

The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

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

June marks the end of a very productive Columbian year for us. Some of our highlights include the start of our Cheap Dinner Dates, a great collection during our Shake the Can drive, awards from the State Council at the State Convention and a very special item on the last day of the convention, a visit from His Eminence, Cardinal Tobin. Most of the work we have done could not be done without your help.

I was very proud of our work when at the convention, our great council won an award for the collection during our Shake the Can drive. If you look at the bookcase on the right when you enter the lounge it is in the center section. Additionally, we received a thank you from the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group, a group we have donated to over the years in the form of a picture taken on their last trip to see Our Mother Mary in Lourdes, France. This year marked the 30th Anniversary of their first pilgrimage and many of our members have volunteered their time to assist pilgrims on trips to Lourdes over that time. The picture is also located in the bookcase.

This Columbian year hopes to be bigger and better; and all it takes is your help. One of our biggest campaigns will focus on increasing membership. I have asked all the offices to bring in one (1) new member each. I am now asking you for the same. The bigger the number, the better. And I have faith in all of you to help us reach a big number.

Thank you goes out to those men and their wives who attended the State Convention. I especially would like to thank Bob Feigle for the wonderful dinner on Thursday night, thanks again Bob. I would also like to thank those of you who took pride in our country and our Council when they marched in the Memorial Day parade in Dumont. It is a long 2.4 mile walk but we made it through with flying colors carried by John McHugh and the council banner carried by John Scalise, Mike Rowley and Bob Feigle.

Don't forget our June BBQ in honor of our Past Grand Knights on June 28 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM. The flyer is attached.

*May strong arms hold you,
Caring hearts tend you,
And may love await you at every step.*

God Bless and have a great summer!

Chuck Hollis, FDD, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message: "Are you lonesome tonight...?"

So sang Elvis Presley, as some of us may remember! The answer to his question is yes – all of us have experienced loneliness. The terrible pains of loneliness afflict everyone from time to time. No one escapes. Rich or poor, educated or simple, healthy or sick, believer or atheist, saint or sinner.

Loneliness is part of our anthropology, our human make-up. Adam felt alone in the Garden of Eden. God created Adam, and each of us, with what Saint John Paul II called 'Original Loneliness.' The experience of being alone was a preparation, a disposition, which Adam had, so that he could find the answer to his loneliness in God alone.

For some people, the experience of loneliness has somehow pushed them to new heights: new heights of creativity and self-expression in art, music, literature and study. But it has driven others to gambling, drink, drugs, gluttony and self-harm. Loneliness has moved some people to seek and find loving encounters in deep friendship and service; or true sexual fulfillment in marriage and family life. But it has driven others to fornication, pornography or perversion. For some, loneliness has been the path that led them to a deeper relationship with God, and to a life of contemplative, even mystical prayer. It has brought others to end their life.

Loneliness has been the experience that has brought some people to real maturity and their true identity; it has led them to become a real man, or real woman, fully alive. It has broken or destroyed others, leading to depression, physical pain or mental breakdown. Even people who are happily married, or have an exciting social life, or who live in a community, can still be afflicted by loneliness. And there are some very sensitive people, even those surrounded by loving family and caring friends, who can feel lonely nearly all the time. People will be lonely, but they will not admit it. They regard it as a personal failure. They think loneliness is a weakness, something to be hidden. These people may put on a brave face, a wide smile. Yet they suffer behind closed doors. They cry alone. Sometimes they cry all night.

Our experience, in fact, is rooted in the lonely make-up of the human heart. It is a loneliness that can never be taken away completely by any human love. For those whose lives are blighted by loneliness, or those who live in the fear of some future loneliness, through bereavement, or sickness, or old age, the Church today celebrates a word of immense hope.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. The Ascension celebrates a presence and a promise: I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF TIME.

Most of us need to hear this promise personally and often. It is a promise that can inject a massive dose of optimism and courage into our veins! This promise can help us to live at peace with our loneliness and restlessness. And to accept the limitations and defects of the people we love, not demanding from them what they cannot give us.

Celebrate the Feast of the Ascension with us. Hear the promise. Believe the word. Receive new hope. Have peace. Be grateful!

Fr. Sean

Council Officers 2024-2025

Chaplain:	Fr. Sean Manson	201-470-7379
Grand Knight:	Charles Hollis, FDD	201-314-8599
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Inside Guard:	Frank Apablaza	201-362-0770
Outside Guard:	Anthony Marti	917-602-3797
Trustee 1 year:	Steven Martin, DD	201-669-8236
Trustee 2 year:	Brian O'Dowd	201-390-7968
Trustee 3 year:	Frank Gallacher, PGK, PFN	201-357-2683
Lecturer:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
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President:	Steve Martin	201-669-8236
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Secretary:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Treasurer:	Adrian Miller	201-803-0388
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Trustee:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333

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Healing and Wake Report

As of May 28, 2025

Bold indicates a 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

-Brian O'Dowd	-John McGill, PGK
-Dan Taylor	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Fred Schuldt	-Michael Siano
-Lou Sciarino	-Andrew Santulli
-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Lecturer	-Joe Verga

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
-Ann Meyer, wife Herb Meyer, FSD
-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
-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
-Karen Sadock, wife of Dr. Geoffrey Sadock
-John McCabe, friend of John McHugh

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

As Knights we strive to live out our values of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We should be knowledgeable about politics, and ready to assert our influence at all levels to protect the sanctity of life, the institution of marriage as between a man and a woman, and support for families. June 10th is Primary Election Day in New Jersey. Local and state-wide elections do have an impact on these issues. Now is the time to make sure you are registered to vote, while checking on the platforms of the candidates to see where they stand on the issues that we consider important.

