



# The Knight Times

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

April will hopefully bring us the warm weather we so much desire and look forward to. April will bring us a continuation on our Lenten Journey which will lead to Holy Week and the commemoration of Christ's Passion and death. April will bring us into the joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection, the basis of our faith as Catholic Christians that death has been conquered and new life has begun for us. May April be a time of rejoicing for us as we celebrate the Easter Season.

The English mystic, Caryl Houselander says this about the Resurrection: **“Christ has come back as spring comes back out of the ground, renewing the earth with life, to be a continual renewing of life in our hearts, that we may continually renew one another's life in his love, that we may be his Resurrection in the world. We are the resurrection, going always, always giving back Christ's life to the world... Our Lord has told us how we are to lead the Risen Life, and he has shown it to us. In his last discourse to the apostles he has told us. In the forty days on earth after his Resurrection he has shown us.**

**It is to be a life of love, love that creates, love that fills up the measure of each life with joy. Love that is light and peace. Love that forgives and heals and sustains, that makes us one. Love that gives life to the world and gives beauty to life. Love that is food and clothing and water for thirst. Love that is bread. It is the love of the Eternal Father for his only Son. Given to us, and it is given to us for ourselves and for one another.”**

Happy Easter!!

May God be praised,

*Fr. Dominic*

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Boy Scouts, Family, Widows and Friends...

Thank you for your kind word and prayers during my period of recovery. For those of you that did not know, I suffered a stroke on March 1, 2014. But as with all things I am taking it one day at a time and hoping for a full recovery.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the march during the St. Patrick's parade on March 16, 2014. Although it was a cold and windy day, those members that marched had a great time. I also would like to thank the Color Corps from the Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647 for leading us up Washington Avenue, thank you gentlemen a great job as usual.

As we enter our final quarter of this Columbian year we still have a lot of work to do. There are several events to attend and several to tend to. Our Special Children's Dinner and Show will be on April 26, 2014. As always it will be a great night with lots of new acts and skits in our show. Come down and support our Special Children's Show, for more information contact Ed Kostka for info on the dinner or Carmine Grillo if you want to learn about the show.

It will soon be time to nominate members who wish to seek an office within your Council. If any member is interested in becoming an officer, you have to start at the bottom, please send me an email explaining why you would be a good fit for next year's slate. Being an officer is one of the best ways you can give back to the Council, Community and to your Church.

The NJ State Council Knights of Columbus Convention will be held in Wildwood, New Jersey on Friday, May 16th through Saturday, May 17th. Our Council and the Bergen Federation will be residing at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Reservation forms are available at the Council hall if you are interested in joining us for the weekend. If you need additional information please contact me at 201-314-8599.

From my family to yours, let us rejoice for *Christ is Risen. Let the heavens be glad and the earth Rejoice!* Psalms 95 (96):11. *May your spirit rejoice and your heart be glad as you celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Happy Easter!

Vivat Jesus,

*Charles Hollis*

Charles (Chuck) Hollis, Grand Knight

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of the Family of St. John's Council #1345

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Publicity:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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Dishwasher:	John Graham	201-387-0419
Purchasing:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
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**Columbette's Ladies Auxiliary**

President:	Joan Winant	201-696-1159
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**Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts**

Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
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**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report – as of March 16, 2014**

*Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.*

To add a name, contact PGK **Bill Connington, 201-385-9697.**

**Members**

- Ed Kostka
- Fr. John F. Murray, SMA;
- Jack McHugh, Sr.
- Matt Hayes, PGK
- Chuck Hollis, Grand Knight
- Dick Dorozynski
- John McGill, PGK;

**Relatives & Friends**

- Angie, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Fran Cassidy, widow of PGK Bob Cassidy;
- Herta Nelson, mother-in-law of Ed Trawinski;
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Jonathan Jacobi, son-in-law of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Michael Cullen, son of John Cullen;

**Wakes**

Members:

- Anthony Salvo;

Relatives & Friends:

- Margaret Cronin, sister of Mike Daly;
- Robert, brother of Columbiette Mildred Dellner;
- Ed Zak, uncle of Ed Trawinski;

**Praying for Healing**

*"God, our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family and friends in God's name, Amen."*

### ***From the News Desk***

*Birthday wishes* to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in April.

