



# The Knight Times

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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Scouts, and Friends,

Last month, members of St. John's Council and their Columbiette auxiliary, hosted a Communion Breakfast following the 10am Mass at St. Mary's. The guest speaker at this breakfast was Kathy DiFiore, the founder of Several Sources; a foundation committed to helping unwed mothers and other women facing a crisis pregnancy. By hosting women in shelters, Several Sources Foundation provides an alternative for those women who are considering an abortion.

Ms. DiFiore brought with her a young woman who is currently living in a Several Sources Shelter and her infant daughter who was saved from an abortion through the efforts of her foundation. This young woman shared her story; a profound story of hope. She also introduced us to her beautiful daughter; a child that very easily could have been lost to the crime of abortion. This child was living proof that every child conceived has the right to be born. (*see photo on page 4.*)

As Catholic Christians, we have a duty to proclaim our Lord's Gospel of Life and we need to support those who put their faith into action as they work to protect the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Most importantly, we need to pray for those who are considering abortion as a solution to a crisis pregnancy.

We need to pray that they will realize that there are alternatives, that there is always hope and, that no matter what, God still loves them. We also need to pray that lawmakers will experience a change of heart and realize that all human life is a precious gift from God.

God be praised.

*Fr. Stephen Carey,  
Chaplain*

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Scouts, and Friends,

Thanks to all who came out to the Family Picnic. We were all treated to a day of great food, entertainment and, most of all, the pleasure of each other's company. I am extremely grateful to Lou Pidi and his team of kitchen help and servers who donated their time and talents.

September promises to be a very busy month for the Council. We have many events such as; Dumont Day, Latin Night and Octoberfest. I would also call upon all of you to vigorously support the St. John's Church Carnival this month.

May God continue to bless us in all our endeavors and our daily lives!!!

Vivat Jesus,  
*Frank Gallacher  
Grand Knight*

2015-2016 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries  
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345

**Council Officers 2016-2017**

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President:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
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Secretary:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
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**Columbette's Ladies Auxiliary 2016-2017**

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**Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts 2016-2017**

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*Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)*

**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report – as of August 20, 2016**

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

To add a name, contact **Louis Labetti, 201-249-0393.**

**Members**

-Bob Dondero, PGK	-G. DiCostanzo, PGK
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK	-William Borrows
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Frank Uvenio	-Jim McEntee
-Jack McHugh, Sr.	
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn
-Jun Adel	

**Relatives & Friends**

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Bob Holowacz, Brother of Columbiette Donna Fredericks
- Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Carolyn Day, mother of William Day.
- Donna Hayes, wife of PGK Matt Hayes;
- Evelyn Paulsen, mother of Columbiette Laura Labetti
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Brooks, wife of Jim Brooks;*
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Marie Petrocelli, mother of Master Russ Petrocelli;*
- Mary Rudolph, widow of late Art Rudolph.
- Maureen Kostka, wife of Ed Kostka.
- Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;*
- Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barkley.
- Therese DeFalco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.

**Wakes**

Members:

Relatives & Friends:

-John J. Ciborski, father of PSD Tom Ciborski;

-John Ciborski, Jr, brother of PSD Tom Ciborski;

**Reservations Procedure & Payment**

Advanced Payment and Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.

--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,

-Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333.**

**\*\*Mail your check when you make your reservation\*\*..**

**Hall Renting & Catering**

Planning a party soon? Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187, email [kofc1345rentals@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345rentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org). The hall is available **with** or **without** catering.

### *From the News Desk*

**Birthday wishes** to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in **SEPTEMBER**. Trevor Moriarty, son of Al Moriarty, Sept. 1; Ann Panfile on Sept. 23.

**Congratulations** to Matthew & Janet Connell married 50 years on Sept. 17; Joe & Christine Welsh 60 yrs in Sept; and George & Nina DiCostanzo 57 years Sept. 19.

**Christians at Risk.org**, a website sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for the aid of Christians being massacred in the Middle East.

### **Chancellor/Membership Report**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone has had a great summer. Now as we move forward with our upcoming years activities I ask for your help.

My main function this year is to recruit new members. This can be challenging, to say the least, for one person to achieve alone, and this is where I need your assistance.

