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Dear Brother Knights,

We gather again this year to celebrate Christmas. As we do so, we recall this time of the year when we renew our sense of wonder in recalling the story of the first Christmas in Bethlehem, more than 2,000 years ago.

Traditionally, we see Christmas as a time of peace and joy, a time to celebrate with family, friends and loved ones. We do hope that your Christmas will have something of that peace, joy and celebration. However, we realize that there are those who have experienced setbacks and hardships throughout this year. Let us open our hearts to others, especially conscious of those who have lost a loved one since last Christmas or the many who are overburdened by worries, sickness and family problems. Please know that our organization cares and offers you our prayers and support.

As we begin the New Year of 2017, I ask you to pause for a moment and reflect on how we approach the New Year. For your New Year's reflections, spend a few moments with these passages from Scripture: Philippians 1:6 (Confidence), Philippians 1:20 (Courage), Psalm 37:4 (Cheerfulness) and Psalm 37.5 (Commitment). God is in Control.

Sincerely in Christ, FR. Paciano A. Barbieto.

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

Now that the holidays are behind us, we can plan for the rest of this Columbian Year. In addition to the normal meetings and events noted in my weekly e-mails please place the following on your calendar for January and February.

The annual Baby Bottle Drive is scheduled for both St. Andrew's and St. John's as follows: Distribution of bottles during the weekend of January 21-22 and collection during the weekend of February 11-12. Monies from St. Andrew's will be donated to New Hope. A decision will be made shortly as to the monies from St. John's. We will need coverage at the Masses for both weekends. Please let me or Joe Laquidara know if you can help.

Our annual First Communion Breakfast for both St. Andrew's and St. John's is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th at 11:30AM at our Hall. We will need members to cook and serve to those attending. Please let me or Mike Fischer know if you can help.

The annual March For Life in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for Friday, January 27th. I shall notify members in my weekly emails about those Pari-

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Dear Brothers,

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy 2017.

You should have all received your 2017 dues notice and if you haven't sent me your payment yet, please send it as soon as possible. The **deadline for dues is January 15th** and the deadline for the Fraternal Survey is January 31st.

Second notices will be mailed to the non paying members in the third week of January. Please save our council money from postage, envelopes and paper by sending your check in today.

Along with your payment, please **provide me with your current phone number, cell number and email address**, even if you gave it to me last year. This information will only be used for newsletters and if you needed to be contacted by an officer of our council.

If you are finding it hard to pay your 2017 dues, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Joseph Bisi at josephbisi@verizon.net to explain your hardship.

Thank you for your cooperation and God Bless.

Angelo Restivo,
Financial Secretary

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shes and Councils which are providing transportation to the March.

I want to express my thanks to those members who have attended meetings and helped at events during the last six months. I am hopeful that more members will participate in the next six months.

Joe Bisi, GK

Winter Clothing Drive

The Knights of Columbus, St. Thomas More Council #2188 Westwood/Hillsdale NJ, will be running its yearly Winter Clothing Drive for the needy. Please give to this worthy cause by donating your clean adult and child's coats, jackets, hats, gloves, etc. The clothing should be bagged and left at the entrance to the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 40 Crest Street, Westwood, NJ 07675. The drive will continue through the end of February. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Bonanno at 201-906-5897. Thank you to all!

Paul Bonanno

Knights Donate Painting

The St. Thomas More Council 2188 of Westwood/Hillsdale donated a painting of St. Juan Diego to St. Andrew's Church in Westwood. A native of Mexico, St. Juan Diego is the first indigenous saint from the Americas. He is said to have been granted an apparition of the Virgin Mary on four separate occasions in December, 1531.

Pictured (L to R) are Parishioner Bob Ghia, Deputy Grand Knight Frank Mariconti, Grand Knight Joe Bisi and Parishioner Juvenal Cortes.



Joseph F. Lamb Assembly News Letter Jan. 2017

In December, 2016, we held the Annual Christmas Party. We combined it with the PFN Dinner Honoring PFN Sal La Rosa. We increased the number of attendees by honoring Sal for his birthday. Sal was very grateful. I hope that your Christmas Celebrations and gift giving made everyone happy.

