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Grand Knight's Message

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

I hope you are all staying warm as we head into the doldrums of winter. As the football season is winding down, I hope you will join us for our Super Bowl Party on February 11, 2024. The excitement starts at 4:30 pm and will run til the final whistle. Football food and will be available, as will a cash bar with drink specials - so come on down and join the fun!

Our Annual Healing Mass will be February 4, 2024 at the SMA in Tenafly at 3:00 pm, please come and join us. Please join the Council and our friends of the Bergen Federation at their annual Communion Breakfast. It will be held on February 11, 2024, with 9:00 am Mass at Assumption parish in Wood Ridge followed by breakfast at the Fiesta. Come join your Council and meet some new friends from around the county. Contact Steve Martin for more information. Ash Wednesday is February 14th and it is also Valentines Day. I doubt there will be any permissions for eating of meat on that day, so you will have to take your sweetie to dinner later. SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Irish Night is coming on March 23, 2024. There will be fun, food and entrainment - details to follow, but get your reservations in early.

Regretfully, we had to say goodbye to our Chair of the Respect for Life Committee. Matt Connell had a passion for this part of our order and will leave big shoes to fill. If you are as passionate in saving babies as Matt was and would like to help us continue his work, please reach out to me and we'll work something out. Matt my friend, you will be missed.

May God continue to keep his watch over us all and guide us to do the things we are charged with doing, Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Like the gold of the sun, Like the light of the day, May God's love and protection, Shine bright on your way.

Until next time, be well, be safe and stay warm!

Chuck Hollis, Grand Knight, FDD

Chaplain's Message: A Time for Healing.

All of us in the world these days are so broken, so needy and very much in the need of healing. There is a surge of the scientific and pharmaceutical industries – just watch the nutty ads every night from 6-8pm. Psychologically, it can slowly shape us to become more dependent on the things of the world rather than the things of God.

The ultimate source of all healing is God himself. Jesus is called upon as the Divine physician, the healer of body and soul. As such, I am not shunning medical attention, nor am I downplaying concern for one's health and proper preventative. But the fact is that Jesus Christ is truly the Divine Physician who can and is willing to make all healing happen. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus is constantly noted as "having pity" on the sick, the broken and the lost. And as He says, "Of course I will for you to be healed." We are called to believe that He alone can mend a broken heart, physically heal and cure illnesses, soothe the shattered emotions and restore human dignity. It begins, believe it or not, in the confessional where the deepest and most dangerous wounds are healed.

The Church in a special way remembers the sick during the month of February. The season of Lent also comes upon us this month. Grow in personal holiness. Seize the moment to confess; seek the time to be anointed with the sacraments of the Church.

Vivat Jesus Christ!

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Healing and Wake Report

As of December 28, 2023

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, please call Jim Callahan: 201-655-2634.

Notice: 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 remain/be placed back on the list, please email Jim Callahan at: jmc712@aol.com.

Members

-Don Wuertz	-Brian O'Dowd
-Dan Taylor	-Larry Rivera, PGK
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-Jeff Martin -John Graham

-Joseph Welsh -Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain

-Mike Cremin -Andrew Santulli

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-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church

-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray

-Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio

-Nancy Hecker, wife of Paul Hecker

-Janice Forlini, Columbiette

-Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan

-Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarrino

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-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette

-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette

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-Dyane Guardino, daughter of Columbiette, Annette Rogie

-Cathy Hollis, wife of Chuck Hollis, GK

-Roger Carney, brother of Maureen Italiano

Wake

-Matt Connell

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 or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Those who were able to attend Matt Connell's wake service, the mass, and repast at our council, appreciate even more the good impact this long-term brother Knight, and friend had on our Council, St. John's parish, and the coummunity at large. Thanks also go to Chuck Hollis, Gerry Flood, John Graham, Bob Feigle, Mike Rowley and all the brothers who helped at the repast. Steve Martin received nice words of appreciation from Matt's family. Let's keep Matt, Janet, and the Connell family in our prayers. And let's make sure that Matt's passion for the pro-life cause is continued. In line with that, please see the attached file with a monthly pro-life news bulletin.

As I write this, there's still time to register for the February 3rd Texas Hold'em tournament: RSVP online at https://www.mikespokertables.com/event-info/twin-boro-columbian-club-6 and get a 500 Chip Bonus. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 with questions.

This Sunday, February 4tth we have our annual Healing Mass with Father Dermot at the SMA Fathers in Tenafly - rosary and adoration at 2pm; mass at 3pm. All are welcome, and the Sacrament of Annointing of the Sick will be administered. For info, please contact our brother Jim Callaghan at (201) 655 2634.

Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

We look forward to seeing you at the Superbowl Party on February 11th at the Council. It is from these social events, the Poker Tournaments, run by Ken Armelino, and through revenues raised by Council Hall rentals that, with the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, keep us moving forward. I ask for your help - if something you know is looking to host an affair, wedding, birthday party or any other kind of celebration, please ask them to consider our Hall and to contact Tom Formoso 201-707-9890. If you can volunteer as a food server, bartender or help us setting up the Hall, please contact me at 201-669-8236.

Steven Martin, Proud TBCC President

Columbiette Report

"Everybody finds somebody someplace There's no telling where love may appear Something in my heart keeps saying My someplace is here" (Dean Martin, 1964)

February is the month of hearts, flowers, and candy, but, were you aware that it's also Ash Wednesday. This is an uncommon occurrence; the last time it happened was on February 14, 2018 and it will happen again on February 14, 2029!

Speaking of calendar events, mark your calendar for the Columbiettes upcoming SPRING BINGO! It will be on Sunday, April 28, from 2:00 pm till 5:00 pm at the Council hall. Details will be discussed at our next meeting which will be on February 21stat 7:30 pm.

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 membership information please contact President Genine Armellino @917-992-2011 or email her at genine810@yahoo.com.

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

Peace,

Roberta Elwell, Past President

2024 Council Dues

If you haven't done so already, please pay your dues. You are now 30 days past due and will be receiving a 2nd Notice in the mail this month. The \$40 dues (\$15 for Honorary members, \$0 for Honorary Life members), as well as a \$20 voluntary contribution to the scholarship fund, and a \$10 voluntary contribution to the Shake the Can Drive can be sent to Ken Armellino, 60 Dance Blvd., Dumont, NJ 07628. You can also go online and pay with a credit/debit card (processing fee applies) at https://kofc1345.square.site/. Please remember your PROMPT payment of dues keeps printing and postage expenses down, and avoids the time required for follow-ups. As always, if your dues present a hardship for you, please reach out to the Financial Secretary Ken Armellino at 516-220-9333 or Chuck, our Grand Knight at 201-314-8599. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

Fri, Feb. 2th Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's

Church - 6:05 pm; Holy Hour/Eucharistic

Adoration at St. John's - 8:30 pm

Sun, Feb. 4th Healing Mass at SMA Fathers in Tenafly;

Adoration and Rosary - 2:00 pm; Mass -

3:00 pm

Sun, Feb. 11th Superbowl Party – **4:30 pm**Mon, Feb. 19th Council Meeting – **7:30 pm**

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 if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

Next Council Meeting - Monday, February 19th

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 19th at 8 pm. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter "1345" for the user and "armour" (case sensitive) for the password.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Fundraiser **Saturday, February 3rd** 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 6 pm, tournament starts at 7 pm. Non-players \$20pp. RSVP online at MikesPokerTables.com and get a 500 Chip Bonus. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 with questions.

Superbowl LVIII Party

Come down to the Council on **Sunday, February 11**th for our annual Superbowl Party! We will be serving chicken wings, nuggets, hot dogs, chili, fries and meatballs and pasta. Cash bar, beer bucket specials, and a 50/50. Doors open at 4:30 pm (game starts around 6:35 pm). Cost is \$10. Please text or call Mike Rowley at 201-280-8727 by February 9th to RSVP.

Save These Dates!

Lenten Fish Fry Dinner - Friday March 1, 2024 - 6 to 8 pm, see attached flyer for information.

Irish Night – Saturday, March 23, 2024. More details to follow but, as usual, it will be a night of fun, food and great entertainment!

Comedy Night - We will once again be hosting a Comedy Night on Saturday, April 13th. This event was a huge success last year and we expect an even bigger turnout this year. More details to follow in upcoming "Knight Times" newsletters.



December 2023 Knight of the Month - Jason Reeves



St. John's Council #1345 - Knights of Columbus

61 Armour Place

Dumont, NJ 07628

SUPER BOWL LVIII PARTY



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS -VS- SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Date: February 11, 2024

Doors Open at 4:30 pm

\$10.00 Per Person

Hors d'oeuvres, Appetizers, Hot Dogs, Wings, French Fries and Assorted Snacks Before and During the Game

HALFTIME BUFFET: Pasta-Meatballs-Sausage and Peppers-Salad-Bread (and more)

CASH BAR





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345 61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER

Friday March 1, 2024 - 6 to 8 PM

Serving: Pub Style Cod Over Steak Fries

With Sides of Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce, Bread and Salad

Also included: Coffee, Tea and Cake for Dessert

Soda Included/All Other Drinks Cash Bar

Cost for the event is:

- \$13.00 per Adult
- \$10 per Child

RSVP Required: call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or e-mail kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

Family & ProLife News Briefs February 2024

Is Human Life Valued Only Because It's "Productive"?

