



The Knight Times



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April 2024

Grand Knight's Message

Welcome to our final quarter of the 2023-2024 Columbian year. However, we still have a lot of work ahead of us. Upcoming in April is our Music Social on April 19, the 2nd annual Comedy Night on April 13, our talk from NFL official (Ret.) Ed Camp on April 14 and our annual "Shake the Can" drive on April 20 and 21. When you are called for these events and are asked to help, please give us just a couple of hours - it's all we ask.

Thanks go out to all who braved the weather as we marched in the Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade. The rain did not stop us and we battled on. Afterwards, we returned to the council for corned beef and more fun. T'was a great day!

I would like to offer my thanks all of our members who attended Irish Night in March. With music by Mike and Noreen, the Early McLoughlan School of Irish Dance and great fun, was had by all. If you missed it, you missed a really fun evening. But there is always next year.

The NJ State Council Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual convention on May 17 & 18, 2024. If you wish to go but did not contact the Federation VP, Bob Toups, reach out to the Bristol Plaza Hotel in Wildwood to make your reservations.

We are always looking for help on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month at the Paramus Veterans Home for Mass. We assist the vets in going to Mass and help out where needed to get them to the area where Mass is being served. Its only 1 ½ hours out of your time, and the vets really appreciate the help. So please join us.

From my family to yours, let us rejoice for Christ is Risen. Let the heavens be glad and the earth Rejoice! Psalms 95 (96):11. May your spirit rejoice and your heart be glad as you celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God Bless,

Chuck

Chuck Hollis, FDD

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message: Living the Easter Mystery

My dear friends,

Easter exudes the ultimate cause of all our joy. Now, think about this - if Jesus only died on the Cross, destroying death, then the Resurrection wouldn't have happened. Easter is not only about the forgiveness of sins, it's about the temporal and eternal glorification of every human soul who dies and rises with Christ.

The mystery of the cross is difficult to grasp, but the mystery of the Resurrection is a challenge to live!

The Resurrection and its divine characteristics of new life in Christ make us feel good. In fact, on that level, the concept becomes easy to embrace. However, in reality, Easter actually presents to us an uncertainty in fully understanding what it means to share in the Resurrection of Christ. **My friends, let me assure you that there is so much awaiting us – it's beyond awesome.** These divine mysteries and promises given simply out of love for us are mindboggling and dare I say, humbling, because we don't deserve them. In truth, very few of us in this life have come close to understanding the glory to which we are called on account of the Resurrection. But it is possible.

In order to achieve this spiritual knowledge, we must really have a solid life of profound prayer, penance, and charity like the Saints. Isn't that what we are called to be?

The Easter message and mystery is not just about being good and happy. It's not just about trusting in the hope of Heaven after we die. The fullness of the message and mystery of Easter can only be understood if we begin the long and difficult journey toward divine union. Only those who begin it in haste have a chance of completing it. Easter gives us that chance to start anew.

Begin it today by acknowledging that there is so much that you do not know and that there is so much that Jesus wants to share with you. There is so much that God is calling you to and wants to bestow upon you. There is more joy in the Resurrection of Christ than anything else in life. Don't aim for the lowly and passing things of life—aim for the highest heights of glory.

Happy Easter!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Healing and Wake Report

As of March 29, 2024

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, please call Jim Callahan: 201-655-2634.

Notice: 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 remain/be placed back on the list, please email Jim Callahan at: jmc712@aol.com.

Members

-Don Wuertz
-Dan Taylor
-Fred Schuldt
-Lou Sciarino
-John Graham
-Mike Cremin
-Andrew Santulli
-Brian O'Dowd
-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Michael Siano
-Jeff Martin
-Joseph Welsh
-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain

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-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray
-Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio
-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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-Maria Meeks, wife of Jeff Meeks
-Dolores, O'Dowd, wife of Trustee Brian O'Dowd

Wake

-Mildred Panfile, Mother of Dominick Panfile

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

I have been privileged to be part of the RCIA team at St. John's parish along with brother knight Joe Verga. One of our RCIA participants, named Chang, a wife and mom of two kids, will be baptized, confirmed, and receive her First Communion at the Easter Vigil. Needless to say, Joe and I are so proud of Chang and so gratified to be part of such a wonderful spiritual work. Please pray for Chang and for the Church. At this holy time of the year, for Catholic Christians the most important time, I invite you to reflect on your role as a Catholic gentleman, give thanks for it, and pray for the guidance to live it out in the best way possible for you. Christ is risen---He is risen indeed!

Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

We continue to make improvements to our Council home. We have made some improvements to the bar area, mainly behind the bar which will brighten the area and allow for better service to our clients. Again, we always need help at our rentals so I ask again if you can assist the TBCC as a server or bartender to please contact me at +12016698236 or email smmartin1013@gmail.com.

Steven Martin, Proud TBCC President

English as a Second Language Program

Brothers and Sister Columbiettes, St. John's Council has a long history of helping those in our community who are in need. Bergenfield Public Library's English as a Second Language (ESL) Program is in desperate need of volunteer tutors. The Program provides an online training program and all materials. Currently, Brother Bill Flores is volunteering, and I have volunteered in the past. The program provides students with one of the most important tools they need to improve their chances to gain meaningful employment and better support themselves and their families – a grasp of the English language. No prior experience or training is necessary to become a tutor. If you are able to volunteer time once a week and are interested in this opportunity to help others, please contact Bill Flores at 917-544-2322 or Rich Oldfield at 201-220-7127.

Columbiette Report

*Little did we know, where the road would lead
Here we are a million miles away...There is no turning back
If our sweet April dream doesn't last
(Aretha Franklin, 1972)*

The Supreme Council of Columbiettes have announced that they have designated, Saturday, April 20, 2024 as the COLUMBIETTE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER! Please join us on Saturday, April 20 as we celebrate this National Day of Prayer at 11:45am Mass at the SMA in Tenafly, NJ. Mass will be presided by our Chaplain, Fr. Dermot.

BINGO IS SOLD OUT!

If you missed out on making a reservation, you can be put on a waiting list.

Please contact Jill at Jill.Moriarty@yahoo.com or 201-280-6667 or Nina at NinaD70@aol.com or 201-338-2617.

We are always looking for new members. Do you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a Columbiette? Talk with your friends and neighbors and have them join in the fun while supporting those in need. For membership information please contact President Genine Armellino @917-992-2011 or email her at genine810@yahoo.com.

Wishing all a Happy Spring!

Peace,

Roberta Elwell, Past President

Shake the Can Drive

Our annual Shake the Can Drive is scheduled for Saturday April 20 from 8-6 and Sunday April 21 from 8-12. We will be collecting at the intersection of Madison and Washington in Dumont. I need 20 brothers to volunteer on Saturday and 8 brothers on Sunday for a two-hour shift. This Drive really brings the Knights to the community. Let's fill the streets. All the money we collect goes to handicapped and disabled citizens in our community. Please call me 201-669-8236 or email me smmartin1013@gmail.com to volunteer for a two-hour shift. Steven Martin. Chairman

Mike's Ride to Lourdes

The St. John's Council and Columbiettes sponsored Mike's Ride to Lourdes 2024 (600 miles!) to benefit the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group which brings special needs children and young adults to Lourdes each year. To help this cause near and dear to our Council, check out the ASCPG website to learn more and to donate. <https://www.ascpg-lourdes.org/>

Thanks, Mike Rowley

Editor's Note: After an epic ride with the Irish cyclists, Mike arrived in Lourdes on Good Friday. No word on whether he was able to walk! Great Job, Mike!! God Bless you!



Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

Fri, April 5 th	Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – 6:05 pm ; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - 7:30 pm
Sun. April 7 th	Feast of Divine Mercy
Sat., April 13 th	Second Annual Comedy Night – 8:00 PM
Sun., April 14 th	Ed Camp NFL Presentation – 2:00 PM
Mon, April 15 th	Council Meeting – 8:00 pm
Wed, April 17 th	Columbiettes Meeting – 7:30 pm
Fri., April 19th	Music Social Fundraiser – 7:30 PM
Sat. & Sun., April 20st & 21nd	Shake the Can Drive – Help Needed!
Sun., April 28 th	Columbiettes' Springo – 2:00 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, April 15th

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 15th 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.

2023-24 St. John's Council Scholarship Program

The St. John's Council Scholarship Program is meant to provide the opportunity for the children and grandchildren of members in good standing. 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 college/university (for freshman year only).

Applications, instructions, and detailed eligibility requirements are available for download <https://KofC1345.org>.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16-17.

Upcoming Events:

Friday Social Concert - Coming back to the Council to perform on **Friday, April 19th** is Richard Kearney with a new band, The Old Guys. Also, Tommy Walker will make a special appearance. This will be a fundraiser (suggested donation of \$10) supporting our charitable funds, because where there is a need, there is a Knight! Doors open at 7 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm. Cash bar and 50/50 available. See attached flyer.

