



# 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,

With Thanksgiving over and the Advent season upon us and a New Year looming, let us take this time to reflect on our past year's happenings. The council has introduced a successful Cheap Dinner Night, had its second successful Trunk or Treat, fed the needy of our parishes and made donations to various charities that we support. I do not know about you, but that makes me feel pretty good. I hope you will join us for the remaining months of this Columbian year for it looks to be exciting

My thanks go out to Brian O'Dowd for chairing our annual memorial mass for our departed members and Columbiettes. Thanks also to our Chaplain, Father Sean Manson for rushing over to say the Mass after teaching CCD that same night. Our Christmas party will be held on December 14, 2024, if you have not responded, please do so fast as room is running out. Additionally, please join us for the return of our New Years Eve party featuring Tommy Walker and his musicians, it's bound to be a lot of fun.

*"This Christmas may you have...*

*Walls for the wind, and a roof for the rain,*

*And drinks bedside the fire,*

*Laughter to cheer you,*

*And those you love near you,*

*And all that your heart may desire."*

May the birth of our Lord Jesus, lighten your way in the upcoming new year. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Healthy New Year. *Nollaig Shona agus Athbhlian faoi Mhaise Duit.* God Bless. See you in 2025!

*Vivat Jesus!*

**Chuck Hollis, Grand Knight, FDD**

## **Chaplain's Message: Preparing for Christmas**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanius, Annas, Caiphas, John, Zechariah...nine names. The Word of God is very specific, it is never anonymous, it is always addressed to a specific person, in a concrete historical situation. The Gospel we listen to today, the Second Sunday of Advent, makes this fact evident, beginning as it does with this list of names.

The 'Word of God' did not merely 'come to John the Baptist'. It did so by having identified him in the context of a panorama of other people. Our lives also are linked to others. None of us are isolated individuals. The Word addressed to John had consequences for all those who surrounded him: for some it would mean their salvation, for others condemnation.

'Repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. This was the Word addressed to John, and the message he shared. This Word, this message, is also addressed to us this Advent.

'Repentance and forgiveness of sins' is probably last on our bucket list of things to do as we prepare for Christmas.

We cannot go to confession of our own initiative, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit, but this gift can be desired. A sincere confession has consequences not only for us, but for the panorama of people who come into contact with us. Our Advent Deanery Celebrations of Reconciliation are Tuesday December 10th at Ascension Parish in New Milford, and Monday 16th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tenafly. Both services begin at 7pm.

Tree decorated....✓

Christmas Shopping...✓

Repented and received forgiveness....✓

Fr. Sean

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

Chaplain:	Fr. Sean Manson	201-470-7379
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### **Council Chairmen 2024-2025**

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

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Treasurer:	Michele Sciarrino	201-387-2916
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### ***Healing and Wake Report***

*As of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024*

Bold indicates 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	-Brian O'Dowd
-Dan Taylor	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Fred Schuldt	-Michael Siano
-Lou Sciarrino	-Jeff Martin
-Andrew Santulli	-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 Sciarrino  
-Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK  
-Ann Meyer, wife Herb Meyer, FSD  
-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette  
-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette  
-John Roache, father of Fr. Dermot Roache  
-Dyane Guardino, daughter of Columbiette, Annette Rogie  
-Roger Carney, brother of Maureen Italiano  
-Maria Meeks, wife of Jeff Meeks  
-Clarence Thomas, friend of Jim Calahan  
-Frank Callahan, cousin of Jim Callahan  
-Karen Jarvis, friend of Jim Calahan  
-John Vasile, friend of Jim Calahan  
-Craig Major, friend of Jim Calahan  
-Joe Manson, father of Fr. Sean Manson, Chaplain

### ***Wake***

-Michael Daly

### ***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 I write this article, November is ending with our annual dinner for folks experiencing food insecurity. Thanks to Jim Kelly, and all who worked to make this happen.

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> began the church season of Advent. Our challenge is to avoid getting caught up with parties and shopping so we can spend time in spiritual reflection and prayer. A great prayer intention would be world peace—think of Ukraine and the Israel–Palestine conflict. Also, regardless of how the election turned out for our personal choices, let's pray that those elected to national, state, and local offices will work for peace, justice and human freedom.

In December we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and the Feast of St. John the Evangelist comes on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Think about joining us at our Christmas party on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and the New Year's Eve party December 31<sup>st</sup> that promises to be a special event. If you don't plan to attend the parties but have time available, you are urged to help out as a server, or in another capacity - Steve Martin will gladly set you up if you call him.

