



The Knight Times



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Grand Knight's Message

As we enter into Holy Week followed by the great celebration of Easter, we remain conscious of the true meaning of John 3:16 -- God sent his only son into the world to suffer and die for us, reminding us that Jesus is with each of us during our own suffering. As a child I remember watching the movie *The Greatest Story Ever Told...* and it truly is!

It's a story we must keep alive, and what better way to do that than by praying the rosary, through which Mary invites us to remember and relive this greatest story of her son's life.

Many of you know I have been traveling to Lourdes during Easter Week for nearly 30 years. I am always amazed to witness people from all over the world seeking Mary's intercession through the rosary, which is prayed and sung in 9 languages every evening during the Candlelight Procession.

As ASCPG (American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group) returns to Lourdes this Easter for the first time since the pandemic, we bring with us seven of our Council members to serve as caregivers for our young guests with special needs. Know that we will be praying for you and your families during the rosary and visits to the Grotto. Please keep us in your prayers as well.

Rosemarie and I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Easter!

Vivat Jesus,
Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message: Easter Mercy

The second week of Easter is known as the Feast of The Divine Mercy. For some years, there were rumors and grumblings that the great Pope Saint John Paul II made this a universal Church feast because he was sharing solidarity with the Polish nun Saint Maria Faustina. This was not the case at all. The feast as we know it was instituted by Pope John Paul II at the behest of Jesus Christ Himself to the Polish nun. Nowhere ever before in history, did Jesus ask for a Feast to be instituted 14 times!! In her diary Jesus asked, begged, encouraged and shared His longing to have this feast made available for the entire Church. This is huge. And, unfortunately many dioceses and parishes worldwide don't celebrate it in the manner He wishes. My God, the graces that await us!

The entire message of The Divine Mercy (including the Feast) is simple. It is that God loves us – **all of us**. And, despite ourselves, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with an condition of trust, to receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Imagine how awesome our God is! In the world of today, with sin abounding all the more we need to **ask** God for His Mercy – beg for it! We need to **be merciful** – not just in the charitable work of the great family of Fr. McGivney, but equally in the home and with family.

Finally, we are called to completely **trust** in Jesus. Let Him do the work His way not ours! God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

Spend time in prayer or even read more on The Divine Mercy, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

Wishing you all a most Blessed Easter!

Vivat Jesus!
F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Healing and Wake Report

As of March 27, 2023

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	-DGK Brian O'Dowd
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-Larry Rivera, PGK	-Fred Schuldt
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-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain	-Matt Connell

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-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-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 Florio, wife of Ken Florio
-Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood
-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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-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
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-Jeff Martin, brother of Steve Martin

Wake

- John Cleary

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

March showed us that Spring is truly just around the corner with the beautiful weather we have been having. And speaking of beautiful, we had a visit from our friend Father Luke Fletcher, CFR as he spoke on the beauty that is Lent. This was the second in a series of Friday Night Friars - hopefully we can enjoy some more in the future. Thank you for joining us Father Luke.

Thanks again to all who attended our annual Irish Night. Congratulations go to Chairman Gerry Flood on a job well done. With music by Mike and Noreen, bagpipes by Michael Harley and of course the Irish dancers. A special thanks goes to our kitchen and bar crew that night featuring Ken Armellino and Bill Flores working the bar and John Orsino, Jim Kelly, Don Morell, and Art Rosenberg in the kitchen. Thank you gentlemen - without you where would we be? It was a great night to be Irish!

Thank you, Jim Callahan and Anthony Marti for the latest in a series of concert here at the council. A Party of Five and the Ghost Rodents played on March 31 to a packed house - great job brothers!

Chuck Hollis, FDD, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

The officers of the Columbian Club work very hard "behind the scenes" and in tandem with Gerry, Chuck and Ken to keep the building in great condition and to solicit the rentals that we need to pay our bills and maintain the Council home. I am happy to announce all the TBCC officers are returning which is good news for the Council, the TBCC and our membership.

We are having the carpet in the hall and lounge cleaned on April 6 - another cost associated with the hall that I suspect most don't realize. As a follow up to my message last month about the AC units, we have applied to PSE&G which has a program to assist commercial property owners in need of upgrades to their HVAC needs. We await a decision on that application. As always, if anyone has a question about any issue regarding the building or Columbian Club operations, I invite you to call me.