As we start the New Year, in Peace and Hope, our commitment in making it better for all people, I would like to offer this prayer, by Ven. Pope Pius XII.

“Almighty and eternal God, may your grace enkindle in all of us a love for the many unfortunate people whom poverty and misery reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human beings. Grant peace in our days, peace to souls, peace to families, peace to our country and peace among nations.” Amen.

Our next meeting is January 29th, 2017 and will be held at the Ramsey Council starting at 8:00 PM.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year.

Al Lukievics, PFN, PGK

Calendar of Events for January and February 2017

January 2017

01/05	Business Meeting.....	8:00 PM
01/07	St. James Feed the Needy.....	9:00 AM
01/07	Christmas Party.....	7:00 PM
01/10	First Degree.....	7:30PM
01/12	Columbian Club Meeting.....	8:00 PM
01/19	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM
01/21	Baby Bottle Drive Distribution	
01/22	Baby Bottle Drive Distribution	
01/27	March for Life, Washington, DC	

February 2017

02/02	Business Meeting.....	8:00 PM
02/04	St. James Feed the Needy.....	9:00 AM
02/05	Super Bowl Party.....	4:00 PM
02/09	Columbian Club Meeting.....	8:00 PM
02/11	Baby Bottle Drive Pickup	
02/12	Baby Bottle Drive Pickup	
02/14	Valentine's Day	
02/16	Officers' Meeting.....	8:00 PM
02/20	Presidents Day	
02/21	First Degree.....	7:30 PM
02/25	Feed the Needy at St. John's (Newark)	
02/26	Communion Breakfast.....	11:30 AM

NYC Christmas Tour

On a beautiful Saturday night, a group of 45 people embarked on their bus tour of the Christmas lights and decorations in New York City. Led by a veteran Gray Line tour guide, Pat Mazzucca and fortified by a great bag meal from Flynn's Deli, the bus left the parking lot of St. Andrew's Parish Center just past 5PM.

The trip into the City was delayed somewhat by the traffic heading into the Lincoln Tunnel but our driver, Andrew, did a marvelous job of navigating the roadways to get us to our first destination, Bryant Park. The area behind the NYC Library was filled with people looking for gifts from the many little shops that were set up in the Christmas Village and to see the skaters showing their skills on the rink set up for the season. The stop lasted 45 minutes and then back to the bus for the next stop.

Heading uptown to see the next window at Bloomingdale's proved to be an adventure as the traffic was solid to 59th street but Andrew meandered the streets to get us a close look at the windows. Pat explained that the chandeliers in the windows were to be auctioned off for charity. On top our next stop – Rockefeller Center and the tree.

Getting to this spot proved to be a little more difficult but we were finally dropped at 46th and 5th – a mere jaunt to the tree. The streets were lined very deeply with other visitors since Sak's Fifth Avenue was wrapped in ribbon and a light show played on the face of the building. Many took advantage of the proximity to St. Patrick's to make a visit to see the completed renovations and the Cathedral decked out for Christmas. The 45 minutes allowed for the stop provided enough time to view all three attractions. Back to the bus and to the next stop on Fifth Avenue.

A brief 10 minute stop at Lord and Taylor's to see the Enchanted Forest window display with its automated forest creatures provided some lighted-hearted moments. On to our final stop, Macy's and its windows. The windows on the 34th Street side of Macy's featured the theme, "Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus." and the 5th Ave. side had a theme of "Believe in Magic." The stop was to be for 15 minutes but ran longer due to the NYC Police Dept. not allowing the bus to be parked on 34th Street. So, as the night grew cooler, our group waited for the coach to return for our trip back through the Lincoln Tunnel and back to St. Andrew's where we arrived at about 11:30 PM.


Thank you especially to Pat Mazzucca, Bill Flynn and Fr. Alex for making this evening fun and bringing Christmas joy to those to those who attended. We had a great time seeing New York in all its finery and getting us in the Christmas Spirit.

Photos from the trip will be posted on our website so that you can see what we enjoyed.

Ray Polomski





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