



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

I hope you all have a Blessed Easter. I will be brief this month, and ask that as the Columbian Year draws to a close, you continue the wonderful support you have shown. Upcoming, we have our Pasta to Go night (April 7<sup>th</sup>), Deal or No Deal Raffle Drawing (April 25<sup>th</sup> – tickets still available), and School of Rock Performance (April 30). May is on the quiet side, but June 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Council Anniversary/PGK Dinner (7-11PM) and on June 26<sup>th</sup> our first ever Open Mic Night and Dinner (6-11PM).

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus,

*Kenneth Armellino*

Grand Knight

## **Chaplain's Reflection**

### **He is Risen, Alleluia!**

This claim cannot be taken lightly. The Resurrection of Christ really occurred in time, history and place. And it should not be considered simply a historical event. No words can adequately describe the outrageous enormity it holds even today!! The Apostles saw with their own eyes, their friend, their God in the flesh, stand before them truly alive after being brutally murdered. Imagine your deceased loved one walking through your door looking fantastic and asking to have a meal with you. What would you say to him/her? Probably not much for a while because of shock.

This surely will happen on the last day, but Christ allows the continual resurrections to take place in our daily lives. It continues to take place when we patiently walk with our Lord through the trials, crosses and sufferings of life, with hope and trust in His power to do all good things. Evil always loses in the end when we remain steadfast in our hope in Him. That is why we are called "people of the Resurrection."

As we celebrate the reality of the Resurrection of Christ, ponder the promise He has spoken to you. If you have surrendered all to Him and died to the world of sin, keep your eyes now on the Resurrection. Have hope in Him and in His power to breathe new life into your heaviest cross.

Sometimes we have hope in our own ideas of the Resurrection. We ask for some hope to come true because we think it is what we need. But the Resurrection of Christ should teach us that His plan for new life for each one of us is far superior than what we could ever imagine. Do you believe that? Do you maintain your hope in Christ even when all seems lost?

Reflect, today, upon the unfathomable plan that God has for your life. Not what we would like Him to plan out for us; not what we want for ourselves. Rather, to accept with complete surrender what Jesus has planned for you and me. This is the biggest challenge. Remember, that if you remain faithful until the end, our Lord will bring forth greater joys in your life than you could ever think possible. It may not happen according to your schedule or your wishes, but it will happen in accord with His perfect Divine Will. Do not doubt. Do not be afraid. Have hope and trust, and anticipate the moments when the power of the Resurrection brings forth the greatest joys you could ever imagine. He is truly Risen, Alleluia!! Wishing you all a Blessed and Holy Easter Season.

*F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain*

### Council Officers 2020-2021

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### Knight Times Newsletter

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### Sick & Wake Report – as of March 23, 2021

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

To add a name, call **JIM CALLAHAN, 201-655-2634.**

#### Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK	-Steven Petraglia
-Nick Albano	-Tom Formoso TBCC VP
-Angelo Gallo	-George DiCostanzo FS, PGK
-Frank Uvenio	-Dan Taylor
-Matt Connell	-Tony O'Hare
-Arthur Flynn	-Bill Horn
-John Mc Gill	-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock
-Chuck Hollis, PGK, PDD	-Larry Rivera, PGK

#### Relatives & Friends

- Michelle DeJesus, wife of Gino DeJesus
- Maria Brooks, wife of Jim Brooks
- Billy Whelan, son of late Jim Whelan
- Donna & Rocky, Sister & Granddaughter of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
- Edward McCabe, father of Columbiette Kathy McCabe.
- Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
- Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
- Grace Benson, wife of late PGK Dave Benson.
- Janet Trawinski, wife of Brother Ed Trawinski
- Jill, daughter of Joseph Verga
- Joan Winant, Columbiette, Past President
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
- Linda Ilowite, daughter of Tony Tulli
- Lorraine Marsigliano, wife of the late Jack Marsigliano
- Maria & Stephanie, wife & niece of Jim Brooks;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- Rose Lotteman, aunt of James McCarthy.
- 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 Barclay.
- Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
- Tom Moriarty, father of Al Moriarty
- Don Ulisse, friend of the Council

#### Wakes

-Lillian Holmes, Financial Secretary, Columbiettes. Mass cards may be sent to Lillian Holmes Family, 191 Beech Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601

#### 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](http://www.registerme.org/knights).

Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

### **Deputy Grand Knight Report**

Brothers,

Our streamlined meeting format seems to make our monthly Zoom go much more quickly. The minutes from the previous meeting are posted in a secure area on the Council website. Checking the minutes each month will help you stay informed about your Council. Please contact me or Grand Knight Ken Armellino for the access id and password.

