, inventor of the first successful telegraph in the United States, followed up with his own claim that European Catholic royalty were flooding America with immigrants who would become an internal army prepared for an uprising under the pope's direction.

This kind of propaganda helped fuel the nativist anti-Catholic political movement of the Know-Nothing Party in the years prior to the Civil War. The party was based on the concept that foreign Catholic immigrants were gearing up—under the aegis of the Catholic hierarchy—to undermine American freedoms.

In 1887, Henry F. Bowers founded the American Protective Association, which became a powerful populist anti-Catholic political movement in rural America that lasted into the 1920s. The APA spread the rumor that a papal decree had absolved all Catholics from allegiance to the United States. The Church planned a massacre of all Protestants on September 5, 1893, armed by caches of weapons hidden in the basements of Catholic churches.

Much of the APA rhetoric—where members swore to never vote for a Catholic, hire a Catholic, or join Catholics in organized labor—carried over to the revitalized Ku Klux Klan after World War I. The Klan held that Catholics were undermining true Americanism by the planned destruction of the public school system and a "foreign" takeover of American political life.

At the same time, a host of anti-Catholic publications were widely distributed. The weekly newspaper ***The Menace*** was founded in 1911, and by 1914 it had a circulation of nearly a million and a half and was distributed throughout the United States. Amidst a host of convent horror stories and other anti-Catholic fantasies, ***The Menace*** warned of a dark Jesuit plot to take over America.

During the 1928 presidential campaign of New York's Catholic governor, Al Smith, the **phony Knights of Columbus Oath** was resurrected, wherein Knights allegedly promised on papal orders to skewer Protestant babies in an all-out war to take control of America. The oath resurfaced in the Kennedy-Nixon campaign of 1960.

It was Paul Blanshard's best-selling book **American Freedom and Catholic Power** in 1949, though, that defined this alleged Catholic threat to America from a purely secular perspective. Blanshard wrote of the dangers of a Catholic majority undermining traditional American civil liberties and provided the framework for what exploded in the abortion debate: that a Catholic pro-life position was an attempt to impose Catholic teaching on American life.

Throughout the last quarter of the twentieth century, the arguments over "life issues" (abortion, euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, cloning and embryonic stem cell research) were often grounded in steamy anti-Catholic rhetoric. When physician-assisted suicide was being debated in Oregon in 1997, the pro-suicide position was carried on by the "Don't Let Them Shove Their Religion Down Your Throat Committee," with "their religion" being the Catholic religion.

Consistently, the life issues were rarely debated on their own merits, and a bill of goods was sold on fear of Catholic power undermining American democracy. It still holds true today: Whenever anyone appeals to "separation of church and state," you can be pretty certain what Church they are referring to.

Collins's article is simply one in a centuries-old line of rhetoric about Catholic power plotting to undermine and overthrow freedom.

Play Like a Campion

Where did this persistent Catholic urban legend come from?

Like so much of anti-Catholicism in Western culture, this myth grew out of the English Protestant Reformation, particularly the torture and murder of Jesuit priests during the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and King James I.

We all know the story of King Henry VIII and how he moved from wife to wife in sixteenth-century England hoping to sire a male heir and ended up in schism from the Church. St. Thomas More faced martyrdom under Henry. But it was under Henry's daughter Elizabeth I that England codified the first modern police state aimed specifically at Catholics and their priests. The Catholic faith that had been at the heart of English life at the beginning of the sixteenth century had nearly disappeared in a wave of persecution and harassment from the government and its spy network.

By the 1570s, the Church was dying. It was death by a thousand cuts, caused by Elizabeth's policy of isolating the Catholic community, denying it priests to celebrate the sacraments, and a host of fines and humiliations that left a leaderless and apathetic Catholic community. For all intents and purposes, Catholicism in England had become criminal.