In January, we plan to start or restart the program of calling elderly brothers and the survivors of deceased members to let them know they are not forgotten. Stay tuned for more details.

May this Advent and Christmas season be one of peace, joy and good works for all of us.

*Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight*

### **Twin Boro Columbian Club Report**

The officers and trustees of the Twin Boro Columbian Club wish all of our members and your families a happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas. We work behind the scenes and our mission is to assist the Council in its charitable endeavors and to maintain the building we call the Council Home. Our officers, trustees and volunteers contribute many, many hours of their personal time to meet these goals. We can also use your help. I ask anyone who can assist us to call me at 201-669-8236 to discuss your involvement.

*Vivat Jesus! Steven Martin, Proud TBCC President*

### **Donations to St. John's Council #1345 Relief Fund**

The family of Jim Callahan has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the St. John's Council #1345 Relief Fund. Donations can be made by mailing a check to the Council at 61 Armour Pl. Dumont or by credit card at: <https://kofc1345.square.site/>

### **Dues Reminder**

As a reminder, dues notices will be out in January 2025 – please help keep the costs down by returning your dues with the first notice. For your convenience we will be providing an option to pay by credit card this year (there will be a slight fee to cover the associated costs). As a reminder, it is important for you to keep your email address current, so that we may continue to provide the “Knight Times.”

### **Columbiette Report**

*“Somewhere in, in the distant night*

*I hear Christmas bells... Holly leaves and Christmas trees  
It's that time of year”*

*(Elvis Presley, 1971)*

Here comes Santa Claus! St. John's Columbiettes, who have been VERY GOOD this year, are welcoming St. Nick to our council on Sunday, December 8 from 2pm to 4pm. This is a “Sensory Santa Event”, open for individuals with sensory needs and their friends and families. Low background music will be playing and the lights dimmed. Also featured will be a Twist Balloon Artist, Face Painter and professional photography with free digital photos of Santa available.

Arts and crafts & goodie bags also, while supplies last! Desserts, coffee and tea will be served, and a cash bar is available. Admission is free (\$5 suggested donation). Reservations are requested - call or text Genine Armellino at 917-992-2011 by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are always looking for new members. Do you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a Columbiette? Talk with your friends and neighbors and have them join in the fun while supporting those in need. For more membership information please contact, President Genine Armellino at 917-992-2011 or email her at [genine810@yahoo.com](mailto:genine810@yahoo.com).

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year!

*Peace, Roberta Elwell, Past President*

### **Columbiette Raffle – LAST CHANCE!**

Who wants a chance to win some money? Give the gift of chance. To raise money for our charities and events, the St. John's Columbiettes are conducting a New Years Eve Raffle. Tickets cost \$10 each and four prizes will be drawn, with the winners equally splitting 50% of the proceeds. If we meet our goal of selling 500 tickets, each winner will win \$625! The drawing will be held at the New Year's Eve Party on December 31<sup>st</sup> and the winner need not be present. Make checks payable to: St. John's Columbiettes #1345; and send to: Genine Armellino, 60 Dance Blvd, Dumont, NJ 07628 (stubs will be sent back by mail), or Venmo (@Genine-Armellino), PayPal (@GArmellino) or Zelle ([genine810@yahoo.com](mailto:genine810@yahoo.com)). To be included in the raffle payment needs to be received by 12/18/2024. Thank you for your support!

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### **Dates to Remember**

*(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)*

Fri, Dec. 6<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**  
Fri, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Social - **7 pm**  
Mon, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Officers Meeting – **7:30 pm**  
Sat, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party – **7 pm – 11 pm**  
Mon, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – **8 pm**  
Wed, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 pm**  
Tues, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Party – **8 pm – 1 am**

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at **7:45 pm**

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

DGK Bob Knott asks that you contact him at 201-675-2802 or email him at [knottrj@optimum.net](mailto:knottrj@optimum.net) if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

### **Next Council Meeting - Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Our next Council meeting will be held on **Monday, December 16<sup>th</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**

**Sensory Santa:** Our second year for this wonderful event! It will be on **Sunday, December 8th** from 2 pm – 4 pm.

**New Year's Eve Party:** Join us on New Year's from 8 pm to 1 am to ring in 2025 with great food and entertainment. Our New Year's Eve Party will feature live music by world-renowned TK Walker and Company! Our party will include assorted hors d'oeuvres, a multi-course buffet by World of Food, as well as a premium open bar throughout the event. See the attached flyer for menu and payment details. **ADVANCE PAYMENT IS REQUIRED.** You can pay by mailing a check to: 61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ 07628 or online with a credit card at: <https://kofc1345.square.site/>  
For further questions call Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com)

