



# 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,

October began as a beautiful fall day that ultimately led us to the passing of a great Knight, Jim Callahan. Jim passed on a beautiful morning with the sun shining as our Lord welcomed him to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jim served the council in many positions and through his final days, kept the council and the Knights in all, first and foremost in his mind and heart. Jim will be missed by many people. Rest well my friend, I will miss our daily talks.

October also saw our annual Italian Night. Hosted by Genine and Ken Armellino and music by Panorama, we could not have asked for a better night. Great food, great music, greater friends. Congratulations on a job well done. We also had our Cheap Dinner Octoberfest, led by Mike Rowley. The brats were cooked to perfection, pierogis fried nicely and the potato salad was exceptional. Now Mike did not do this all by himself, his cook team of Bob Feigle, Michele and John Orsino and his wife Susan, made sure the food was hot and plentiful. Another wonderful Cheap Dinner night, thanks for all your hard work in making this Octoberfest a huge success.

Congratulations to the Columbiettes on yet another successful Bingo event. The ladies filled the hall to capacity and was well received by all, if they did not have fun, it was their own fault. Great job Ladies!

Our Annual Trunk or Treat was held just before publication and I'll report on that next month. November comes as we approach Thanksgiving, we all have something to be thankful for in our own way. The Council will again hosting those needy families within the parishes we serve on November 30, at 2:00pm. We could use your help in serving those in need, so just stop by even if only for a few minutes just to show you care.

"Here's to you and yours, and to mine and ours. and if mine and ours, ever come across to you and yours, I hope you and yours will do, as much for mine and ours, as mine and ours have done, for you and yours." I wish you all a very Happy and Thankful Thanksgiving. God Bless.

*Vivat Jesus!*

**Chuck Hollis**, Grand Knight, FDD

## **Chaplain's Message: All Saints Day**

Dear Brother Knights,

Despite the balmy weather we have been enjoying here in New Jersey - we are forecast to hit 80 degrees this week, November is upon us. There are only two months in the year, January and November, which begin with a night of preparation. January is ushered in by New Years Eve, and November begins with Halloween. Trunk or Treat, Coopers Pond, gouls, goblins, demons, monsters...the streets are filled with children wearing costumes and masks as they go trick or treating on October 31st. 'Halloween' comes from 'hallow' and 'een.' 'Hallow' is familiar to us: 'Hallowed be thy name'. 'Hallow' means 'Holy', and 'een' is a derivation of 'eve'; the eve of what is holy, or the eve of all hallows. Halloween is a preparation for All Saints Day, November 1st, and All Souls Day, November 2nd. It is meaningless to celebrate Halloween without celebrating All Saints Day.

Friday November 1st, All Saints Day, is our Feast Day: we have been created to be Holy and Immaculate, to be saints. Halloween prepares us for All Saints Day by mocking demons, goblins and monsters, in other words, the devil; scary costumes are worn to poke fun at him. In the Middle Ages the devil was portrayed with horns, a tail and pitchfork, a caricature which was meant to ridicule and mock him, because he has been vanquished by Christ's death and resurrection. The devil can't stand to be laughed at, he can't stand to be mocked, to be ridiculed. Why? because he is proud, he is not humble. The proud cannot bear to be made fun of, or to be the butt of a joke. A proud person does not like making mistakes, for fear of being laughed at.

But on Halloween we do precisely that, we mock him, laugh at him, because he has been vanquished by the Lamb, Jesus Christ. The devil does not want us to be holy, to become saints; but we laugh at him because the head of the serpent has been crushed by the heel of the Virgin. All Saints Day is our Feast Day, the grace of God can allow us to be holy, as He is Holy. Immediately following All Saints Day, we celebrate the commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. November is the month in which we pray for All Souls. We remember especially our brother Jim Callahan, and all our brother Knights, our family members and friends, who have preceded us into Eternal Life.

Fr. Sean

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

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### **Healing and Wake Report**

*As of September 27<sup>th</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 Sciarino	-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 Sciarino
- Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK
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- Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
- Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
- John Roache, father of Fr. Dermot Roache
- Dyane Guardino, daughter of Columbiette, Annette Rogie
- Cathy Hollis, wife of Chuck Hollis, GK
- Roger Carney, brother of Maureen Italiano
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- Fred Reich, friend of Jim Calahan
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- 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**

- Jim Callahan

### **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**

We are still mourning our brother Knight Jim Callahan as we enter the busy last two months of 2024. In his final days, he was talking about the need for a ministry to shut-ins, the elderly, and hospitalized people who had no one to look after them. We talked briefly about this at our October general meeting. The idea is to start with what we have - our own membership list - and then approach our parishes to find out if they've identified folks who would benefit from a call or visit. We also talked about other Jim Callahan projects like the prayer chain, and the fundraisers for worthy causes utilizing local restaurants and delis. All these projects require time and commitment. More to come on this, please contact me if you would like to help.

