



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

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

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, He is Risen, Hallelujah! I hope you all had a Blessed Easter as we celebrate our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thanks go out to the team that offered our guests a wonderful meal during our Lenten Fish Fry. It was very well attended by our members and community, and we also had our State Treasurer, Russ Petrocelli and his wife Liz, and our Past State Deputy Bob Hatler and his wife Maryanne with us. My thanks to all of them for supporting our council, not only during Lent but for also attending other events we have held. It truly shows the brotherhood we hold within the Knights of Columbus. In April, we also held our Shake the Can drive at the end of April. While the threat of rain continued throughout the Saturday portion of the drive, we were blessed with just cloudy weather and continued our appointed task. I especially would like to thank those members who gave their time this weekend to support our efforts. Additionally, a great big thank you to our Columbiette President, Genine Armellino, for helping us by covering a two-hour shift! You show the true meaning of Charity by giving of yourselves.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be holding our last Cheap Dinner on **June 28, 2025** as we honor our Past Grand Knights of St. John's Council 1345. Remember reservations are required, so act fast! We will be attending the NJ State Council Convention later this month and I will report on that on the next newsletter. Until then, may you have:

- Enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong,
- Enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to keep you happy,
- Enough failure to keep you humble, enough success to keep you eager,
- Enough wealth to meet your needs, enough enthusiasm to look forward,
- Enough friends to give you comfort, enough faith to banish depression, and
- Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

God Bless, stay safe, and *Vivat Jesus!*

Chuck Hollis, FDD, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message: 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'

Seven of the disciples, including Simon Peter, had gone fishing at the Sea of Tiberias. They had left their nets and boats when Jesus called them to follow him at the beginning of his ministry. Now they were returning to their old way of life. They still do not believe that Jesus is Risen from the dead, they have forgotten all that they have experienced.

The Fathers of the Church say the greatest sin is that of forgetfulness. To forget what God has done in one's life. To forget the marvels of God is to steal his glory. It is what makes salt lose its taste. We too have the temptation to forget what God has done in our life. While each one of us is witness to miracles of His love, it is all too easy to relegate them to the past. They become distant faded memories, explained as being merely luck, happenchance, or moments of enthusiasm.

The seven disciples want to go back to their former way of life. Just as the people of Israel wanted to go back to the slavery of Egypt. Seven denotes the number of the Pagan nations; the disciples are on the Sea of Tiberias, the pagan name of the Sea of Galilee. They are returning to a fruitless, empty, pagan way of life. Having caught nothing, which is what always happens when we do things according to our own reasonings without taking into account the Risen Christ, they see Jesus standing on the shore. Jesus addresses Peter as 'Simon Son of John!' Nowhere in the New Testament does it say that Simon Peter's father was John. In addressing him this way, Jesus is referring to the High Priest par excellence of the Old Testament, whose name was Simon Bar Jonah, or 'Simon Son of John.' Simon Peter is the New High Priest of the Church that Jesus is founding. This Church is formed on love. Three times Jesus asks him 'Do you love me?', recalling the three times Simon Peter disowned him. In English the translation is lost, but in Greek there are two different words for 'love' which Jesus uses. The first two times he asks 'Do you 'agape' me?' Agape being the highest form of love. To which Simon Peter responds with confidence 'Yes.' The third time Jesus asks him 'Do you 'philos' me?' Philos is the lowest form of love. It is necessary to love in small things before the great. Be faithful in small things, and the great will take care of themselves.

All of us have betrayed Jesus three times and many more than that. We too have the temptation to live a pagan life. But Christ Risen appears in our midst in today's liturgy. His mercy and forgiveness offer the possibility to follow him, and to love him in small things. In doing so, we will discover that the great things will take care of themselves.