The Zoom link will be found in this edition of the *Knight Times*. Join us if you can.

Another way to stay up-to-date with Council events is through social media. If you are on Facebook, search for the Council or you can use this link for access: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/278129960271/>

Happy Easter!

*Brian O'Dowd, DGK*

### **Respect Life Report**

*Gentlemen and Columbiettes,*

The former Supreme Knight Carl Anderson received the Legacy Award from the March for Life Education and Defense Fund. In accepting the award, then-Supreme Knight Anderson said, "all of us have our own reason why we are part of this great pro-life cause. For me, it's best summed up by the saying, "Whoever saves one life, saves the world."

"No matter how entrenched, no matter its claim to stability, in America no unjust law is sustainable," he said. "A culture of compassion and love quietly permeates the pro-life cause. It is the wellspring from which all else flows."

Senate Bill 3030, the Reproductive Freedom Act encourages abortion, violates Catholic teaching, appears to allow medical professionals other than doctors to perform abortions and also eliminates licensing standards currently in place on abortion providers. This legislation, by treating all unborn children as non-persons under NJ law, also will cause severe problems in civil and criminal litigation. Finally, because this legislation does not have any conscience exceptions, it violates the Religious Freedom Clause of the First Amendment to the US Constitution.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### **Next Council Meeting**

Our next Council meeting will be held virtually on Monday April 19th at 8PM **via Zoom**. The meeting will be available at <https://covanta.zoom.us/j/92428844591> Remember to review the minutes prior to the meeting by going to K of C1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side.

### **Knight of the Month**

As we have begun hosting more events, and seeing a general increase in activity at the Council, it takes a great deal of effort behind the scenes to be sure we always have the provisions on hand to operate. The person responsible for this goes shopping multiple times each week for the Council and the Columbian Club, as well as working to help keep the Council neat, maintained, and in his off time, help as a server, cook, or bartender. Please congratulate April's Knight of the Month - John Orsino.

### **Knights of Columbus Masks Available**

Thanks to the generosity of John McGill, PGK, PFN, the Council has a number of Knights of Columbus "Leave No Neighbor Behind" facemasks available for distribution. If you are in need of a mask, contact Grand Knight Ken Armellino and we will arrange to get you one while they last.

### **We Need Your Email Address**

As you have seen throughout the past few months, St. John's Council must be able to get in touch with you in ways other than this newsletter. If you **have not** been receiving emails from us over the past year, we need you to sign up. Therefore, if you are a **member or friend** of St. John's Council #1345, you can visit [www.StJohns1345.org](http://www.StJohns1345.org) and sign up for our emails so that we may be able to contact you with invitations for virtual meetings, and other important notices. **If you do not have email, have a family member or friend sign up.** We try to only send one email a week. If you have any questions or need information, please send an email to us at [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com).

### **Open Mic Comedy/Talent Night Dinner/Fundraiser**

Join us Saturday night, June 26<sup>th</sup>, for live entertainment of comics, music, comedy skits and great food. Some of your fellow brothers will be performing. The doors open at 6 pm and dinner is at 7 pm. The show starts at 8 pm. All this for \$35.00 per person.

A table of eight is discounted at \$240. All social distancing and safety rules will be strictly followed. Due to capacity limits and restrictions, RSVP is required. To RSVP, send checks payable to St. John's Council #1345, 61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ 07628

### **School of Rock Performs**

Save the date: On **Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will have some of the skilled musicians from the School of Rock performing for a very special Friday evening social to raise money for our local Special Needs organizations. There will be a nominal admission charge. Details to follow via email/phone messages.