But a backlash was coming. A devoted group of young Catholic men was considering a mission to their own land, even if it meant torture and death if captured by the authorities. Many crossed the English Channel to Europe to study for the priesthood, vowing to return to invigorate and renew the Catholic faithful of England. One of them was a

youthful Edmund Campion. As a brilliant young student at Oxford, Campion had caught the eye of Queen Elizabeth, and it appeared he was on the path to glory, a high rank in the Church of England, and perhaps a sterling career in government or law.

In 1568, Campion was ordained to the Church of England, but very soon his conscience no longer allowed it. Within four years the young man with an established reputation as a scholar and writer, and an assured position in the new church hierarchy, threw it all away. He became a Catholic priest and committed himself to rejuvenate the Catholics of England as a member of the newly founded Society of Jesus.

In 1580, Fr. Campion returned to England.

The life of these new missionaries could not have been more difficult, as they lived under the constant threat of torture and death. They hid from house to house, celebrating clandestine Masses while spies constantly tracked their movements. The law was always on their heels.

Catholic homes constructed "priest holes," small openings behind closed walls within the very architecture of the house, where a priest could be spirited away at a moment's notice when the law came banging at the door. To this day, in old English Catholic homes, restoration workers sometimes stumble across these sixteenth-century hiding places that had been forgotten by time.

Finally, Fr. Campion was caught, uncovered in one of those very "priest holes" when a local authority searching a Catholic home found loose plaster and took a crowbar to it.

Taken to London under armed escort, he went to trial four months later, charged in a contrived, trumped-up plot of a mass conspiracy to murder. It was a calculated attempt by the government to avoid any intellectual or theological arguments with the learned Campion. He had been tortured on the rack while confined to the Tower, so much so that at his trial he was unable to raise his hand to take an oath.

The results of the trial were a foregone conclusion. Campion was found guilty. Led from the Tower along the muddy streets of London in a driving rain, he was hanged, drawn, and quartered before the assembled crowds. He was forty-one years old.

Traitors or Martyrs?

The difficulty in these show trials and murders by the English government was that it did not want the perception that priests were being killed for their religious beliefs. It would not sit well with Catholic European powers, nor did the government wish to see a cult of martyrdom grow up around the dead priests.

Instead, the English government argued that these priests were being killed because their actions threatened to undermine English liberties. They were deemed traitors, and the propaganda of the day pounded that drum over and over. They could have what religious beliefs they wanted, the government argued. But as priests, and particularly as Jesuits, they were, by their nature, dedicated to the overthrow of Elizabeth and subverters of the rights of Englishmen.

And thus it was born: Catholics and their priests were a potential fifth column within society that could rise up at any minute and overthrow the present order. Manipulated by foreign priests—particularly the wily Jesuits—Catholics were

always just a moment's notice away from armed insurrection at the behest of the pope. In November 1605, this politics of paranoia aimed at Catholics and their priests in England reached its pinnacle when the Gunpowder Plot was discovered.

The image was now set, particularly in the show trials that followed. Catholic priests—Jesuits in particular—would do anything to accomplish their nefarious goals. From thereon, whenever it was useful, the image of Catholics controlled by their priests conspiring to undermine English liberty became a useful propaganda tool.

A short fifteen years after the Gunpowder Plot, the Pilgrims set sail for America, bringing with them the same understanding of Catholicism: The Church is out to undermine free governments and destroy liberties because it is interested only in raw power.

And nearly 400 years later, that Catholic urban legend remains a deeply entrenched part of American thinking.

Robert P. Lockwood, director of communications for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, is the author of *A Faith for Grown-Ups: A Midlife Conversation about What Really Matters* (Loyola Press).

FROM OUR WORTHY CHAPLAIN ... MSGR. CHARLES CICERALE

Once upon a time I was afraid of death, and then I had a conversion. No matter I'd been a priest since I was 27 years old, I needed to let go of, and surrender that fear once and for all! November is the month Catholics remember their dead. All Souls Day begins the awareness that for a believer in Jesus Christ "there is only life and more life." Death is vanquished and life has the final word.

A person who puts their faith in the Risen Lord Jesus might find comfort and truth in the words of John Oxenham: "For death begins with life's first breath, and life begins at touch of death," or Thomas Wolfe: "Death – the last voyage, the longest, the best."

