



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiette's, Scouts and Friends,

I attended the Grand Knights meeting in early January and one of the primary messages conveyed to all the Grand Knights in New Jersey was the need to grow our Order - increase our membership - which in turn will strengthen our Council. In his message to the Grand Knights, State Membership Director Russ Petrocelli presented the challenge thusly - "*nothing changes, if nothing changes*".

There is certainly someone each of us knows who we can speak to about the great work the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world performs. We can speak to them about the great work St. John's Council #1345 performs, and how St. John's Council makes a significant contribution to our Church and our Community.

St. John's Council is the 5th largest Council in the State of New Jersey. We have the 5th largest number of men of faith (and that's what we all are) in the State within our doors. Lets make an effort to speak to that person we all know and ask him to join our Order, join our Council. As I write this, I am thinking of two men I should have asked already to join our Order. I will speak to them about the great things we do. I ask all Brothers to do the same. Let's increase the number of men of faith within our doors. Keep me posted on your efforts.

Part of the great work we do is done at the Veterans Home in Paramus. St. John's Council #1345 has taken the lead among Bergen County Councils in attempting to ensure the veterans can attend mass. Brothers Ken Florio and John Scalice are at the Veterans Home every second and fourth Saturday. Ken sets up the altar and sings at every mass. John Scalice walks through the entire Home and brings the veterans to the mass. Ken and John need our help. We need volunteers - Knights, your sons and daughters, Columbiettes and scouts - to "wheel" the veterans to the mass, and then back to their rooms. It's a two hour privilege to help these men and women who served our country. Please call me and volunteer with your kindhearted intent.

Upcoming Events:

Super Bowl Party - Feb. 4th, 2018 @ 5 pm.

Past Grand Knight Dinner - Feb. 17th, 2018 @ 7 pm.

Lenten Dinner - Feb 23rd, 2018 @ 5 pm.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Martin, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

It seems as if we have barely finished our celebration of Christmas and the New Year when we are forced to confront the reality of Ash Wednesday and Lent. And this year, because of a quirk in the calendar, Lent will begin on February 14th, Valentine's Day.

We accept the disciplines of Lent to acknowledge our sinfulness and to give witness to our faith in the mercy of our loving God. Each of us is free to choose how to enter into Lent. Many of us will choose to abstain from some favorite food or drink. Others will abstain from some particular activity or behavior. The focus has always been on "what did you give up for Lent."

Instead of giving up something for Lent perhaps we should choose to adopt some new behavior or practice. It could be dedicating more time to prayer or committing to some new devotion. Perhaps it could be attending daily mass more often. It could be committing to give more time to community service or some charitable activity. It may be a commitment to clearing out some of the clutter in our lives that hinder us in our devotion to God.

Lent should be seen as a gift in the Church calendar in which we are challenged to look at our relationship with God and asked to consider how we can make it better. What slows us down and what gets in the way in our journey of faith? Lent gives us a chance to ask the question and Lent gives an opportunity to seek for answers.

Vivat Jesus,

Rev. Stephen Carey, Chaplain

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BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2017-2018

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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – *as of Jan 21, 2018*

Bold Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.
To add a name, call **Bob DeWald at 201-384-2259.**

Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK	-John P. McHugh
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-William Borrows	-Nick Albano
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Jim Mc Entee	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Brendan Thornton	-Frank Uvenio
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn
-Bill Connington, PGK	-Louis Labetti
-James Keane	-Jim Kelly, Sr.
-Matt Connell, PGK	-G. DiCostanzo FS, PGK

Relatives & Friends

-Joan Wein, aunt of PGK Phil Fredericks.
-Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
-Julianne DiCostanzo, granddaughter of PGK G. DiCostanzo;
-Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
-Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
-Linda Ilowite, daughter of Tony Tulli
-Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
-Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. Di Costanzo;
-Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
-Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;
-Rose Vorhees, aunt of Darcy Gallacher, wife of PGK Frank.
-Sheila Tulli, wife of Tony Tulli.
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Stephanie, niece of Jim Brooks;
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
-William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows
-Flora Zangolia, mother of Columbiette Ann Panfile;

Wakes

Members:
-George E. Murphy; Henry R. Schilling;

Relatives & Friends:

-Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.
-Emily Del Vecchio, Mother-in-law of Dave Lang
-Peter Carosella, brother-in-law of John & Pauline Scalice;

Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.
--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,
-Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333.**

Hall For Rent

Planning a party or wedding? Call Norm Saunders at 201-832-0105, or email TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com, or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. **The hall is for rent with or without food catering.**

Scholarship Applications

Available at the Council (at the bar) any Friday night, or call Dr. Geoffrey Sadock at 201-387-0450 and ask him to mail you a copy. Due back postmarked before April 30.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our Brother Knights and their family members who may be celebrating a birthday in February.