*Pride in Priests Dinner* – Wednesday, May 7 at the Fiesta.

*Famous Knights of Columbus* – Bobby Valentine, former manager of the NY Mets and the Boston Red Sox.

*Canonization to Sainthood.* Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II will be canonized to sainthood on April 27.

And, the late *Bishop Fulton J Sheen* will be elevated to *Blessed* sometime this year with the recognition of a miracle recovery of an infant attributed to him.

*SMA Lenten "Soup & Bread Supper"* Wed, April 16 at 6:30pm at the SMA Mission.

*Pancake Breakfast* to support our Council Scholarship Fund on Sunday, April 27 8:30am-1:00pm.

*Lecturer Program...* on Monday April 21 after regular meeting. Guest speaker: Surrogate Michael Dressler.

### ***The Rosary Hour***

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

**The next rosary hour is Wednesday, April 9, 2014.**

### ***Deputy Grand Knight Message***

No report.

*Carmine Grillo, Deputy Grand Knight*

### ***Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment***

We have two new candidates that I will take their First Degree in April...Richard Merkovsky of Dumont, and Christopher Zavattaro of North Haledon.

Several of our members took their Fourth Degree on March 30. We will recognize them in next months newsletter.

Congratulations to our new member.

*Lauro Rivera, Membership Chairman*

### ***Financial Secretary Report***

Please ALL Members who have not yet paid their dues. The 2ND notice has already been sent and about 100 members have not yet paid. Dues are \$30.00 and a voluntary donation of \$5.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

*Ed Kostka, Financial Secretary*

### ***Columbiette's Ladies Auxiliary Report***

A warm breeze is in the air, a bud is getting ready to bloom and a robin is on his way, the promise and return of Spring is upon us. What better way to spend a wonderful spring day than at the annual Columbiette's Garden Tea Party!

Just a reminder that this is a Very Popular and Well Attended event, so...RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! It will be on Sunday, April 6 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. The price is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 10 and under.

Please contact Laura Labetti, Financial Secretary @ 201-788-5971 to make your reservations. (Tickets are ALMOST SOLD OUT...CALL TODAY to see if you still can get a ticket!!)

We will be featuring Tea Sandwiches, desserts, a Hat Contest, Mini Tricky-Tray, a guest speaker, and yes, of course....TEA!

Dress up in your finest garden party outfit, (don't forget your hat!) and plan on spending a wonderful spring day with

us...Remember, Spring is God's way of saying: ONE MORE TIME!

*Peace, Roberta Elwell, Vice President*

### ***Scholarship Applications***

Applications and Instructions for the 2014 Scholarship Awards will be available at the Council (at the bar...ask the bartender).

Applicants must have a parent, grandparent, or brother member to be eligible.

Awards are for first year students only for College or Catholic High School.

Completed applications and transcripts are due this month and must be received IN HAND by April 30 to be eligible.

*PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman, 201-338-2617.*

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Co-chairman, 201-387-0240.*

### ***Special Children's Dinner Dance & Show***

The SPECIAL CHILDREN'S Charity Dinner Dance & Show is Sat, April 26. Cost is \$30/pp. Please make an effort to attend and support this very special event to help very special young people.

*Ed Kostka, FS/Dance Chairman*

### ***Right to Life Report***

Brothers- The weather seems to be our worst enemy. As you probably know; The March for LIFE bus trip was cancelled for safety reasons due to the impending storm in DC and I-95.

Thank God Panorama Tours (the Bus Company) returned our deposit. Thanks.

WE must continue to pray for the unborn and their mothers to see LIFE as the best Choice. Let us just keep praying. Vivat Jesus!

*Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman*

### ***CALLING ALL MEMBERS***

I have been asked by Grand Knight Chuck Hollis to coordinate our Council's participation in the Memorial Day Parades in Dumont and Bergenfield.

To that end, I will be speaking and calling many of you to ask that each member consider marching in one of the parades. (The Dumont parade starts at 9:30 and the Bergenfield parade starts at 2:00).

These parades are an opportunity for us to be seen by the Bergenfield and Dumont communities and to keep the Council in the public eye. Please call me at 201-262-2764 and let me know you will be marching with us . Vivat Jesus !

