



# The Knight Times

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Dear Brothers, Columbiettes and Friends,

Pope Francis describes the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine as "growing dramatically amid a river of blood and tears." We see for ourselves on the news channels, then wonder what we can do to help. Even though aid is coming from our State and Supreme levels of the Knights of Columbus, can we still do more? It's heartening to see our Brother Knights in Poland mobilizing thousands of volunteers to provide food, shelter and protection for Ukrainian refugees fleeing from the Russian invasion into Poland.

Having gone on pilgrimage to Lourdes for 25 years and witnessing people from all over the world seeking healing and peace at the same grotto where Our Lady appeared to a sick teenager, I assure you that the power of prayer is amazing. So as we continue our own pilgrimage through Lent to Easter, I ask you to reach out to Mary. Ask her for help for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, especially the elderly, the sick and the children -- and for the resolution of this war, sooner rather than later.

Vivat Jesus,

*Gerry Flood*, Grand Knight

## **Chaplain's Reflection**

Divine Mercy in Action

Alleluia! He is truly Risen indeed! I trust we are all familiar with the Image of The Divine Mercy. This is the image of the Risen Lord (given to St. Faustina) with the signature phrase, "Jesus I trust in You" Well, this image is like a love letter from our Loving Father. It is a love that says to us that life truly is worth living. Never forget that Jesus feels our pain, our heartaches, our brokenness and wounds, that's why He died and rose from us so that these sufferings would be temporary. Our Lord desires through this powerful Easter message and image to heal mankind. Jesus said about it, "By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls." I am sure many of us here have already experienced the power of Jesus working through this image. Although His mercy and forgiveness is freely given, Jesus also commands us to do the same.

Throughout history, God has been speaking to us in revelations, in person, through the Holy Spirit and through people. God loves to use our hands, feet, our gaze, our voice to touch the hearts of others with His love. It is so much better when He can speak to us through another person.

My fellow knights and ladies, in this Easter time of joy when Christ's forgiveness is being offered in abundance, let us continue to extend that same offer to love one another as His hands, feet, gaze and voice in prayer, word and deed to those we know are in need of His love. It is essential that we cry out in prayer for Jesus' mercy for all mankind. Let us pray for peace. Pray before this powerful and life changing Divine Mercy image and pray with trust. In this wartime, let's continue to be His merciful hands, feet, gaze and voice as we reach out to the refugees and the impoverished (like in the Ukraine and others) through pure acts of charity. Go out to everyone and proclaim the Good News! Alleluia! He is Risen!

*F r. Dermot Roache, SMA*, Chaplain

### **Council Officers 2021-2022**

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
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### **Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2021-2022**

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### **Sick & Wake Report**

*as of April 23, 2022*

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

Notice: The Sick 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](mailto:jmc712@aol.com).

### **Members**

-Don Wuertz	-DGK Brian O'Dowd
-Bob Dondero, FDD, PGK	-Frank Uvenio
-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD	-Tony O'Hare
-Dan Taylor	-Bill Horn
-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	-Chuck Hollis, FDD, PGK
-Larry Rivera, PGK	-Eli DeFalco
-Fred Schuldt	-Emil Harris
-James Hughes	-John Person
-John Cleary	-Michael Siano
-Michael Joseph Daly	<b>-Matt Connell</b>
<b>-John Cronin</b>	

### **Relatives & Friends**

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-Tim O'Hare, son of Tony O'Hare
-Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Nancy, wife of Ken Florio
-Elaine Perrotto, sister of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo
-Carmela Marti, mother of Anthony Marti
-Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood
-Nancy, wife of Paul Hecker
-Carolyn, wife of Albert Burton
-Great Niece of Fr. Ray Filipski
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Marie Castoro, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan, Wife of Gerald McGowan
-Mary B. Roache, mother of Chaplain, Fr. Dermot Roche, S.M.A.
-John Roache, father of Chaplain Fr. Dermot Roache
-Eleanor Romanelli, sister of Chancellor John McHugh
-Maryanne Ragone, Columbiette
-Jill, daughter of Joe Verga
-Joyce Tyson, Mother of Michelle Sciarrino, Columbiette
-Laura Hurley, daughter of James Hurley
-Patsy Graham, wife of John Graham

### **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's Report**

At this time of the year, we usually look forward to celebrating the Easter Message of God's love. This year, we look on in horror at the atrocities being perpetrated on our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. There is much that we individually can do to help those who have been driven from their homes, as our Polish Brother Knights have been doing since the crisis began. Consider making a donation, whether monetarily or sending relief supplies, but most of all – pray for the peaceful end of this conflict.