Can Human Life Be Easily Discarded?

Many Americans think babies with Down syndrome are better off being killed in the womb than being born. Their language turns a baby into a "thing." But our language must remind the world that babies, in or out of the womb, are human. Each pre-born child is a real, immeasurably valuable, and unique human being. An innocent little person worthy of life.

Pro-lifers support a real alternative, a real choice for women, like pregnancy resource centers. Abortion activists frame the narrative that killing the baby is the **only choice**, but that couldn't be further from the truth. Those who believe in abortion must separate it from the fact that unborn children are people. They must use language that strips the unborn of all dignity and deceives vulnerable women into thinking killing a child is "reproductive freedom." [extract from Sarah Holliday, Language Matters, *The Washington Stand*, 1/25/24]

Follow Up Thoughts

What our culture teaches us is that things are valuable insofar as they are productive, helpful or useful. Sensible as that **utilitarian view** is, many erroneously apply it to our fellow human beings. Thus, elderly, sickly and severely disabled persons are treated as "less valuable" than healthy individuals. What Pope St. John Paul II called a "culture of death" describes a strictly materialistic, utilitarian view of our fellow human beings, be they elderly or in the womb. But science teaches us that each and every human being is unique, having his or her unique personality, skills, tendencies and other attributes. Each of us, then, needs to examine what we believe gives value to human life. As Christians, we know that each person, no matter what his or her condition is, has a soul and is loved infinitely by our Creator. [editor]

Over 3,000 Help Centers for Women

The March for Life has introduced a new resource at its website: "Support Families Facing Unexpected Pregnancies by Donating to Your Local Pregnancy Resource Center or Maternity Home!" The website has a pull-down menu of states. Every state is listed, many with multiple pregnancy help centers.

After choosing a state, one can select from among the many pregnancy centers listed. Your editor did this for New Jersey and found the following listed:

> Bridge Women's Center (Old Bridge), Crisis Pregnancy Services (Egg Harbor City), Gateway Pregnancy Center (Elizabeth), Good Counsel Homes (Riverside), Several Sources (Ramsey), and Solutions Health & Pregnancy Center (Shrewsbury).

> > [www.marchforlife.org]

Reinvigorated Growth of

In 2020, parents got a glimpse of the bureaucracy of public sector education. The pandemic offered parents a rare opportunity to see its darker underbelly. It revealed, in many though not all places, a system that prioritizes staff over students, an administration that has a disdain for parental rights, a hollowed-out and often vacuous curriculum, and a teaching class motivated by political ideology and a false anthropology. One sad feature of modern secular education is its fragmentation. Following certain philosophical and pedagogical trends, it divides the student and the curriculum, and separates the illuminating and vivifying power of faith from both. For many parents, this was enough for them to seek alternative educational opportunities. Since 2020, there

have been over 200 new Catholic "classical" schools established in the United States and a 78% enrollment increase in established classical academies.

The aim and purpose of all education, whether classical,

secular or parochial, is twofold: the acquisition of truth and the formation of culture. Schools, such as many modern online academies, choose to emphasize the quest for knowledge and, by design, have very little formation in culture. What makes Catholic classical education distinct is that it seeks to form students in the totality of truth and intends to initiate them into the breadth of Western civilization. Catholic classical schools aim at the acquisition of truth for the sake of truth itself and are not directly interested in passing on knowledge to prepare students for the labor market (although it does do this, and does it well), but rather focus on exposing them to the breadth of knowledge available to the human person. For an outstanding example, the Diocese of Tulsa reports that 30% of its parochial schools are now classical. There is also a large and very active diocesan supported K-12 home-schooling co-op that utilizes a thoroughly classical curriculum. [excerpts from Richard Meloche, Exploring the new springtime for Catholic classical education, Our Sunday Visitor, 1/26/24]

In his 1987 speech addressed to U.S. Catholic educators, Pope St. John Paul II stated that Catholic educators are charged with "transmitting the full truth" that includes not only the knowledge proportionate and accessible to natural human reason (writing, reading and arithmetic, e.g.), but more importantly the knowledge that surpasses human understanding; the knowledge, as St. Paul writes that "eye has not seen, and ear has not heard" (1 Cor 2:9), namely, the knowledge of God himself.