NJ Sales Tax. FYI, beginning Jan. 1, sales tax in NJ is lowered to 0.06625%. Check your receipts to make sure you are getting the lower rate.

Chancellor-Membership

If you are interested in advancing your degree or know someone interested in their Admission Degree please let me know by calling or texting at [516-220-9333](tel:516-220-9333).

Below is a list of the upcoming dates. If they do not work for you please let me know and we can investigate other locations. We have been approved for the Knighthood (3rd) Degree at our council on April 6 - if you need to get to a Formation (2nd) Degree before then please let me know ASAP.

February 13 - Admission (First) Degree - 8PM.

February 25 - Admission (First) Degree - 6PM.

March 8 - Formation (Second) Degree - 8PM.

March 13 - Admission (First) Degree - 8PM.

March 25 - Admission (First) Degree - 6PM.

April 5 - Formation (Second) Degree - 8PM.

Kenneth Armellino, Chancellor

Financial Secretary Report

First dues bills were mailed and are coming in. If you have not already paid your dues, **please do so by no later than Feb. 26.**

Letters will be mailed to our Honorary Life membership, 205 strong, for voluntary support of our council scholarship fund.

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Respect for Life Report

Gentlemen- What a country. A beached whale attracts hundreds of people helping the whale to live by pushing it out to sea. A defenseless human being, i.e. a baby, is given no help to live and is aborted (approx 30,000 per day or 1 million per year). Where have we as a society gone wrong?? We pray that society in the future realizes it's error and corrects itself to be pro-LIFE.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Seminarian Report

Communicating with a seminarian through letters/cards and prayers is an important part of their support system as they pursue their vocation to the priesthood.

Our seminarian, can use your prayers and support. His address: **Immaculate Conception Seminary, Att: Moris Montoya, 400 So. Orange Ave, So. Orange, NJ 07079.**

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Calling Post Phone Calls

In an effort to bring you up-to-date information as it happens, (*ie: wake calls, events not listed in the newsletter, reminder calls to make reservations*), the Council will enter into an agreement with Calling Post to make automatic phone calls of our messages to our members, and friends that attend our events in the **076 zip code only**. As I write this message, we are in the process of getting this done and operational sometime in February.

It will come in as an unrecognizable phone number, BUT, not to worry; If you don't answer, Calling Post will leave a message on your answering machine, unlike telemarketing calls. Calls are only made between 6pm-9pm, that's it.

We welcome your feedback, mail to: Phone Calls, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Let us know what you think.

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Texas Hold'Em Tournament

The Twin Boro Columbian Club will be hosting its third Texas Hold'em tournament on March 3. \$100 Entry fee will include buffet, beverages, and tournament. Prize pool is expected to be around \$5,000, with the winner also receiving a championship bracelet and framed final hand. RSVP by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or kofc1345reservations@gmail.com by Feb 24th and get a 500 chip bonus. **See the enclosed flyer for more details.**

Ken Armellino, Chairman

Past Grand Knight Dinner

Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 7pm as we honor our immediate past grand knight Frank Gallacher.

This will be a special night, as we normally present the PGK with a gift. Frank is a charitable and honorable person, and has requested no gift, but instead, a donation to a charity of his choice. Frank knows only too well the first principle of our Order - Charity.

So, consider joining us for the evening and be a part of the celebration for Frank. **See the enclosed flyer for all details.**

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 starting at 5pm. If you're a member of the football pool, your attendance is paid for.

If you are not a member of the pool, the cost at the door is \$25.00. Snacks, finger-food, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages included for everyone.

Call or Text Ken A at 1-516-220-9399. Join us for an enjoyable evening of Super Bowl frenzy football and some fellowship and socialization.

Steven Martin, GK, & PGK

Friday Night Socials

If you have not yet has an opportunity to join us on a Friday Night for our Social, give it some thought, even if you come for an hour, because our Friday Night Socials have really been a HUGE success so far this Columbian Year.

What's different? Let me list just a few:

1. A welcoming environment for all, members or guests;
2. A pleasant looking facility, clean and fresh looking;
3. Weekly beverage specials for men & women, along with our low cost price list.
4. Sport games available: Pool Table, Dart Board in our game room, and soon to be opened, a Shuffle Board game in the bar area. So, come on down, bring your wife or friends and have an enjoyable relaxing sociable evening.

PGK G. DiCostanzo, FS, CC Pres.

Lent Dinners Or Friday Night Specials

Lent begins on Feb. 14, also St. Valentine's Day. Friday's will be "meatless".

-Fri, Feb. 16 - Spanish Paella Food Snack about 8:30pm;

-Fri, Feb. 23, our Lent Fish Dinner, 5pm-8pm. \$20/pp for food, coffee/tea, dessert, and Cash Bar. Call Ken 1-516-220-9399 and make your reservation.