Sometimes in a funeral homily I may use that image of a voyage with this short story:

Dying

"I am standing upon the seashore.

A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze.

I stand and watch her until at length she stands like a speck of white cloud where the sea and the sky come down to mingle with each other."

"Then someone at my side says, 'There she's gone.'"

"Gone where? Gone from my sight... that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination."

"Her diminished size is in me not in her, and at that moment, when someone at my side says, 'There! She is gone,' there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: 'There she comes! And that is dying.'"

"And there she comes" might also fit with another image and a different word of consolation:

If a tiny baby could think, it would be afraid of birth. To leave the only world it has known would seem a kind of death. But immediately after birth the child would find itself in loving arms, showered with affection and cared for at every moment. Surely the baby would say, "I was foolish to doubt God's Plan for me. This is a beautiful life."



For the Christian, passing through death is really a birth into a new and better world. Those who are left behind should not grieve as if there were no hope. Life is changed, not taken away. Our dear ones live on, in a world beautiful beyond anything we can imagine. With Jesus and Mary they await the day when they will welcome us with joy.

"Do not grieve too much," they say to us. "We are living and are still with you.

Steve Jobs, the founder of "Apple" who died recently at the age of 56 has said: "Death is very likely the single best invention of life." He was urging his audience to be aware that "your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life."

So many people see in death nothing but a cruel separation from loved ones. Even good and religious people make that sad mistake.

Certainly in death there is very real pain and sorrow of physical separation. I miss a hug from my Mom and Dad, both long deceased. But it is equally true that our loved ones remain with us. They do not go off to some dark and distant place or fall into a void. They simply continue into eternal life.

We are born for heaven and we end this life of tears to begin our life of endless happiness. If I have loved God with my entire being, and my neighbor as myself, then this beautiful truth flows from that love. There is only one love with two faces – God and my fellow creatures. Love cannot be destroyed. Scientists tell us that nothing in creation passes out of existence; it is transformed, changed. Or as the preface for a Mass of Christian burial says:

"Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."

This passage is profound and worth many days of deep meditation. If you choose to believe, with the grace of God, that God has promised not to abandon us at the grave, you can find peace!

Christianity is based on a truth; it is far deeper and more profound than any human can comprehend. Christianity changed the world and humanity forever. The Resurrection is something we can't deny. The pivotal moment of Christianity not only gives us a definite affirmation of who Jesus is, but also affirms the existence of God. It is a work of God so incredible that it is beyond anything that we could envision on our own. The story of Jesus does not end in a tomb. Jesus shows us what lies ahead. Our greatest hope is our own resurrection when we join him for eternity. Only God could rise from the dead and give us the promise of something beyond this life. God invites us to a world that we can't even imagine until we get there.

Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Cicerales Pastor

**KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 2011**

BOB "FLAPJACK" BANASIAK

It is simply remarkable what Bob does for our Council. He runs every Blood Drive as well as every Pancake Breakfast (hence the nickname). He works at the Food Pantry and does all the Food Pantry shopping for our Council. As our Financial Secretary, every member benefits from his superior organizational skills and attention to detail. Bob is a source of inspiration and a wealth of knowledge to all officers, especially the Grand Knight. Our Council doesn't fly without Bob! Thanks for keeping us airborne!

URGENT: ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY

Get Off Out Your Can!

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 Father Charlie 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

- Steve Novosedlik
- Pat Keenan
- Joan Cullen
- Ray Gallop
- Ginger Tornambe
- Wayne McCormac
- Nunzi Forlenza
- Mitzie Hozjan
- Rose Hozjan
- Joyce Major
- Pat Boccuzzi
- Susan Kotlowski

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 Grand Knight Jim Sullivan at 732-423-3020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! DECEMBER!