... as a fraternity of brothers, we can accomplish great things and make a difference!

*Brian O'Dowd, DGK*

### **Respect Life Report**

I will wager that not one of us knew that the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in DC was vandalized the day before the March for Life. It was done by a group named Catholics for Choice. In New York City Saint Patrick's Cathedral had a projection shown on it "God loves ABORTION" and shouted obscenities at the Pro-Life Catholics entering the cathedral. Pray for the UNBORN.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### **Next Council Meeting**

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 18th, at 8PM. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to [KofC1345.org](http://KofC1345.org) and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. Contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for the login and password..

### **From the News Desk**

Happy Birthday to any member celebrating a birthday in April, especially Tony Tulli on April 3. George DiCostanzo, turned 84 years on March 14!

Best wishes to our members and their families for a Holy Easter Season. If you can't attend services on Good Friday, say one Rosary in its place. We also join with our Jewish friends as they celebrate Passover beginning on Good Friday, April 15.

*George Di Costanzo, DD, FFS, PGK*

### **Financial Secretary Report**

The KNIGHT ALERT letter is out to those of you who have not paid their dues for 2022. THIS IS THE LAST MAILING SEEKING COLLECTION prior to suspension. Reminder, dues are \$37 for Regular members and \$12 for Honorary members. All members are asked to voluntarily contribute \$15 to the Council Scholarship Program as well. If your dues and the letter have crossed in the mail, we appreciate your contributions. If you are waiting, there is no more time. If you lost your dues bill, you can mail the check directly to Kenneth Armellino, PGK, 60 Dance Blvd., Dumont, NJ 07628. If you are unable to pay your dues, please call the Financial Secretary or Grand Knight and we will address the situation. All discussions are kept confidential. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Ken Armellino, FS, PGK*

### **Twin Boro Columbian Club Report**

We are continuing to receive many inquiries for bookings for the Council Hall. That is great news for the all of us. I would ask everyone, when you are speaking with family and friends who are looking to hold an event, to ask them to consider our Hall. We are told by all of our clients that our Hall is one of the best around -its decor, with our new improvements and our pricing makes it a great place to hold a party. Tom Formoso is a great ambassador for us and he is willing to meet potential clients any time. Ask your family or friends to call Tom if they want to see our Hall. Also, the TBCC will be having a spring cleaning in late April or May which I will personally oversee. The Council needs to be cleaned out and spruced up. The date for this cleanup (a Saturday) will be passed along to all. We need a lot of hands- members, Columbiettes, scouts, scout families and friends of our Council. Lastly, if anyone wants to speak to me about anything related to the Columbian Club, please call me directly at 201-669-8236.

*Steve Martin, TBCC President*

### **Council Scholarship Program**

The program rules and applications are available to be downloaded from our website at [KofC1345.org](http://KofC1345.org) or by request at the Council bar. The scholarships are available to the children and grandchildren of all members in good standing as well as deceased members. All applications must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30th (NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE)**. Good luck to all those who apply.

### **Nominations for Officer Positions**

Worthy Brothers, your Council needs you! Are you a 3rd Degree member who is interested in an officer position? Served in the past and willing to do it again? Just curious what might be involved? Then please begin by calling a member of the Nominating Committee (Steve Martin, Rich Oldfield, Ken Armellino) or email them at [Kenneth.Armellino@yahoo.com](mailto:Kenneth.Armellino@yahoo.com). We need to hear from you by April 1.

*Nominating Committee*

### **Blood Drive**

For the last two years we have coordinated with the Calvary Methodist United Church to host a drive every two months in Dumont. The next drive is Monday May 2nd from 12 noon to 7 pm at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). An appointment is preferable to donate and will help minimize your wait. You can schedule your appointment by going to [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/54385](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/54385) or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Social distancing practices will be followed.