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.**

Friday, April 2	Good Friday
Sunday, April 4	Easter. Let us be glad and rejoice!
Sunday, April 11	Divine Mercy Sunday
Monday, April 12	Officers' Meeting 7:30 pm
Monday, April 19	Regular Council Meeting, 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 25	Columbiettes' Deal or No Deal
Friday, April 30	School of Rock Performance

### **From the News Desk**

Best wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion in April.

#### **Registration for the COVID Vaccine in NJ**

This is a reminder that you can register to receive the COVID vaccine if you'd like. While there still appears to be a significant waiting period, you can do so by going to <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>. This site registers you to be notified when appointments are available. Please consult your medical professional if you have additional questions.

### **Columbiette Report**

*"It's been a long  
A long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come  
Oh, yes it will"*  
(Sam Cooke, 1965)

A big Thank You to all who participated in our Scarf and Shoe Drives these past months.

We collected 72 scarves for the charity Hope Scarves and held our Shoe drive for the charity, Soles 4 Souls. We collected many, many shoes; the exact total will be posted in next month's bulletin.

As we get closer to our annual convention (details to follow on whether it will be in person or virtual), we will be getting together to organize the items we bring for the backpack/toiletries ministry that we donate to. At this time, we are in need of note books, pocket folders and of course donations of backpacks and toiletries are always appreciated! We also discussed at our last meeting the possibility of purchasing backpacks/toiletries already pre-packaged.

This past year, and these months in our new year have been challenging for all of us, but we have proven that together, we do many great things!

Let us continue to stay safe, be well, and continue to pray for one another...

Wishing all a very Happy & Blessed Easter.

Peace,

*Roberta Elwell, Past President*

#### **Council Scholarship Program**

Details about the program and applications are available and can be downloaded from our website at [KofC1345.org](http://KofC1345.org). The scholarships are available to the children and grandchildren of

all members in good standing, as well as children of deceased members. Please read the eligibility rules carefully. All applications must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30th (NO EXCEPTIONS)**. However, given the situation of many schools being closed or working at reduced staffing, in lieu of an official transcript, we will accept either an unofficial transcript, or a copy of the final Junior year Report Card (for College Applicants) or Final 7th Grade Report Card (for HS Applicants). Good luck to all those who apply.

### **To-Go Pasta Dinner**

On Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, we will offer individually packaged meals of pasta and sauce with meatballs to-go. In a to-go container you will receive a serving of pasta with sauce, two meatballs, and a slice of bread. RSVPs/advance, PAYMENT required. Cost will be \$15/meal, with proceeds benefitting the Council and our 2021 Scholarship Program. Meal distribution will be from 5PM – 6:30 PM. Payment may be made by mailing a check payable to St. John's Council #1345, Attn: Pasta Dinner, 61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ 07628

### **Insurance Corner**

I wanted to apologize for missing the newsletter article last month. You see, I take your families' protection through the Order very seriously and I believe that keeping you informed about that protection is equally important.

Last month, my wife spent 10 nights in the hospital with Uremia. Her kidneys shut down and the doctors told me that had I not gotten her into the hospital when I did, she would never have woken up. Even then, they weren't sure she would make it home. I'm sharing this with you because I want you to understand the power of prayer and of the peace of mind the Knights of Columbus Insurance gave me in that moment of doubt. I didn't worry about what her care was going to cost; or what was going to happen to me financially. I could focus my energy on praying for her health and recovery. Well, my prayers, and those of my many Brother Knights that joined me in prayer, were answered and ten days later, Sandy came home. There is a long road ahead, but God answered our prayers and Sandy is with us.

If you want to pray with me, or if you want me to help you secure that peace of mind, call or text me at (201) 745-2723. An email will work just as well: [Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org](mailto:Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org). I'm Enrique Blanco, your field agent.

### **Calling All Business Owners**

If you own a business or have a family member who owns a business and would like to advertise it in this newsletter, we will provide a Business Services List next month. Just send your business name, type of business, telephone number and email address to [knighttimesnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:knighttimesnewsletter@gmail.com). Be sure to include how you are associated with the Council.