I'm passing on an update received from our brother and 4th degree faithful navigator, Brad Vaughn, concerning Father Ray Filipiak. He spoke with Father Ray who is in as good of spirits as you can be in an Assisted Living facility. He is at Mary Heart Assisted Living Center, 200 Rt 10 West, Succasunna NJ 07876. Room 112. His cell number is 201-981-5914. Please keep him in your prayers and please feel free to call him to wish him well.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

I want to welcome Mike Rowley as our new TBCC President for the upcoming Columbian year and I know he will keep up the momentum we have created over the past several years. We have a great team in place and have enjoyed great success in making the necessary improvements and repairs to make our Hall enticing to so many people who have rented our Hall. The herculean efforts of many people (some of whom I listed in last month's TBCC message), most notably our Rental Agent Tom Formoso, are responsible for keeping our Hall a viable enterprise which, in turn, allows the Council to continue its charitable and fraternal mission. I am so proud to have served as TBCC president for the past five years. A special and important thank you to my beautiful and understanding wife Pat who helped me throughout the past years (she even helped moved tables and chairs too!).

Vivat Jesus!

Steven Martin, Proud TBCC President

Proposed Slate of Officers for the 2025-26 Columbian Year

As required, the Nominating Committee of Ken Armellino, Steve Martin, and Rich Oldfield has agreed to propose the following slate of officers for the 2025-26 Columbian Year:

Grand Knight	Chuck Hollis, FDD
Deputy Grand Knight	Brian O'Dowd
Chancellor	William Flores
Warden	Justin Miller
Recorder	George Corbo
Inside Guard	Anthony Marti
Outside Guard	Jeffrey Meeks
Trustee 3 Year	Bob Knott

TBCC Proposes Slate for 2023-24 Columbian Year

As required, notice is hereby given that the Twin Boro Columbian Club has proposed the following slate of officers:

President	Mike Rowley
Vice President	Steven Martin, PGK
Treasurer	Adrian Miller
Secretary	Thomas Formoso
Trustee	Ken Armellino
Trustee	Anthony Marti
Trustee	Jeff Meeks

Elections for both slates will take place at the June 16th Council meeting.

Columbiette Report

*"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
You'll wish that summer could always be here"
(Nat King Cole, 1963)*

We can hardly believe its June already, time for another Columbiette year to come to a close and our annual Columbiette Convention is only a few weeks away, BUT, before all that happens, we would all like to thank Genine Armellino for her great leadership as Columbiette President over the past 2 years. Her dedication to the Columbiettes has helped our organization grow and we look forward to her continued participation as Past President.

The new officers for the year 2025-2026 will be sworn in at our June 18 meeting at the Council Hall, which begins at 7 pm. Following the meeting, a light buffet dinner will be served.

On behalf of myself, my sister Columbiettes and all of the officers of St John's Council, we wish everyone a happy, safe and fun summer! See you in September!

Peace!

Roberta Elwell, Past President

Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

Friday, June 6th Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's – **7 pm**
Monday, June 9th Officers Meeting – **7:30 pm**
Wed, June 11th Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 pm**
Monday, June 16th Council Meeting – **8 pm**

BSA Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at **7:45 pm**

Eucharistic Adoration

St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration takes place on the first Friday of every month starting with a 7 pm Holy Hour and continuing until Saturday morning at 6:45 am. Come when you can---contact Bob Knott if interested.

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on **Monday, June 16th** 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

Blood Drive - The next blood drive is **Monday, June 30th** from 3pm - to 7pm 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/2ydx4uc7> or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

Past Grand Knights BBQ – Join us on **Saturday, June 28th** from 2pm - 5pm to enjoy Burgers and Hot Dogs with all the fixings, Sausage & Peppers, Cathy's Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, and Genine's Sweet Potato Salad. Cost is \$20 per person. Tap Beer, Wine, and Soda included. See attached flyer. **RSVP REQUIRED BY JUNE 23rd** Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

Knights in Action

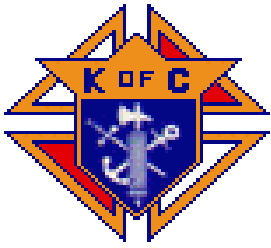


Chuck Hollis GK, FDD with His Eminence Cardinal Joseph Tobin at the State Convention in Wildwood Crest



St. John's Council #1345 at the Dumont Memorial Day Parade





Knights of Columbus

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

- PRESENTS -

A BBQ to Honor the Past Grand Knights of St. John's Council #1345

On

Saturday June 28th

From

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm



Please come enjoy some charcoal grilled Burgers and Hot Dogs with all the fixings, Sausage & Peppers, Cathy's Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, and Genine's Sweet Potato Salad. Tap Beer, Wine, and Soda included.

All this for only \$20 per person

RSVP REQUIRED BY JUNE 23rd

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