



The Knight Times



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Grand Knight's Message

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

I hope you all had a Blessed and Happy Christmas and welcomed in the New Year with hope and peace, may 2025 treat you with love, prosperity and happiness.

I would like to begin by thanking each and every one who have assisted us in growing the council in our charitable work. We could not have done it without you. Thank you to Steve Martin for a great Christmas party. We had almost 160 people in attendance, that's the biggest crowd we've seen in a while. Hopefully we can keep the numbers up. Special thanks to Santa for showing up! Thank you to Ken Armellino and Anthony Marti for helping us ring in the New Year with the return of our New Years Eve party, lead by the music of TK Walker. Great music, great fun, excellent food, it was a party to end all parties. Job well done, gents. Our next Cheap Dinner will be our winter BBQ featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, the famous Hollis salads and much more. So, join us on January 26 from 3:00 until 6:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person and championship football will be on the televisions so come on down and enjoy the fun!

There are a lot of exciting things happening at St. John's, be a part of it! Happy New Year, stay warm and may God continue his blessing over us all. *Vivat Jesus!*

Chuck Hollis, Grand Knight, FDD

Chaplain's Message: the Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

How would you describe your family? Which adjective would you use? Caring? Loving? Neurotic? Dysfunctional? Middle class? Stable? Troubled? Peaceable? I don't know how many of us would use the word "Holy." Immediately after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family of Nazareth is an icon, an image of what each of our families is called to be. The members of the Family of Nazareth have a secret, their holiness comes not from their relationships with one another, but from the fact that they each have a relationship with God.

Holiness is a gift, but it is also something that needs to be discovered, nurtured and desired. None of us choose the family we belong to, but one thing is for sure, the family we belong to is called to be holy; and this holiness, the secret to family life, begins with you. If we wait for the others to be holy things are never going to happen. God is calling you, not your brother or sister, or father or mother, or spouse, to be holy. But is that something we really want, or even think about?

Jesus, separated from his parents and lost for three days as a young boy is "in his Father's house." Mary will "keep all these things in her heart," and Joseph, the silent presence of fatherhood, will help the child grow and mature, to become obedient not to him or his wishes, but to God, his real father. Any parent who has ever lost a child knows the anguish and the frantic fear that is felt. Mary and Joseph lost Jesus not for ten minutes, or half an hour, but for three whole days. Can you imagine! When they eventually found him they did not box his ears, or get mad, or collapse in tears as they hugged him to bits, but accepted what he said: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house." They understood that he was doing what they had taught him to do, to seek God, to do God's will, to put God first in his life.

But the child's holiness will not mean a cold distancing from his parents, but rather his being obedient to them, his learning to obey. Not an easy thing to do – to obey someone else, especially if you think you know better. After all, he was the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, he knew better than his parents; and yet he obeyed them. In doing so he learnt to obey God the Father, and this obedience will make him holy. Also, Mary and Joseph know that the child does not belong to them. He is not their property, he is not their project, their hobby. They are custodians of a child who, as every child, is called to be a child of God. This will mean "keeping things in their heart." They will learn to suffer and to love this child who, through them, is called to be son of his Father. They will put God first in their own life, freeing the child to do what God asks of him.

All our families are infused with the holiness of God. This holiness is the secret of our communion, our relationships with each other, our love for one another. We can rediscover this holiness today, the Feast of the Holy Family, when God speaks to our hearts. He will speak to your heart. May he make of us his children, and in doing so teach each of us how to be a parent, a grandparent, a spouse, a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister, in the holy family to which we belong.

Fr. Sean

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Healing and Wake Report

As of December 28th, 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
-Dan Taylor
-Fred Schuldt
-Lou Sciarino
-Andrew Santulli
-Dr. Geoffrey Saddock, Lecturer

-Brian O'Dowd
-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Michael Siano
-Jeff Martin
-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
-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
-Joe Manson, father of Fr. Sean Manson, Chaplain
-Bill Gavigan, nephew of Kevin Barry

-Karen Saddock, wife of Dr. Geoffrey Saddock

Wake

-None

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

On a spiritual and social level, we are still in the midst of the Christmas season. I hope you've had a peaceful and rewarding Christmas Day and in addition, have been able to celebrate with loved ones and friends.