Guest Speaker Ed Camp – We are honored to be able to present Ed Camp as a speaker on Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 PM. Ed is a Bergenfield native who starred in several sports at St. Cecilia's High School and was a college athlete. He then rose through the ranks officiating basketball and football, reaching the NFL where he had a remarkably long career, which was topped off by officiating the Super Bowl. Please RSVP to KofC1345reservations@gmail.com. Walk-in's will be welcome if space permits. Please see the attached flyer.

COMEDY NIGHT. Invite your friends! Join us April 13th as we present a professional comedy variety show that will surely leave you laughing. Showtime 8pm, doors open at 7pm. We will have hero sandwiches and assorted snacks. Tap beer, wine and soda are INCLUDED, as well as a cash bar for all else. Based on last year's response we expect this event to be filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early! **RSVP REQUIRED!** Email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com or call or text Ken at 516-220-9333 to RSVP. **Only \$40 per person.** See the enclosed flyer for details.

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser - Calling all Chili Cooks! We are looking to have a Chili Cook-Off fundraiser in the Spring and want to see how your recipe stacks up against the competition! If you think you have a winning recipe and would like to help the Council fund its activities, please contact Rich Oldfield at 201-220-7127. More details to follow in a future newsletter.

Cinco de Mayo: Join us on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for a vibrant celebration of Cinco de Mayo! Get ready for a night filled with dancing, pinatas, a live mariachi band, delicious Mexican cuisine and much more. Don't miss out on the festivities – it's sure to be an unforgettable evening! The cost is \$45, including the above, tap beer, wine and soda. **RSVPs ARE REQUIRED!** To send an RSVP, please Email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com or call or text Ken at 516-220-9333.

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Returning this Dec. 31st to
St. John's Council #1345

New Year Party

RING IN **2025** 8:00pm - till 1:00am
ENTERTAINMENT: TK WALKER & COMPANY
BUFFET: WORLD OF FOOD CATERING COMPANY
BEVERAGE: OPEN BAR

SAVE THE DATE * MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



St. John's Council #1345
61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ

COMEDY *Night*

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH

SHOW TIME 8PM

(DOORS OPEN 7PM)

SCHEDULED TO APPEAR:

HOSTED BY:

JANET REGENSBURG

**AS SEEN AT GOTHAM, HPAC,
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HEADLINER:

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**MAGICIAN, COMEDIAN,
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**INCLUDES HERO SANDWICHES, ASSORTED
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ALL ELSE CASH BAR

\$40 PP (PAY AT THE DOOR)

RSVP REQUIRED!

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EMAIL KOF1345RESERVATIONS@GMAIL.COM**



Come hear from Ed Camp, a Bergenfield native and retired NFL on-field official, as he shows actual NFL game video and explains the rules behind the calls.



Ed Camp
Retired NFL official



Ed started out officiating high school basketball and football games in the Bergen County area, then worked his way up to college games in both sports. He spent 5 years in the NFL-Europe and then made it to the NFL in 2000, where, among other accomplishments, he was chosen to officiate the 2022 AFC Championship, was an Alternate official for three Super Bowls and was the Down Judge in Super Bowl LII.

Cost - \$10.00 per person 13 and older Proceeds to benefit the St. John's Council Scholarship Fund

Coffee, Tea and Light Refreshments, Cash Bar



April 14 2024 at 2:00 PM

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61 ARMOUR PLACE, DUMONT, NJ

Please RSVP to KofC1345reservations@gmail.com
Walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available.



ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345
61 ARMOUR PL., DUMONT, NJ

Music Social

to Benefit those with Special Needs

April 19, 2024 at 7PM

Featuring Live Music by

The Older Guys

With Special Performance by

Tommy Walker

Cash Bar * Free Snacks * 50/50 Drawing

Suggested Donation \$10 pp

Questions? Call Jim Callahan
at 201-655-2634



St. John's Columbiettes #1345

presents



**Tricky
Tray**

SUNDAY, April 28th, 2024

Doors open at 2pm Bingo Starts at 3:30

St. John's Council

61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ

Cost - \$20 per person

Price includes one bingo board (3 sheets per board for 11 games)

Dessert, coffee and tea

Cash Bar available!

Additional sheets available for purchase for \$5.

18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PLAY

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of winners

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