I hope to hold an "Open House" in October. This will be open to all families from our parishes and beyond. In the mean time I would greatly appreciate your help in getting the word out.

Please remember the future of our Great Council depends on all of us working together to increase our membership. Thank you for your continued support for our Council.

*Gerry Flood, Chancellor.*

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Hope all our members had an enjoyable summer. As we head into the Fall, membership and degree advancement are the focus for us to increase our numbers.

The **4th Degree exemplification** will be held on Sun, Nov. 20 at 1:00pm at The Fiesta in Wood Ridge. Mark the date.

If you wish to advance your degree from First to Second or Second to Third here are the Sept. dates:

-First Degree - 9-13-16 in Westwood.

-Second Degree - 9-14-16 in Midland Park.

We provide the transportation to location and back. Contact Gerry Flood at 551-795-7480 and let him know you want in.

*George DiCostanzo, FS*

### **Respect Life Report**

Gentlemen- October is Mary's month. Our annual Roses for Life drive will be held At St. John's on October 1 Saturday and October 2 Sunday after all the masses. AND at St. Mary's On Saturday Oct 15 and Sunday October 16th after all the Masses. SMA Fathers possibly on Oct 9th Sunday. We will need Volunteers on all these dates. 2015 was the best yet.

Let's make 2016 even better. Remember the \$ raised pays for the bus to Washington DC for the March for Life on Friday January 27th 1017.

*Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman*

### **OCTOBER San Alfonso Retreat K of C Statewide Retreat**

The weekend of Friday October 21 to Sunday October 23 2016. If you missed the retreat in July, this your chance to do it. I personally have not been able to join the July retreat, due to a conflict with our GK & Officer installation that weekend. This retreat is also the Knights of Columbus State-wide

retreat; there will be plenty of brother knights to share the experience with.

I am inviting anyone who has not been able to go in July to join our Council with other K of C councils in October. If you are interested, please write to me at the following address: October Retreat, 70 Dulles Drive, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Because this is a new venture, I am asking for a \$20 deposit to go with your sign-up. The cost of the weekend is \$210.00, payable at the retreat.

Or, call me at 201.338-2617.

*George DiCostanzo, PGK  
Tony Tulli, Retreat Chairman*

### **First Annual Octoberfest - Two Great Events in One Day! -**

Saturday September 17th from 1pm to 5pm we will rock the house with "Seeking the Seeker" in an outdoor venue. As parking will be limited, we will offer a complimentary shuttle service throughout Bergenfield and Dumont. Additionally, we will offer beverages, pretzels, sausages, hot dogs and hamburgers. Stop by and enjoy a great afternoon. No reservation necessary.

The evening will be a separate event from 7pm to 11pm, reservation required. For the evening the council hall will be converted into a German Fest Hall with a fest like casual atmosphere, traditional Octoberfest menu and beverages. The menu will include: pretzels, knockwurst, bratwurst and sausage as well as a cold cut platter with cheese. The main course will be a traditional Oktoberfest meal of roasted chicken with red cabbage and German style potatoes. Dessert will be Apple Strudel. Of course there will be great German music as well to commemorate the occasion. Hope to see you there. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Call or text Kenat 516-220-9333 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### **Latin Night**

Friday September 23 from 8pm - midnight. Cost is \$35 in advance/\$40 at the door per person, or pay for a table of 10 in advance for \$300. The evening will include appetizers and tapas, beverages, DJ and dancing. For more information or to RSVP call Willie Cintron at 201-951-9164.

*Willie Cintron, Chairman*

### **Rosary Hour**

We begin September with our Rosary Hour at 7:30pm on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

We need your support to attend the Rosary Hour to keep it going. We are one of the only councils that have a Rosary each month.

As usual, coffee, tea, and a dessert are served afterwards.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Italian Night is coming October 15. Join us for one of our most popular events. The evening will consist of an authentic Italian menu including fresh bread from Addeo's in "da Bronx" as well as live entertainment from Panarama Music.

We will also be introducing a new and improved menu. Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early.