*Ken Armellino, FS, PGK*

### **Bergen Chapter Knights of Columbus**

The Bergen Chapter consists of 41 Councils in Bergen County. Its mission is to help those Brothers in need and to provide some financial relief. If you are in need, please reach out to the Financial Secretary or Grand Knight and we will forward a relief application. The Welfare Committee meets quarterly to consider new cases. For more information visit their website at <http://www.bergenchapterkofc.org>

### **Dates to Remember**

*Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.*

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— **6:05 PM**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's, **8:30 PM-11:00 PM**

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Benefits Day -**1:30 PM**

Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> TBCC Meeting

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplanation

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Blood Drive at the Council

### **Columbiette Report**

*"All of a sudden that ole rain's fallin' down  
And my world is cloudy and gray  
You've gone away  
Oh Stormy, oh Stormy  
Bring back that sunny day"  
(Classic IV, 1968)*

We're winding up & winding down for April! As we approach the last 3 months of our Columbiette year (I know, hard to believe!) we have many things that are coming up.

At our April meeting we will have nominations for new officers for the year 2022-2023. We will be voting at our May meeting and have our installation of officers at the June meeting. I encourage all Columbiettes to attend these last 3 very important meetings that are coming up.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 5 as we will FINALLY be having our anniversary celebration! This event will be at the council hall, starting with a Mass at 2:00pm followed by our anniversary dinner.

We're also making plans for the upcoming 66th Annual Columbiette Convention which will be held "In Person" on June 24-26 at the Embassy Suites, Piscataway/Somerset New Jersey. Details regarding the convention will be discussed at our monthly meeting.

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 Brunch**

On Sunday, May 22nd, the Council will be hosting a Sunday Brunch from 11 - 2 with proceeds going to support our Scholarship Fund. Breakfast includes the following: PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, HASH BROWNS, ROLLS, MUFFINS and Juice/coffee/tea. For those 21 and older, a complimentary Mimosa or Bloody Mary is included. Cash bar is also available. PRICE: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 10 and up, children under 10 FREE. Family \$35." Reservations required. To RSVP call or text Bob F. at 551 265 9747 or e-mail kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

### **Planning for Our Future**

KoC #1345 is inviting a family protection professional to speak to our Parishioners about how we can begin to protect our families in these trying times. The meeting is free, and refreshments will be provided. Join us on April 3rd after the 1:15PM mass for the Spanish language session in St. John's lower church. An English language session is being scheduled for a Sunday after Easter: place and time to be determined. Look for an announcement. Your family will be better for it.

Los Caballeros de Colón han invitado un profesional en protección de familias para hablar con nuestros feligreses sobre cómo podemos proteger nuestras familias en estos tiempos difíciles. La reunión será gratis y los Caballeros proveerán refrescos. Ven y participa en esta clase para entender mejor como proteger su familia el 3º de abril seguido la misa de las 1y cuarto de la tarde.

*Yours in Christ,  
Enrique Blanco, PGK, Field Agent*

### **Knight of the Month**

Congratulations to Jeff Meeks who is the Knight of the Month for April 2022. Jeff is an active member, serving as a waiter and setting up for many of our big events, and recently volunteered his time and talent to paint the Hall and Lounge.



### **Healing Mass for the Aged and the Sick**

On Friday, February 11, a Healing Mass was held at the SMA Chapel in Tenafly. It was well attended by many of our members, Columbiettes, and the parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's. In addition to celebration of the Eucharist, the attendees received the sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick. The Mass was presided by our Chaplain Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA Fathers.



**Irish Night Contribution** - A \$250 check was presented to the ASPG at Irish Night on March 19<sup>th</sup>, by Chancellor John McHugh, Chaplain Fr. Dermot Roache, Lecturer Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, and Grand Knight Gerry Flood.





**Brother Knights, is there a Catholic Woman in your life, maybe your wife, daughter, sister, niece, or friend who would be interested in -**

## **Joining the Columbiettes of St. John's Council #1345**

### **OUR EVENTS**



**Backpack collection**



**Shoe drive**



**Christmas party  
2021**



**Feeding the Homeless**



**Fundraiser "Deal or No Deal"**

Founded in 2005 the St. John Columbiettes supports local charities, churches, and the Knights. Help us grow today so we can be there for future generations.

Meetings are held the **third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm** and located at St. John's Council Hall at 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ.

**If you are interested in joining, please contact Laura Labetti at 201-788-5971 or labetti250@optonline.net or Nina DiCostanzo at 201-338-2617 or ninad70@aol.com.**