By the time this comes to press, we will have completed the Trunk-or-Treat night. Another important project will be our annual dinner for food-challenged people, set for Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Consider helping that day. Jim Kelly has again volunteered to cook. He will need help. Brothers are also needed to assist with serving, seating the guests, and delivering meals to shut-ins. Put it on your calendar. What a great way to give thanks and start off the Advent season! A flyer is attached.

Finally, for those interested who couldn't attend Jim Callahan's memorial mass, I have attached a copy of the Remembrance I delivered at the mass - I was honored to be asked to do so.

*Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight*

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

Brothers, the TBCC has an incredibly busy rental schedule for every weekend until the new year! I'll be calling and counting on a lot of people to help us staff these events. Please answer my call. Even better, please call me at 201-669-8236 to volunteer for one weekend. I would like to let everyone know that these rentals pay the bills to keep the Council Hall open: insurance, maintenance, repairs and cleaning to note just a few.

*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/>

### **Memorial Mass for Deceased Members**

On **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, at 8 pm we will remember our deceased Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes during the annual Mass of Remembrance at 8 pm at the Council and recognize those who have passed away over the past year. Family members or close friends of recently departed Knights and Columbiettes are invited to participate in the rose ceremony during the liturgy. The evening is open to everyone and refreshments will be served after Mass. This is a perfect opportunity to foster fraternity and invite a friend to come.

**Note that this date is a rescheduled date.**

### **Columbiette Report**

*"If there's a man who is down and needs a helping hand  
All it takes is you to understand and to pull him through"  
(The Rascals, 1968)*

November, a month where we remember, reconnect, and give thanks.

The Knights will be having a Memorial Mass at the council hall on Thursday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm where we remember our Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes who have passed during the current year.

It is also our Columbiette Retention Month, where we hope many of our Sister Columbiettes who we have not seen for a while, for whatever reasons, will come to our November meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are also having one of our most popular events, "The Spud-Tacular!" It will be on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at the council hall 6:00pm till 8:00pm. A Giant potato bar with tons of toppings to choose from! Salad and dessert are also included, and a cash bar is available. The cost is \$20 per person and \$12 for children 12 years and under. Reservations are a must! Please contact Nina D at 201-338-2617 or email [ninad70@aol.com](mailto:ninad70@aol.com) or Laura L at 201-788-5921 or email [labetti250@optonline.net](mailto:labetti250@optonline.net).

After dinner a free showing of the remarkable epic of Mother Cabrini will be shown, we hope all will stay to watch this extraordinary film.

The end of the month brings us the wonderful holiday of Thanksgiving. We should always give thanks for what we have and pray for those who are in need.

Wishing all a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving.

*Peace, Roberta Elwell, Past President*



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### Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

Fri, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **7 pm**

Tue, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> **Election Day**

Mon, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> **Veterans Day**

Mon, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Officers Meeting – **7:30 pm**

Mon, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – **8 pm**

Wed, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 pm**

Thur, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Remembrance Mass – **8 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](mailto:knottrj@optimum.net) if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

### Next Council Meeting - Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Our next Council meeting will be held on **Monday, November 18<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

**Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament:** Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Fall Fundraiser **Saturday, November 9<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 <https://www.mikespokertables.com/event-info/twin-boro-columbian-club-8> and get a 500 Chip Bonus!** Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 with questions.

**Sputacular:** One of the Columbiettes most popular events will be held on **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** from 6 pm – 8 pm at the Council.

**Blood Drive:** The next blood drive is **Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** from 2 pm to 7 pm at the Knights of Columbus Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). This is an easy way to save multiple lives. An appointment is encouraged to donate. You can schedule your appointment by going to <https://tinyurl.com/KofC1345Blood> or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

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

**New Year'e Eve is Back!:** 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** with an **EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT** if paid by Dec. 1st. 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)

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



Oktoberfest Fun



It was a great Trunk or Treat!

