



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

Thank you to all who have congratulated me and wished me well upon beginning my year as Grand Knight. This overwhelming responsibility is only made manageable due to the support I receive from all of you. This Columbian Year is 1/12th gone in what seems like a blink of the eye. We have been busy however. Inside you will find our current calendar for 2019-20. While some dates may shift, that should be the exception. We have all our popular events scheduled: Italian Night, Irish Night, Wine Tasting, Special Children's Dance, Christmas Dance, etc. We are working to also bring back all the entertainment you enjoyed for those events to continue to provide fun evenings for all. We are also trying some new or revived events such as Pasta Nights and Karaoke.

A major component of the Knights' mission is Spiritual. We are continuing our Faith in Action activity of a monthly Rosary during the final hour of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's Church. We will seek to get involved in more activities that can help us and those in our community grow Spiritually.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and we hope to see you at some of our events. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Past Grand Knight's Message - A HUGE THANK YOU

We faced many challenges and experienced numerous triumphs during the 2018-2019 Columbian Year. I am thrilled to report that due to the efforts of our Council membership, the Columbiettes, and friends of St. John's Council 1345, we were able to donate \$28,077 to numerous charities and organizations during the Columbian Year 2018-2019. Just an unbelievable effort by everyone! That is who the Knights of Columbus are, and that's what the Knights of Columbus does - fulfill the first principle of our Order - Charity and to continue the vision of our founder Father Michael McGivney.

We awarded \$7,100 in college scholarships to member's children and grandchildren. I thank Dr. Geoffrey Sadock for his leadership in this endeavor.

We raised \$10,022 from our Shake the Can Drive, from the proceeds of our Special Children's Dance and from donations from Fink's BBQ, Tommy Fox's and La Taberna. This money directly benefitted handicapped citizens in our community. I thank George and Nina Di Costanzo, Mike Cremin and John Graham for their undying efforts in support of this cause.

The organizations which benefitted from this massive and herculean effort of this Council are Bergen County Special Services Adult Programs, Camp Fatima of New Jersey, Felician School for Exceptional Children, New Concepts Disabled Children Foundation, New Day Community / Catholic Community Services, Intellectual Disabilities Fund, Norman Bleshman Regional Day School, Spectrum for Living, ARC of Bergen and Passaic Counties, TACA (Talking About Curing Autism), The Marble Jam Kids, and the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group. Each of these organizations will receive \$800 from our Council.

In addition, St. John's Council #1345 was able to make donations to the following charities / organizations because of this Council's love of service and charity to our Church and community; Child Care Resources, ALS Association, Meals on Wheels, Dumont and Bergenfield Ambulance Corps, St. Mary's Church, St. John's Church, SMA Mission, Transfiguration Academy, Dumont Recreation, Bergenfield and Dumont Little League, Birthright of New Jersey, Lighthouse Pregnancy Center, Several Sources, Rosary Hill Home, Catholic Extension Society and San Alfonso Retreat House.

I acknowledge the generous donation by the St. John's Columbiettes, led by Laura Labetti, of \$2,000 to our Council. This donation greatly assisted the disbursements of our charitable monies.

Steven Martin, PGK II

Council Officers 2019-2020

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Chaplain:		
Grand Knight	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
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Council Activities:		
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Family Activities:		
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Murray Scholarship	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
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BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2019-2020

Scoutmaster –	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of July 24, 2019

Bold Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, call **Bob DeWald at 201-384-2259.**

Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK	-	-John McGill
-Steven Petraglia		-Dave Benson, PGK
-William Borrows		-Nick Albano
-Dick Dorozynski		-Scott Manno, PGK
-Jim Mc Entee		-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Brendan Thornton		-Matt Connell
-Bill Horn		-Bill Connington, PGK
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-Jack Marsigliano		-James Verdino
-Antonio Fundaro		-Al Taxter
-Dan Taylor		-Jim Whelan
-Eli De Falco		-Ed Covino
-Frank Uvenio		-Ken Hudes
-Tom Formoso		

Relatives & Friends

- Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan
- Catherine Kelly, wife of Late Jim Kelly, Sr.
- Donna, Sister of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
- Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church**
- Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
- Grace Benson, wife of PGK Dave Benson.
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
- Lillian Holmes, Columbiette, Financial Secretary
- Linda Ilowite, daughter of Tony Tulli
- Lorraine Marsigliano, wife of Jack Marsigliano
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.**
- Marie, mother of State Warden Russ Petrocelli.**
- Mary Rudolph, wife of the late Art Rudolph, PP, TBCC
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- Rose Lotteman, relative of James Mc Carthy
- 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;
- Stephanie, niece of Jim Brooks;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
- Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
- William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows

Wakes

Members: **John Long;**
Relatives/Friends: none

Hall For Rent

Planning a party or wedding? Call Tom Formoso 201-707-9890 or email TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com, or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. **The hall is for rent with or without food catering.**

Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our events are preferred.
-Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,
-Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333**.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in August.

Chancellor-Membership Report

Congratulations to **James Boyhen, Keith Leary,** and **James McHale** who took their Formation Degree in July.

Brian O'Dowd, Membership

Financial Secretary Report

Benefits for our Members:

(1) - **Deborah Hospital**; if a brother knight is in need of cardiac care, he is welcomed at Deborah Hospital, and any procedure needed is FREE.

(2) - **Bergen Chapter K of C** - exists for the sole purpose of helping fellow Knights who need financial assistance for health reasons.