We are carrying on in the spirit of our brother Jim Callahan by doing fundraising and outreach activities that he so faithfully performed. Special thanks go to our "Santa," Bill Flores, who had the ladies dancing at our Christmas party, and then spent a Friday night and Saturday afternoon, greeting the Tri-Valley restaurant customers, posing for pictures, and collecting toys for Tomorrow's Children's Fund. Thanks to all who contributed toys. This month we will be restarting our outreach to brother knights/spouses who may benefit from our calling or visiting.

By the time we go to press, our New Year's Eve party will have happened. Thanks in advance to our brothers who plan and work on this event and of course to all who have participated.

I wish all of you reading this, blessings, good health, and success in 2025!

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 Merry Christmas season and a happy and healthy New Year. 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

Dues Reminder

As a reminder, dues notices will be sent 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

*"Let's toast to new beginnings,
Raise up a glass and say,
For all of our tomorrows,
And what was yesterday."
(Bon Jovi, 2016)*

Happy New Year 2025!

The Columbiettes will be kicking off the New Year with a Post-Holiday celebration at Ciao Bel6la Restaurant on January 15th at 6 pm, 690 River Road, New Milford, NJ. The price is \$46, and payment can be made by check or cash. Checks should be made payable to St John's Columbiettes 1345. You can mail your check to Laura Labetti at 250 Dixon Ave, Dumont, NJ 07628, by January 8th, 2025. Please provide Laura with your main course choice by then so that the restaurant can provide faster service. Our dinner choices are as follows: Grilled Salmon, Chicken Parmigiana, Chicken Francaise, or Eggplant Parmigiana. Just a reminder this restaurant is a BYOB. If you are paying the night of the dinner, it is CASH ONLY.

Mark your new 2025 calendar with a SAVE THE DATE! We will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary on Sunday, April 6th at Donatello's Restaurant in Harrington Park, NJ. Details to follow in the coming months.

Here's to a New Year! May we find peace, health, and happiness!

Peace, Roberta Elwell, Past President



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Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

- Fri, Jan. 3rd Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **7 pm**
- Mon, Jan. 13th Officers Meeting – **7:30 pm**
- Wed, Jan. 15th Columbiettes Meeting – **6:00 pm** at Ciao Bella Restaurant, New Milford
- Mon, Jan. 20th Council Meeting – **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 if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

Next Council Meeting - Monday, January 20th

Our next Council meeting will be held on **Monday, January 20th** 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.

Upcoming Events

Columbiettes Post-Holiday Party: The Columbiettes will be kicking off the New Year at Ciao Bella Restaurant on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:00pm, 690 River Road, New Milford, NJ. See Columbiette Report for details.

Winter BBQ & NFL Conference Championship Cheap Dinner:

Let us grill in the cold so you don't have to **on Sunday, January 26th** 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. 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 8th** 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 Sunday Social and Pot Luck: Members, friends and family are invited to join us for the big game at the Council on **Sunday, February 9th** starting at 5 pm. There is no admission for this event – bring your favorite sharable snack or dish. Drink specials at the bar.

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

Council #1345 in Action



Bob Armellino with Santa (Bill Flores) at Tri-Valley Restaurant's toy drive.



Fr. Carey and Troop #1345 after assembling the creche at St. Mary's Church in Dumont.



Dr. Geoffrey Saddock, Greg Ryan and Justin Miller assembled the creche at Dumont Borough Hall



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St. John's Council #1345**

61 Armour Pl. Dumont

WINTER BBQ

**WE'LL GRILL IN THE COLD SO YOU
DON'T HAVE TO**

**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



Saturday February 8th

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:

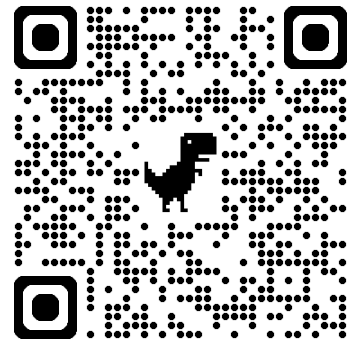
- Official Texas Hold'Em Rules
- Full Size Tables
- Professional Cards
- Licensed Dealers
- Re-buys/Add-on until Break
- \$5,000 Prize Pool*
- Final Table Gets Paid*
- Champion Bracelet

** based on 75 players*

TO REGISTER SCAN THE QR CODE:

RSVP online by November 1st and get 500 extra chips!

For more info, contact Ken A.
at +1 (516) 220-9333 or kofc1345reservations@gmail.com



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