01	FRANCIS J REILLY	16	WILLIAM T LA PENTA
04	MICHAEL JOSEPH CHOMA	16	PETER A JACOVINICH
07	DAVID A SABO	16	GEORGE M GOLDEN
07	JAMES M JUAREZ	17	EVERETTE M PRIOR
09	JOHN G LETSO	18	WILLIAM A RUETSCH
09	MICHAEL POPOVICH	18	MATTHEW B MALAT
09	MARK TARANTINO	21	JERRY DE MAIO
09	MARK L AMOROSO	21	DAVID A HINES
10	BERNARD J PETERSON	23	CHARLES CICERALE
12	HERBERT W CASTOR	25	ALEXIS R KJELLMAN
14	EDDY CHARLES	25	CHRISTOPHER MILLER
15	DAVID K FRANTZ	27	BRIAN E KUZMA
16	DONALD P ALMASY		

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

**KEN WAHL
12 PTS.**

ATTENDANCE POOL

**JOE ANDRASIC
45 PTS
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,
Surveys of our house maintenance needs are underway. I will be publishing plans and calling for volunteers in the upcoming weeks.

On Sunday November 27th we ran our Annual Steak Night Dinner. We sold about 45 dinners and the steak was done to perfection! Joe Cardello PGK spent hours cultivating the prime rib into a culinary work of art! Thanks Joe! A BIG THANKS goes out to Gerry Stamato PGK for chairing and organizing the event, and for cooking too! Awesome job, gentlemen! Additional thanks to Bob Banasiak PGK, Jim Matits, John Brower PGK, Mike Choma PGK DD, and Ed Eismont. Check the next issue for the full report.

Once again, the Columbian Club is still looking for a new Treasurer. Brother Ken Wahl has decided to hand reigns over to another worthy member. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer for this very important position.

Fraternally,
JAMES KEVIN SULLIVAN
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 the current Faithful Navigator **Mr. Matt Hill, PGK** at **201-243-6673** or e-mail **matthew.j.hill@mac.com**.

CONGRATULATIONS MILESTONES!

During the last quarter of 2011, two (2) K of C members reached milestones . . .

On November 19th, **Allan Jordan Jr.** attained his **25th year** in our Council

&

On December 14th, **Joseph J. Zega Jr.** will attain his **50th year!**

God Bless these members for their longevity in our Council.

--**Bob Banasiak FS #857**

* BULLETIN BOARD *

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

GAME 8	DEC. 19	STEELERS @ 49ERS
GAME 9	JAN. 22	AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
GAME 10	JAN. 22	NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

For more information, contact Ed at 732-382-0824. **Food Served at Halftime!**

BLOOD DRIVE

On November 12th, our most successful blood drive was held @ our council. 41 donors came out to donate.

Out of the 41, there were only 2 deferrals, along with 34 whole blood & 5 alyx donations.

That's a total of 44 products given to the N.J. Blood Services.

A special thanks to our members: Bob Sabo, Jim Matits, Bill Mateuszczyk, Bob Golden, Sean Keaveney, Joe Grispart, Gerry Stamato, Joe Travostino, Louis Loso, John Brower, George Askins, & Paul Tornambe who came out and rolled up their sleeves for a good cause. Also thanks to Joe Geis & Jim Matits for helping me set-up the hall, and Jack Keenan & Jim Matits for helping me break down after the drive.

Sincerely, **Robert Banasiak** *Chairman*

MANGER SET-UP

Our Manger Set-Up will be on Saturday December 3, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

Please come out and lend a hand as we prepare for the Christmas season! *Please contact Jim (gk@woodbridgekofc.org) if you can help! Thanks!!!*

ADVENT BREAKFAST

On Sunday, December 4th, we will be having our Advent breakfast in the Council hall from 8 am - Noon.

\$6.00 - adults \$5.00 - seniors \$3.00 for kids 5-10 yrs

Come out for a delicious breakfast and bring a friend to celebrate the Christmas holiday. You won't be disappointed!

PICTURES WITH SANTA & WOODBRIDGE HOLIDAY PARADE

On Sunday, December 4th we will be having Pictures with Santa!

