



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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## Grand Knight's Message

Reverend Fathers, Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Family and Friends,

Welcome spring, with the weather changing and the days getting longer, I hope this finds you all safe and well.

We ended March with a great Irish Night thanks to the help of our chef Jim Kelly and his trusted assistant Don Morrell. Also assisting were Jason Barnes, Izzy Crespo, Jeff Meeks, Adrian Miller and Rich Oldfield. Without these Knights we could not have had such a great "K" night - thank you gentlemen. A special thanks goes to John Graham for not only slicing the corned beef, but for singing with the band that night as well and for being the winner of the 50/50 and donating it all back to the council - thanks John!

As we move into April, we look forward to our **Shake the Can** drive which will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please, when our chairman Stev Martin calls, give him a couple of hours, it's all we ask! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year; many hands make light work.

May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks,  
May your heart be as light as a song,  
May each day bring you bright, happy hours,  
That stay with you all the yearlong.

God bless, keep each other close and in your prayers. *Vivat Jesus!*

**Chuck Hollis**, Grand Knight, FDD

## Chaplain's Message:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week I was reading Pope Benedict's book 'Jesus of Nazareth', and his commentary on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. As I read what he said, I was reminded of an event in my own life. Pope Benedict said:

"The Prodigal (meaning reckless, wasteful, extravagant) son journeys 'into a far country'. The Church Fathers read this above all as an interior estrangement from the world of the father -the world of God- as an interior rupture of relation, as the great abandonment of all that is authentically one's own. He wants to live life in abundance as he understands it. He no longer wants to be subject to any commandment, any authority. He seeks radical freedom. He wants to live only for himself, free from any other claim. He wants to enjoy life; he feels that he is completely autonomous. But he experiences alienation and destitution. He strayed not only far away from home, but far away from himself, from the truth of his existence. He is an image of us all."

Not long after I learned to drive, when I was seventeen, I asked my dad one rainy night to borrow the car. As he gave me the keys he said "drive carefully". No sooner was I out of sight, I took off like Mario Andretti, enjoying the freedom and the thrill, completely ignoring what my dad had said to me.

You can imagine what happened. I hit a curb and burst two tires, front and rear, and had to call my dad to help me. As I waited for him to come I dreaded what he would say, and mentally practiced how I was going to explain all this. But he arrived, looked at the car, told me to get out of the rain -it was pouring- and proceeded to kneel down in the road, getting soaked, and jacked up the front, and then the back, to change both tires with the spares he had brought. I was mortified. I thought "What an idiot I've been, how foolish I am". I wanted the ground to open up and swallow me, as I watched my father get soaked to the skin as he changed the tires that I had burst. When he was done he didn't give me a mouthful, or a sermon, or a "What did I tell you?" He simply gave me the keys, and said "Drive carefully" and left.

Instead of anger, I received compassion. I don't know where my father pulled it from, but that was an experience I will never forget. It began a change, a conversion of sorts, within me. God is compassionate, God has a heart, and this heart turns, so to speak, against God himself. God's heart transforms wrath and turns punishment into forgiveness. This compassion, this forgiveness is available to all of us. No matter what we have done, how ashamed we feel, we need not dread what will be said to us. We won't get sermons, or an "I told you so", but rather the love, compassion and forgiveness of a Father who comes out to meet us. Lent is a time when we are especially invited to experience this forgiveness in The Sacrament of Reconciliation. May all of us experience the mercy of God, whether or not we just passed our driver's test.

Fr. Sean

### **Council Officers 2024-2025**

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### **Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2024-2025**

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### **Columbiette Officers 2024-2025**

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### ***Healing and Wake Report***

*As of February 28, 2025*

Bold indicates a new name or a change in condition. The Healing List for members, family and friends of members will be updated every 3 months and names will be removed from the list after 3 months. If you want a name to be placed on, removed or placed back on the list, please contact Bob Knott at 201-675-2802.