Steve Martin, TBCC President, DD, PGK

Register Your Email Address for the Digital "Knight Times"

As of July 1, 2023 the "Knight Times" will be distributed solely online. We will spend the next 6 months doing our best to collect members' email addresses, and for those few who do not have access to an email, we will work with you to ensure we have a mechanism to keep you involved and informed. Questions may be directed to Deputy Grand Knight Chuck Hollis. **Be sure to include an email address with your 2023 dues payment where indicated.** If you are **NOT** a member but still wish to continue receiving the "Knight Times" send an email to KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com with your request.

2023 "Shake the Can" Drive

Yes, the Shake the Can Drive, where we collect monies for our developmentally challenged citizens, is a go, albeit in a more

condensed version!!! Thanks to the efforts of Brother Don Morrell and the blessing of Dumont Police Chief Brian Joyce and the kindness of Stop & Shop in Dumont, we only recently received approval to solicit donations at Stop & Shop on Friday, April 28th (we need 4 people to each work a 2 hour shift) and Saturday, April 29th from 9 AM to 5 PM (again, we need 4 people to each work a 2 hour shift); and we will be collecting donations at the intersection of Madison Ave. and Washington Ave. on Saturday April 29 from 8 AM - 6 PM (we need 20 brothers on Saturday at the intersection - 4 brothers to cover each direction in two hour shifts) and on Sunday, April 30th from 8 AM to 12 PM (we need 8 brothers for two hour shifts). Please call or text me 201-669-8236 to volunteer for a 2-hour shift.

I can report that thanks to the generosity of our members to our virtual Shake the Can Drive, we have already collected \$2,555 and I want to reiterate, we only recently received the OK to hold the drive from the Borough of Dumont and Stop & Shop. This drive is important on two fronts - the monies we collect, of which 100% goes to help those citizens; and it gives the Knights of Columbus a face that the community can see. I look forward to filling out these slots quickly.

Steve Martin, Chairman

Respect for Life Report

I have received a book entitled "The Beginning of the End of Abortion" by Shawn Carney. It contains 40 Inspiring stories of God changing hearts and minds and saving lives. I heartily recommend this book to all Knights and Columbiettes. There are great and wonderfully true stories of women and men regarding abortion. It is produced by 40 Days for Life, the world's largest grass-roots movement to end abortion.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Columbiette Report

*"I think it's time we stop
Children, what's that sound?
Everybody look, what's going down."
(Buffalo Springfield, 1966)*

SPRINGO-BINGO IS THIS MONTH!

Our first ever Bingo Fundraiser will be on Friday, April 28th at the Council @ 7 PM until 11 PM. There are over 30 chances to win, plus we will be having a mini tricky tray and a 50/50.

Reservations are a must, and they are filling up quickly! Please don't miss your chance to be part of the fun! For reservations call Genine Armellino at 917-992-2011 or genine810@yahoo.com or Jill Moriarty at 201-280-6667 or jillmoriarty@yahoo.com.

The cost is \$20 payable by Cash, Check or Venmo. You may bring snacks for your table, we will provide dessert with coffee, or tea. A cash bar will also be available.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter, may it bring you renewed hope, faith, love, and joy!

Peace, Roberta Elwell, Past President

Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

- Sunday, April 16th Pancake Breakfast benefitting the Scholarship Program - **8:30 AM – 1:30 PM**
Monday, April 17th Council Meeting – **8:00 PM**
Wed, April 19th Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 PM**
Friday, April 28th Springo Bingo – **7:00 PM**
Friday, April 28th Shake the Can – see article for times and locations.
Saturday, April 29th Shake the Can
Sunday, April 30th Shake the Can
Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

Eucharistic Adoration

Brother 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 17th

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 17th at 8PM. 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.

Scholarship Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Sunday, April 16

On Sunday, April 16 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Please come support this fundraiser which will support the Scholarship Program of our Council. Breakfast consisting of pancakes, corned beef hash, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs, and coffee/tea will be served. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, family maximum \$30. To RSVP call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

Lenten Prayer Chain

In addition to our Wednesday Prayer Chain at noon, join brother Knights, sister Columbiettes, family and friends every Friday at 6 PM during Lent. Come together in spirit and prayer to pray the following Lenten Prayer: "God, may your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. May my sacrifice today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on you for all my blessings I enjoy. Amen."



Columbiettes at Irish Night



Steve Martin, Rich Oldfield, John Scalise, Ken Armellino and John McHugh (flag bearer) represent the Council at the Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade



GK Gerry Flood and DGK Chuck Hollis present a \$250 donation to St. Mary's Church at Irish Night



The Denogla Academy Dancers at Irish Night