PGK G. DiCostanzo, FS.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

- Thurs, Feb. 1 Setup for Rental 7pm.
- Fri, Feb. 2 Friday Social 8-11pm.
- Sat, Feb. 3 Rental - DHS Athletic Boosters 7-11pm.
- Sun, Feb. 4 Super Bowl party - 5pm.
- Thurs, Feb. 8 Setup for Rental - 7pm.
- Fri, Feb. 9 Council Closed -
Rental - Avallone Sweet 16 7-11pm.
- Mon, Feb. 12 AARP mtg, 10am.
- Wed, Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday
St. Valentine's Day
Col Club mtg 8pm.
- Thurs, Feb. 15 Setup for PGK Dinner 7pm.
- Fri, Feb. 16 Friday Social - Paella 8:30pm.
- Mon, Feb. 19 President's Day - FLY YOUR FLAG.
Council mtg 8pm.
- Wed, Feb. 21 Columbiette mtg. 7:30pm
- Thurs, Feb. 22 Setup for Lent Dinner 7pm.
- Fri, Feb. 23 Lent Dinner - 5pm.
- Sat, Feb. 24 Rental - Fields birthday 7pm.
- Sun, Feb. 25 First Admission Degree 5pm.
- Thurs, Mar. 1 Setup for Rental 7pm
- Fri, Mar. 2 Council Closed
Rental - Meals on Wheels 7pm
- Sat, Mar. 3 Poker Tournament 5:30pm.

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

As we look back at the first six months of this Columbian Year, we have had many breakdowns of equipment, that has resulted in costly repairs, and in some cases, the purchase of new equipment. The facility is old, the equipment that we have been using is old. But hope springs eternal, and we hope most of this is behind us. But it has been costly.

For that reason, we will be conducting a 50-50 raffle to our membership for assistance in relieving some of the costs. Look for it in your mail in the next few weeks, and I hope to have the raffle draw at our St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on March 24.

The look of the facility has been tremendously improved. It's cleaner, fresher looking, welcoming, and decorated nicely with seasonal and holiday decorations.

Remember, when you receive the raffle, try to help us by buying the two (2) tickets at \$5.00 each. Thank you.

George Di Costanzo, TBCC President

Columbiette's Report

*"I'm in love and it's a crying shame
and I know that you're the one to blame
Hey, Hey, Set me free
Stupid Cupid stop picking on me!"
(Connie Francis, 1958)*

We all know that February 14 is Valentine's Day, but, were you aware that it's also Ash Wednesday. As this is an uncommon occurrence, (it will happen again six years from now on February 14, 2024), The Columbiettes will be having a "Lenten Spud-tacular" on Friday March 16, 2018.

Dinner will consist of a hot, piping baked potato with a fix-in bar to load up your spud with choices of sour cream, broccoli, butter, chives, carrots, onions, etc. salad, dessert and coffee. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 10 years and under. Reservations are a must! Please contact

Laura Labatti at 201-387-7479 or labetti250@optonline.net to get your reservation in.

Wishing everyone a lovely Valentine's Day and a prayerful Lenten journey.

Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity

K of C Organ Donor Program

Brothers, with your family and friends, become an organ donor because the life that gets saved just might sit across from you at dinner tonight.

Sign up at: www.registerme.org/knights

*Greg Ryan, Chairman,
201-919-2535*

Troop 1345 Boy Scouts Report

Troop 1345 is proud to announce that Brendan Cervantes and Geoffrey Kassis both passed their Eagle Scout Boards of Review on January 7, becoming the troop's 22nd and 23rd Eagle Scouts since 2008.

Troop 1345 is quickly approaching its tenth anniversary (April 2018). As we look back over the past 10 years, two things stand out.

First: the continued growth of scouting, community service, and mentoring of young men that occurs in the troop, as exemplified not only in the 46 active scouts today, not only by the 23 Eagle Scouts that have come from the troop, but also in the continuation of scouting that is shown by the start of Venture Crew 1345 during the past year.

Second: we see the young kids that passed through here starting to graduate college! Domenic Fierro has graduated from McDaniel College; John Benducci has graduated from Boston University; Ryan Ziemba has graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University; Trevor Moriarty has earned an Associate degree and is continuing his studies. Right now of the troop's 23 Eagle Scouts, 17 are in college, 3 have graduated, and 3 are in their senior year of high school.

Ray Ziemba, Asst. Scoutmaster

**Photo Gallery
Columbiettes - Charity Coat Drive**



Members of St. John's Columbiettes. They organized a Coat Drive to help needy children and family members.

Knights - Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign



Left: Members of St. John's Council 1345 displaying all the qualities of Knighthood - Charity, Unity, Fraternity - by helping to setup the outdoor creche at St. Mary's Church. Center: the Council creche in front of Police Hdqtrs on Wash Ave in Dumont. Right: Our KCIC banner at St. Mary's & St. John's churches.