**Winter BBQ & NFL Conference Championship Cheap Dinner:** Let us grill in the cold so you don't have to on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** from 3 pm - 6 pm. **FLAME GRILLED** hot dogs and hamburgers, side salads, the famous Hollis cole slaw, and dessert. Tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, and tea included. All this for \$20 per person. **RSVP required** to Ken A. by calling or texting 516-220-9333 or emailing [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com). We will stay open and be showing the NFL Conference Championship game on the 8-foot screen in the dining hall as well as the lounge TVs. **PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THOSE PAYING FOR THE BBQ WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE COUNCIL TO WATCH THE GAME.**

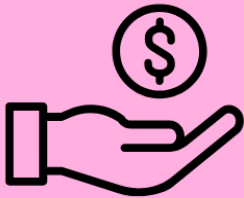
**Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament:** Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Winter Fundraiser on **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** to help support the club's facilities and its charitable works. The \$100 buy-in includes hot buffet of roast beef, mashed potatoes, chicken tenders, french fries, bread, and salad throughout the evening, as well as tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, and the tournament entry. Check In and buffet at 6PM, tournament starts at 7PM. Non-players \$20pp. RSVP online at [MikesPokerTables.com](http://MikesPokerTables.com) and get a 500 Chip Bonus. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 with questions.

**Columbiette's 20th Anniversary:** Save the date! **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2025.** Details to follow.



**Serving our Parishes:** On Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, members of KofC #1345 Knights and Columbiettes served a Thanksgiving feast for those in need in our community.

# New Year's Eve 50/50 CASH RAFFLE



**Benefit St. John's Columbiettes Auxiliary Charities**

**TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH**

**WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT.**

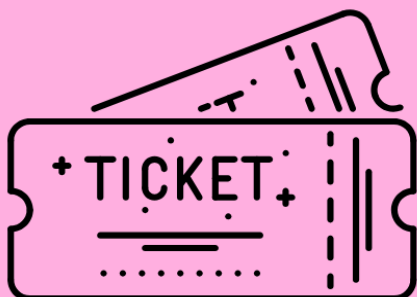
**1st Prize: 12.5 % of Amount Received**

**2nd Prize: 12.5% of Amount Received**

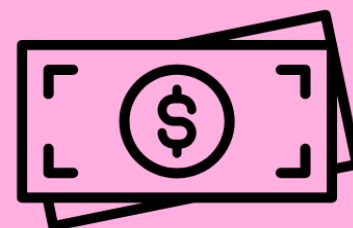
**3rd Prize: 12.5% of Amount Received**

**4th Prize: 12.5% of Amount Received**

**To Be Drawn on December 31st, 2024 at 10pm  
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628**



This is a cash raffle and the winners will receive a percentage of the amount received for all tickets or rights to participate. No substitutions of prizes offered.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345  
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2025

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Grilled Vegetables

Roasted Potatoes

Coffee & Tea

Dessert

**\$125 per person**

advance payment required

**For Tickets Call or Text:**

Ken Armellino 516-220-9333

Anthony Marti 917-602-3797

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**WE'LL GRILL IN THE COLD SO YOU  
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**HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS,  
SALADS, COLE SLAW,  
DESSERT**

**COFFEE, TEA. TAP BEER,  
WINE, & SODA INCLUDED**

**Sunday January 26th  
3-6PM Rain or Shine  
\$20 per person**

**RSVP Required**

**Call or text 516-220-9333 or email  
KofC1345reservations@gmail.com**

**We will stay open and have  
one of the NFL Conference  
Championship Games  
on the 8 foot screen in the  
dining room as well  
as the lounge TVs.  
You must be a paid attendee  
of the BBQ to be stay  
for the game**





# Twin Boro Columbian Club

Home of KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345

61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

## WINTER TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

On

Saturday February 8th



### Hot Buffet & Check-in 6pm, Poker Starts at 7pm

The \$100 entry includes:

- Tournament entry
- Hot roast beef
- Mashed potatoes
- Chicken tenders
- Salad
- French fries
- Tap beer
- Wine
- Soda
- Coffee

Tournament Features:

- Regulation Texas Hold'Em Rules
- Full Size Tables
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- Licensed Dealers
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- Re-buys/Add-on until Break
- \$5,000 Prize Pool\*
- Final Table Gets Paid\*
- Champion Bracelet

\* based on 75 players

**RSVP ONLINE by 2/5/2025 and get a 500 Chip BONUS**

Tournament Conducted by:



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Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or  
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