*PGK Steve Martin, Trustee*

### ***Pancake Breakfast***

We are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday April 27 from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Proceeds going to support the St. John's Council #1345 scholarship program. Help support the education of our youth and come down for a great breakfast. \$10.00/Person; \$25/Families up to 5 people; Children under 5 free.

We will be serving pancakes and sausage along with coffee, tea & orange juice. Call Larry at 201-315-0456 for your reservation. Walk-ins welcome.

*Scholarship Committee*

### Dates to Remember

Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.  
Setups for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Sun, Mar. 30	Family Corp Communion 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification
Mon, Mar. 31	Columbian Club meeting 8pm. Bishop's Night Bergen Federation
Wed, Apr. 2	Rental – Women's Club Luncheon 12pm.
Fri, Apr. 4	Troop #1345 pasta dinner 5pm-8pm.
Sat, Apr. 5	Rental – Eagle Scout 2pm.
Sun, Apr. 6	Columbiette Tea Party 2pm.
Mon, Apr. 7	Council mtg 8pm.
Wed, Apr. 9	Rosary Hour 8pm.
Sat, Apr. 12	Rental – 7pm.
Sun, Apr. 13	Palm Sunday
Mon, Apr. 14	Officer mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Apr. 16	Columbiette mtg. 7:30pm.
Fri, Apr. 18	Good Friday – Council closed for weekend.
Sun, Apr. 20	Easter Sunday
Mon, Apr. 21	Newsletter deadline for reports; Council mtg. 8pm; Lecturer 9pm.
Sat, Apr. 26	Spec. Children's Dance & Show 7pm.
Sun, Apr. 27	Pancake Breakfast/Scholarship 8:30am.
Mon, Apr. 28	Columbian Club mtg. 8pm.
Tues, Apr. 29	Newsletter mailing 10am.
Thurs, May 1	Nat'l Day of Prayer;
Sat, May 3	Rental – 7pm.

### Stewardship – A Way of Life

Stewardship is a conversion, a new way of looking at life and our role in life.

With thanks and praise, we acknowledge that God is the source of all that we have and all that we are.

In the light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, stewards know that service is the way to peace, happiness, and everlasting life.

### Troop 1345 Boy Scouts Report

Troop 1345 will be hosting a Pasta Dinner at the Knights of Columbus on Friday, April 4 from 5pm to 8pm. As this is during lent, the menu is meat-free (salad, pasta, eggplant rotolini, mac and cheese).

Please stop on by and support the troop – tickets are \$12. If you need more information or want to purchase tickets, please reach out to Rich Merkovsky, Frank Fundaro, Ivan Hannibal, or Al & Jill Moriarty.

If you can't make it out and want to participate in the pasta dinner fundraiser, let us know in advance and we will prepare a dinner to be delivered to your home (advance orders only). Call Jill Moriarty at 201-280-6667.

Also during April, the troop will be hosting its annual bridging ceremony, where new scouts are officially welcomed into the troop in a nice outdoor ceremony. We look forward to adding new scouts and their families again this year, as we continue to grow each and every year.

Ray Ziembra, Adult Counselor

### The Shrine of Our Lady of Help

(Editor's note: Fr. John Murray Chaplain Emeritus brought this to my attention.)

The Chapel of Our Lady of Good Help is a Marian shrine located in the Diocese of Green Bay, WI. It stands on the site of the reported Marian apparition to a Belgian-born woman, Adele Brise, in the year 1859.

The apparition was formally approved on Dec 8, 2010 by Bishop David Ricken becoming the first Marian apparition approved by the Catholic Church in the U.S. The bishop also approved the Chapel as a Diocesan Shrine recognizing its long history as a place of pilgrimage and prayer.

For more information on the Shrine and its history, check out the website.

PGK Geo. DiCostanzo

### Photo Gallery



Coadjutor Archbishop Bernard Hebda receiving a citation from State Senator Paul Sarlo at the March 2 Bergen Federation K of C Communion Breakfast. Bishop Hebda was the guest speaker.



Council members, led by GK Chuck Hollis (seated), marching in St. Patrick's Parade in Bergenfield on March 16.

### Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our functions are a must! There are (2) ways to reserve your place or table:

--Email: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). OR,  
--Call: Chancellor Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.