Fr. Sean

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Healing and Wake Report

As of April 30, 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 Sciarrino	-Andrew Santulli
-Dr. Geoffrey Saddock, Lecturer	

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 Sciarrino
-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 Saddock, wife of Dr. Geoffrey Saddock

Wake

-Jeff Martin
-Bill Gavigan, nephew of Kevin Barry

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 this issue of the Knight Times goes out, we will have completed our Shake the Can drive. Thanks to the brothers who participated in this high-profile and critical fundraiser for our council.

Our brother and Faithful Navigator Brad Vaughn informs us that Father Ray Filipski fell again and is at the DellRidge Health and Rehabilitation Center 532 Fairview Ave, Paramus NJ Room 26. He is in good spirits, and he is allowed visitors up till 8 pm. Please keep him in your prayers and if possible, stop by and bring him a cup of black coffee. He will be at the rehab center for approximately the next 2 weeks. He does have his cell phone with him - his number is 201-981-5914 for those who would like to call him and wish him a speedy recovery.

Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

I have been proud to have served as President of the Twin Boro Columbian Club for the past five years. With the assistance of my officers and trustees, Mike Rowley, Tom Formoso, Adrian Miller, Bob Feigle, Anthony Marti, Ken Armellino and the invaluable service of our volunteers, led by John Orsino, Rich Oldfield, Jeff Meeks, Tony Schiralli, Jim Kelly, Frank Fundaro, Juan Melendez, Connor Martin, George Prevete, Jim Brooks, Arturo and Michael Ilano, Frank Gallacher, Chuck Hollis, and many others, we have ensured the financial stability of the TBCC for years to come. We have made major improvements to the Council hall over the past five years, including the installation of a brand-new heating and AC system, new flooring in both the main hall and lounge area, and an upgraded bar. I note as I exit as President, that the maintenance, upkeep, repairs and other monthly bills, including staggering insurance and electrical costs, to keep the Council open are and have been enormous. I ask everyone to recognize, applaud and thank the efforts of the TBCC team for their work over the past five years and for their continued work in the future. The hours put in by these TBCC volunteers are often never seen and quite frankly, are under-appreciated. I ask again – **we need your help!**

I will continue as Vice President of the TBCC, so please contact me or incoming President, Mike Rowley to volunteer to assist us as we move forward. 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

*"Those were such happy times and not so long ago
How I wondered where they'd gone
But they're back again, just like a long lost friend...
It's yesterday once more"
(The Carpenter's, 1973)*

Our meeting on May 21st is an important one, VOTING for our NEW OFFICERS! The nominations were made at our April meeting and the slate presented is as follows:

President – Roberta Elwell
Vice President - Maureen Italiano
Secretary – Michele Labetti
Financial Secretary - Nancy Hecker
Treasurer - Michele Sciarrino
Sentinel – Annette Favia

We will also discuss the details of our upcoming "Beach Bingo" which will be held on Sunday, June 1st. Please attend this very important meeting. Meetings start at 7:30pm at the Council hall.

Wishing all a Happy Mother's Day to all our Columbiettes who are mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, Godmothers and aunts.

Enjoy the lovely month of May! Peace!

Roberta Elwell, Past President

2024-25 Scholarship Program

The St. John's Council Scholarship Program is meant to provide an opportunity for the children and grandchildren of members in good standing, as well as the children and grandchildren of our deceased members. Depending on the funds available in the Council scholarship fund, awards may be provided to:

- Elementary school graduate(s) accepted by a Catholic high school (for freshman year only)
- High school graduate(s) accepted by a 4-year accredited college/university (for freshman year only)

Applications are available on the Council website at www.KofC1345.org or at the Council during any Council event. All applications are due by May 15th. Partial or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

Friday, May 2nd Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's
Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic
Adoration at St. John's - **7 pm**
Monday, May 12th Officers Meeting – **7:30 pm**
Wed, May 14th Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 pm**
Monday, May 19th 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, May 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.

Upcoming Events

Past Grand Knights BBQ – Join us on **Saturday, June 28th** from 2-5 pm 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 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

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