Santa will be celebrating with us from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

Come on down and take a pic with "the Big Guy!" Free!

Then go out and enjoy the Woodbridge Holiday Parade! Our Club will be Open to the Public!

Parade starts at 1:00 PM! *Note: Event Pricing will be in effect on parade day.*

* BULLETIN BOARD *

MANGER LIGHTING

Our Annual Manger Lighting will take place on December 6, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Come on out! All members and their families are invited! We'll sing some carols, enjoy some food, enjoy the company of our Brothers and families, and celebrate the start of this joyous season.

Note: *Officers make the food for this event!*

Please contact the GK (gk@woodbridgekofc.org) with your menu items! Thanks!!!

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Our Annual Christmas Social will take place on December 10, 2011 at 7:00 PM. All members, family and friends are invited! **Note:** *Members make the food for this event! Please contact the GK (gk@woodbridgekofc.org) with your menu items! Thanks!!!*

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCIAL

The New Year's Eve Social Returns! Last year this party was so much fun . . . we have to do it again! Come out on December 31, 2011. Doors open at 9:00 PM. All members, family and friends are invited!!!

Note: *Members make the food for this event! Please contact the GK (gk@woodbridgekofc.org) with your menu items! Thanks!!!*

FAMILY MASS

We have rescheduled Family Mass for January 17th, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

This date is tentative, so please check your email and the website for changes.

Also, note that the Business Meeting will be moved to the FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY. Thanks!!!

DINNER AND A MOVIE FUNDRAISER

RTL Chairman, John Brower, hosts his winter 'Dinner and a Movie' fundraiser on Saturday, January 21st.

Movie will be **\$15 per ticket** (including dinner) OR **\$10 per ticket** (*movie ONLY*).

Dinner includes: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Butter, Coffee/Tea, and Dessert. CASH Bar.

Assorted snacks will be for sale. Doors open at 5:30 pm, movie starts at 6:30pm.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to local crisis pregnancy centers and RTL charities.

Contact John Brower at 732-690-6200 for more information. *No Reservations Required!!!*

CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

January 22nd, 2012 starting at 3:00 PM. Two Games!!! Watch your team play for a shot at the Superbowl!

Come out for some great food, excitement, and some great family fun! Food! 50/50! Cash Bar.

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

February 5th, 2012 doors open at 5:00 PM. Come out for some great food, excitement, and some great family fun!

Food! 50/50! Cash Bar.

GOLF BALL RAFFLE

Mike Choma PGK, DD, will be running another Golf Ball Raffle. Tickets will be \$2 and the winner receives 200 balls.

Please check with Mike or stop down at the Club for information. Also email the GK at gk@woodbridgekofc.org.

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	@ \$11.00 ea.	Pumpkin	\$
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	@ \$12.00 ea.	Sugar Free Apple	\$

Total Pies		Total
		\$

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

4	Advent Breakfast	8:00 AM
4	Woodbridge Christmas Parade & Pics with Santa	1:00 PM
6	Manger Lighting (Social Meeting Cancelled)	7:00 PM
10	Christmas Social	7:00 PM
13	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
20	Business/Columbian Club Meeting	8:00 PM
25	Christmas	
27	4th Degree Christmas Party	8:00 PM
31	New Year's Eve Social!	8:00 PM

January

1	New Years Day	
3	Business Meeting (<i>Switched from 3rd Tuesday</i>)	8:00 PM
10	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
17	Family Mass (<i>Meeting Cancelled</i>)	7:00 PM
21	RTL Dinner & Movie Fundraiser	5:00 PM
22	NFL Championship Sunday	3:00 PM

February

5	Superbowl Sunday	5:00 PM
7	Social Meeting	8:00 PM
10	4th Degree Ladies Night & PFN Dinner	7:00 PM
14	Officer's Meeting	8:00 PM
18	5th Annual Fat Saturday Mardi Gras Dinner/Social	5:00 PM
21	Business/Columbian Club Meeting	8:00 PM
22	Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner	4:30 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**.

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