### ***Members***

-Don Wuertz  
-Dan Taylor  
-Fred Schuldt  
-Lou Sciarino  
-Andrew Santulli  
-Dr. Geoffrey Saddock, Lecturer  
-Brian O'Dowd  
-Larry Rivera, PGK  
-Michael Siano  
-Jeff Martin  
-John McGill, PGK

### ***Relatives & Friends***

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.  
-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church  
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray  
-Nancy Hecker, wife of Paul Hecker  
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette  
-Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan  
-Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarino  
-Ann Meyer, wife Herb Meyer, FSD  
-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette  
-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette  
-Dyane Guardino, daughter of Columbiette, Annette Rogie  
-Roger Carney, brother of Maureen Italiano  
-Maria Meeks, wife of Jeff Meeks  
-Joe Manson, father of Fr. Sean Manson, Chaplain  
-Bill Gavigan, nephew of Kevin Barry  
-Karen Saddock, wife of Dr. Geoffrey Saddock

### ***Wake***

### ***Organ Donor Program***

Brothers, with your family and friends, become an Organ Donor. The life you save is precious, and could be family, a relative, or a friend. Sign up at: [www.registerme.org/knights](http://www.registerme.org/knights) or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

### Deputy Grand Knight's Report

As we start April, we're all looking forward to warmer weather and sunshine. We're about midway through Lent. I'm looking for those opportunities for private prayer and reflection that I need to take advantage of to grow spiritually. St. John's parish has a Penance Service on **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** at 12 pm. Part of that service after scripture and a homily is the chance for individual Confession. St Therese Cresskill has their penance service on Monday night, **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

We are also approaching the end of another Columbian year. There are still opportunities to serve, such as the Shake the Can drive **April 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**, and helping the Twin Boro Columbian Club with rentals and Council celebrations.

*Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight*

### Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

The Twin Boro Columbian Club is responsible for the maintenance, repair and upkeep of our Council Hall. We are always looking for our brothers to assist us at rentals, assist us in preparing the hall for a rental or assist us in "breaking down" after a rental; or perhaps help us in the kitchen on the few occasions we need kitchen help. We have a beautiful hall and lounge which attracts lots of interest from prospective clients. I would hope that everyone from our Knights family would steer their friends and family to our hall for any event. That's what keeps us going as a charitable organization. As always, I am happy to speak with anyone about the operation of the TBCC, or anyone who wants to get involved. Vivat Jesus!

*Steven Martin, Proud TBCC President*

### Columbiette Report

*"You say yes, I say no,  
You say stop, and I say, go, go, go,  
Oh, no... You say goodbye and I say hello"  
(The Beatles, 1967)*

Get ready for the next 3 months! That time of year has come once again when we will be having a slate of new officers for the upcoming 2025-2026 Columbiette year and it will be presented at the April meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The election of new officers will take place at our May meeting, and they will be sworn in during our June meeting.

However, before our June meeting, we will be having our "Beach Blanket Bingo" on **Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Council hall. More details to follow.

Also, just a reminder for those of you who haven't paid your membership dues, you can bring your payment to our next regular meeting which is **April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter, may it bring you renewed hope, faith, love, and joy!

Peace,

*Roberta Elwell, Past President*

### Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **7 pm**  
Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Officers Meeting – **7:30 pm**  
Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 pm**  
Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting – **8 pm**

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:45 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration takes place on the **first Friday of every month** starting with a 7 pm Holy Hour and continuing until Saturday morning at 6:45 am. Come when you can - contact Bob Knott if interested.

### Next Council Meeting - Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Our next Council meeting will be held on **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** at 8 pm. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to [KofC1345.org](http://KofC1345.org) and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter "1345" for the user and "armour" (case sensitive) for the password.

### Upcoming Events

**Fish Fry:** We will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm. RSVP required by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. See flyer for details.

**Shake the Can:** Please contact Steve Martin at 201-669-8236 to help out on **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**.

### Knights on the March in Bergenfield



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# St. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER



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WHERE: 61 Armour Pl, Dumont NJ  
WHEN: Friday, April 4, 2025 6 – 8 PM  
INCLUDES: Beer Battered Cod - Steak Fries – Homemade  
Mac & Cheese – Coleslaw - Tartar Sauce –  
Pickles – Salad & Bread  
DESSERT: Cake/Cookies/Coffee/Tea

**INCLUDES: DRAFT BEER/WINE/SODA, cash bar all else.**

**Note: Take-out orders must be picked up inside.**

**COST: \$20.00 Adults / \$12.00 Children**

**(\$50 Family Maximum)**

***\$\$\$ Gift Baskets to be Ruffled off PLUS a 50/50 \$\$\$***

**Reservation Details: RSVP via call or text to Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or Email [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com) This is a SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER for the Council – if you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to St. John's Council #1345 KOC, 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628 . As always, THANK YOU for your support.**