"Americans Have Too Much Freedom"

A new Rasumussen poll finds that 55% of graduates from Ivy League colleges said there is "too much freedom" in the country. Also, 47% of top-one-percent earners polled said Americans have "too much freedom." However, a majority of everyday voters (57%) believe that there is "too much control," compared to only 16% who said there was "too much freedom."

The poll also found other areas where elite Americans had vastly different opinions from average citizens. For example, respondents were asked the following question: "To fight climate change, would you favor or oppose the strict rationing of gas, meat, & electricity?" A whopping 89% of Ivy League graduates supported rationing. Seventy-seven percent of the top 1% also agreed. Among everyday voters, only 28% supported the drastic measure.

Nearly three-quarters of the elites surveyed believe they are better off now financially than three years ago. Less than 20% of ordinary Americans feel the same way.

Most elites think that teachers unions and school administrators should control the agenda of schools. Most mainstream Americans think that parents should make these decisions. [Poll: Ivy Leaguers, Top 1% of Earners Think Americans Have 'Too Much Freedom', *Catholic Vote*, 1/26/24]

Meanwhile, the federal government administration has issued a new proposal to **amend conscience protections for healthcare workers** and institutions that wish to refrain from performing abortions and other procedures that violate their religious beliefs. The proposed rule eliminates protections that federal law shall not require individuals "to perform or assist in the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if his performance or assistance in the performance of such procedure or abortion would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions."

Also to be eliminated is the prohibition against mandating that recipients of federal funds make their "facilities available for the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if the performance of such procedure or abortion in such facilities is prohibited by the recipient on the basis of religious beliefs or moral convictions."

Catholic Vote states that it's now time for another **grassroots effort**, similar to a 2019 campaign, to stop the latest pro-abortion effort.

[excerpt from www.CatholicVote.org, 1/16/24]

This monthly newsletter is used by dozens of churches as a bulletin insert. Since 2013 it has had over 30,000 readers and is now posted on three diocesan websites.

To receive each month's free issue in your inbox, email Frank Tinari, Ph.D. at tinarifr@shu.edu

Human Rights Parallels: Racism & Abortion

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, I thought I'd offer some quotes from his "Letter from the Birmingham Jail," written from a prison cell to the clergy in 1963. Parts of the letter have become well known, such as King's insistence that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Here are a few longer excerpts, which can be read together or separately. The parallels with the pro-life movement are plain.

"But as I continued to think about the matter, I gradually gained a bit of satisfaction from **being considered an extremist**. Was not Abraham Lincoln an extremist? 'This nation cannot survive half slave and half free.' Was not Thomas Jefferson an extremist? 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' So the question is not whether we will be extremist, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate, or will we be **extremists for love**? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice, or will we be extremists for the cause of justice?"

"In the midst of blatant injustices inflicted upon the Negro, I have watched white churches stand on the sidelines and merely mouth pious irrelevancies and sanctimonious trivialities. In the midst of a mighty struggle to rid our nation of racial and economic injustice, I have heard so many ministers say, 'Those are social issues which the gospel has nothing to do with,' and I have watched so many churches commit themselves to a completely otherworldly religion which made a strange distinction between bodies and souls, the sacred and the secular." [W. Ross Blackburn, Martin Luther King—In His Own Words, www.HumanLifeReview.com, Jan. 2024]

"The Best Week Ever" for HS Juniors

Each year, hundreds of high school juniors entering senior year spend a week at Christendom College and say (4.7 out of 5) it's one of the best weeks of their lives. This is a popular, well-attended and highly-ranked pre-college summer program. Attendance is competitive, and interested students should not delay in applying. If you mention Relevant Radio, you will receive a 50% discount. Here is the application link: https://www.christendom.edu/admissions/thebestweekever/

Helping Young Adults Find a Good Spouse

In *The ABC's of Choosing A Good Wife*, Stephen Wood offers time tested advice for making the greatest decision of your life. It's practical, convincing, full of invaluable wisdom including the key questions to ask before you ask the big question. For young women, you've dreamed of that special man who will appear and ask you to be his bride. In *The ABC's of Choosing A Good Husband*, author Wood gives practical and insightful advice to women on how to choose a partner for life. Both books are available (get a 20% discount by submitting your email address) at https://shop.catholic.com/