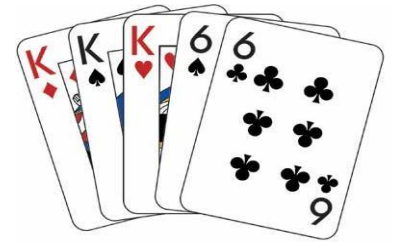


# Twin Boro Columbian Club

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

61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

## WINTER TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT



### Saturday November 9th

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

#### The \$100 entry includes:

- 5,000-chip starting stack
- Dinner
  - Hot roast beef
  - Mashed potatoes
  - Chicken tenders
  - Salad
  - French fries
  - Tap beer
  - Wine
  - Soda
  - Coffee

#### Tournament Features:

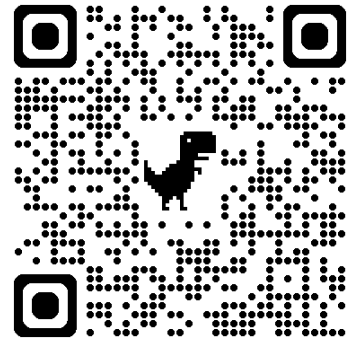
- Official Texas Hold'Em Rules
- Full Size Tables
- Professional Cards
- Licensed Dealers
- Re-buys/Add-on until Break
- \$5,000 Prize Pool\*
- Final Table Gets Paid\*
- Champion Bracelet

*\* based on 75 players*

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***RSVP online by November 1<sup>st</sup> and get 500 extra chips!***

For more info, contact Ken A.  
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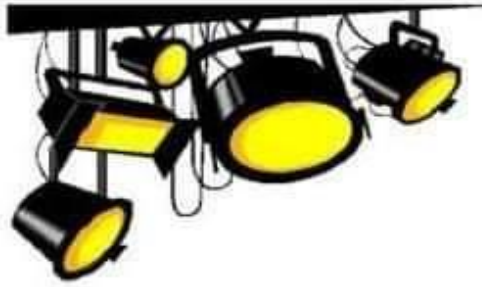
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**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

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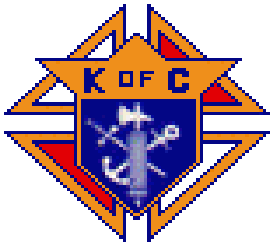
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A free showing of the remarkable Epic of Mother Cabrini will be shown after dinner.





# Knights of Columbus

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INCLUDED

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**ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$50 PER PERSON!**

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ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345  
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2025

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Roasted Potatoes

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## Jim Callahan Remembrance

At this mass we pray for Jim Callahan's soul, remember him fondly, and give thanks for his life, for his being among us. I'm a relative newcomer to the order of the friends of Jim, who are many. I came to know him when I became active in the Knights of Columbus. I also knew Jim as a CCD teacher in this parish. Our other connection was Tri Valley Diner, where we spent many a night dining on one of the specials as we debated the merits of the wait staff, some theological question, or politics. Jim had high standards for the wait staff at the diner and appreciated the ones who did the small things right, like fill up his water glass without being asked to do so. Jim also had high standards for the Knights, for the Catholic Church, and for himself.

His favorite slogan was "Where there is a need there is a Knight." He was like a gadfly to our council, always looking to get things done without worrying too much about organizational protocols, or hearing someone say "that's not the way we do things here." So he took the lead on ensuring that each month, we had a priest available to say mass for the residents of the New Jersey Veterans Home. Keeping that legacy going, some of our brothers were there earlier this morning to assist with that charitable task.

Jim also loved to arrange events at the council that would attract more people to us while raising funds for charitable causes such as veterans or the people of Ukraine. In his efforts on Ukraine, he went so far as to speak to a high official of the Knights in Poland in an effort to have us communicate with brother Knights who were on the front lines assisting Ukrainian war refugees.

Another activity Jim spearheaded was group prayers. It went like this, emails went out to our members requesting all to say an Our Father for peace in the Ukraine, or to end violence in this country and around the world. The emails would be shared outside our circle of Knights and Columbiettes, so a wide prayer network was being activated.

I admired Jim's creativity and independent thinking both as a teacher in preschool and in the CCD program. Jim strongly believed that education had to be centered on the student, not the teacher or administrators. Often this belief put him at odds with whoever was in charge. In the CCD program teaching middle-schoolers, Jim always got the kids involved in the learning. His proudest moment came last year when his CCD students created, composed, and delivered a prayer service for peace and an end to violence. It was done right here in the church and received excellent reviews from the DRE and those of us who attended.

In his last days, Jim expressed appreciation for the care he received from his family and friends, especially those knights who were there by his side constantly. In this time, he was devising plans for a program that would have us reaching out to shut-ins and hospital patients who had no one to visit them.

I mentioned how Jim and I would eat dinner together at the diner and get involved in heated conversations about religion and politics. Jim thought religion should be simple and emphasize charity and tolerance. I usually found myself opposed to, or at least to the right of Jim's positions. Yet I learned from him. As the diner would be getting ready to close and the staff patiently waited for us to pay our bill and get out, we would say to each other, "Well we didn't solve the problems of the world tonight."

No we haven't solved the problems of the world yet Jim, but you have proved yourself, a steady soldier in the fight for right and justice. You have been a good brother, uncle, friend, Knight of Columbus. We will not forget you! We would do well to honor your legacy!