*Kenneth Armellino, Warden/Chairman*

### **Dates to Remember**

**Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.**

**Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.**

Fri, Sept. 2 Council Closed - Labor Day weekend.  
Mon, Sept. 4 Labor Day - Fly the Flag.  
Tues, Sept. 6 Council mtg. 8pm.  
Thurs, Sept. 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Sat, Sept. 10 Dumont Day booth - 10am-5pm. need help.  
Rental-Racanelli Eagle Scout 1pm  
Mon, Sept. 12 Officer meeting 8pm.  
Wed, Sept. 14 Rosary Hour 7:30pm.  
Sat, Sept. 17 Octoberfest 1-5pm - open house  
Octoberest 7-11pm dinner dance.  
Mon, Sept. 19 Council meeting 8pm.  
Wed, Sept. 21 Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.  
Fri, Sept. 23 Latino Night dance 8-12midnight.  
Sat, Sept. 24 Tonner fundraiser 6pm.  
Sat, Oct. 1 Rental Senior Luncheon 12pm.

### **Religious & Civil Rights Report**

Gentlemen- I have always wondered about certain disparities in the treatment of religious organizations and the IRS. You know the IRS that targets political and charitable organizations that don't agree with the present administration and has not fired anyone for these transgressions.

I digress. I know we have a number of attorneys in the Knights and would like an answer to this question. Why is it that other Christian churches can preach politics from the pulpit but the Roman Catholic Church cannot??? Never mind the Rev Al Sharpton & Rev Jesse Jackson. Can you attorneys answer that, or is it the Catholic Church the only one threatened by the IRS of taking away their Tax Exemption?? Please Respond

*Vivat Jesus, Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman*

### **Troop 1345 Scout Report**

Troop 1345 recently completed its busiest summer program yet, with three major trips during July. First trip was to Floodwood (picture attached). Second trip was a road trip from NJ to Canada to North Carolina and back home (picture attached). Third trip was summer camp in Narrowsburg, New York (picture attached).



*Ray Ziembra, Asst Scoutmaster*

### **Columbiette Auxiliary Report**

*Well I'm on my way, I don't know where I'm going  
I'm on my way, I'm taking my time, but I don't know where  
Goodbye to Rosie, the queen of Corona  
Seein', me and Julio down by the schoolyard*  
(Paul Simon, 1972)

It's that time of year to "Woman the Booth", its Dumont Day! Once again the Columbiettes will have a booth (right next to our Brother Knights) selling hot dogs and drinks at Dumont Day this year. Dumont Day takes place in Memorial Park, starting at 10:00am and ends at 6:00pm. We are asking our Sister Columbiettes, if possible, to volunteer for two hour shifts in the booth. Please contact either Nina DiCostanzo at 201-338-2617; [nina70@aol.com](mailto:nina70@aol.com) or Laura Labetti at 201-387-7479; [labetti250@optonline.net](mailto:labetti250@optonline.net) to let them know if you are available. We appreciate ALL of the help you can give us.

Please note the Upcoming Events which are being planned for our new year 2016-2017:

- Halloween Costume Party: in which (or witch!) the Knights and Columbiettes will host together again this year.
- Spudtacular : Our new and beginning to be our most popular event, watch out Tea Party!
- Cod & God Fish Fry: a Lenten treat, fish!
- Tea Party: time for Spring ,fancy hats ,white gloves and of course...Tea!

All of the above events will be discussed at our first meeting on Sept. 21, 2016, meeting starts at 7:30pm. Looking forward to seeing all our Columbiettes there.



*At left: Kathy DiFiore, mother with baby saved by Several Sources, and our Chaplain Fr. Stephen Carey holding the baby.  
On the right, Columbiette Officers and Pres. Nina DiCostanzo presenting donation check to Gerry Flood for ASCPG group.*

*Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity*

### **The K of C National Organ Donor Program**

As we get ready to move forward to the states surrounding NJ and get the program moved to every council in the U.S.

Funding is our main obstacle. If you know of a company or individual who can assist, contact Phil Fredericks at 201-321-6695.

**Register now at [www.registerme.org/knights](http://www.registerme.org/knights).**

*Greg Ryan, Chairman*

### **Tonner Family Fundraiser**

Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7pm. A fundraiser for a local family who lost their mother to cancer. Try to attend and support this family. St. John's Council is hosting this fundraiser.

*Grand Knight Frank Gallacher*

### **Halloween Costume Party**

Sat, Oct. 29 from 7-11pm. Get the "costumes" ready for another great party like the first one last year. More details in the October Newsletter.