For more information, contact me at 201-338-2617 or email to: papagdc@aol.com.

(3) - **The Council Relief Fund** - a benefit for our members who may find themselves in financial distress due to health or other reasons. It's completely confidential, therefore, contact is to the Grand Knight Ken Armellino directly at 516-220-9333..

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Seminarian Support

Remember our seminarian Moris Montoya in your prayers.

Contact info for Moris: Immaculate Conception Seminary, Att: Moris Montoya, 400 So. Orange Ave, So. Orange, NJ 07079. Send him a note of encouragement. Include John March, seminarian, who also joined our Council.

G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Pasta Night – August 2nd

Do you enjoy those Friday Evenings during Lent when you don't have to cook because we are hosting a Fish Fry? Don't heat your kitchen up. Join us for Pasta Night on Friday August 2nd from 6-8PM.

The menu will consist of bread, salad, pasta and sauce, meatballs, and eggplant rollotini. Cash bar available. All for only \$12 per person. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

Friday Night Karaoke Social – August 16th

Friday evening August 16th the Council along with the Columbian Club will again be hosting a special Karaoke Night in conjunction with our regularly scheduled social.

A \$5.00/ pp charge will entitle those interested in participating admission to the dining room, unlimited participation in the Karaoke with **DJ Lady J**, and special enhanced Friday Night Snacks. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP for Karaoke.

Poker Tournament – August 17th

Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Fundraiser to help support the club's facilities and its charitable works. The \$100 buy-in includes SUMMER THEMED buffet of chicken fingers, hot dogs, fries, and salad throughout the evening, tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, and tournament entry. Non-players \$30pp. RSVP by August 3rd

and get a 500 Chip Bonus. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

Feed the Homeless – August 21st

We will be Feeding the Homeless at the Family Promise Shelter in Hackensack on August 21st. If you would like to help by doing food preparation the day before and the day of, or preparing a tray of food to donate, or transporting to and serving on the 21st in Hackensack, please let Grand Knight Ken Armellino know by emailing us at KofC1345reservations@gmail.com.

St. John's Church Carnival

Carnival begins on Tues, Aug. 20 to Sat, Aug. 24. Our Council will be sponsoring and working a booth to support of the carnival, and St. John's Church.

Help is needed each night for a 2-hour or 4-hour shift. If you can help, call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187 and let him know you can help.

Friday Night Socials

TGIF - If you want to relax with fellow members, wives, and friends and kick back a little at the end of a week, join us for our Family Socials each Friday. We open at 7pm, and a complimentary snack is served about 8:30pm. Cash bar is available at affordable prices.

Support your Council and participate in our 50-50 raffle each Friday. You may be one of 3 winners.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Italian Night – Sept. 28

Save the date for Italian Night on September 28, 2019 at 7 pm. The evening will consist of an authentic Italian menu including fresh baked Italian bread, as well as live entertainment from **Panorama Music**. Tap beer, wine and soda are included. \$40 per person.

Bergen Federation Golf Outing

If you like to golf, help support our Bergen Federation Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019. The proceeds from this event, after costs, is donated to charities.

Where: River Vale Country Club

Time: Foursomes tee of starting at 10:00am.

Dinner: 6pm Beefsteak at St. John's Council, Dumont.

Prizes: Closest to pin; Longest Drive; 50/50, Prize Table.

Cost: \$150 per golfer, includes lunch, prizes and dinner.

-Dinner only is \$40.00/pp.

Email Jim Stiff at: jstiff1982@aol.com, or call 201-639-9079.

Prayer of the Faithful

That we build God's Church to glorify His name and not look for prestige and honor for ourselves.

Heavenly Father, walk through my house, and take away all worries and illnesses, and please watch over and heal my family and friends. Bring quiet where there is chaos, bring light where there is darkness and put love in our hearts.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dates to Remember
Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Fri, Aug. 2 Council Pasta Dinner - 6pm.
Rosary at St. Mary's - 6pm.
Sat, Aug. 3 Rental - 7pm.
Sat, Aug. 10 Rental - 4pm.
Mon, Aug. 12 Council Officer mtg 8pm.
Thurs, Aug. 15 *Feast of Assumption-Holyday Obligation*
Fri, Aug. 16 Karaoke Night - Social 7pm
Sat, Aug. 17 Poker Tournament-Texas Hold-Em 6pm.
Mon, Aug. 19 Council General Mtg 8pm.
Aug 20-24 St. John's Church Carnival-6-10pm.
Wed, Aug. 21 Feed the Homeless - All Day Help Needed
Thurs, Aug. 22 *Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary*
Sun, Aug. 25 Rental - 1pm.
Wed, Aug. 28 TBCC Meeting 8pm.
Mon, Sept. 2 *Labor Day - Fly your Flag*

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen- Words, words, words- Pro-Choice, Pro-LIFE.
Pro-choice words: Reproductive rights, War against women,
A women's right to do anything to her body.
Pro-LIFE words: Abortion is murder, Abortion is the biggest
child abuse.

I hate to repeat but the Declaration of Independence states:
Our creator (God) has given us inalienable rights to LIFE,
Liberty and the pursuit of happiness. How much clearer can it
be? LIFE from conception to natural death.

Roe V Wade was a huge mistake, similar to the Dredd Scott
Decision which legalized slavery. Roe v Wade legalize's the
killing of a human being.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Columbiettes Report

*"See the curtains hangin' in the window, in the evenin' on a
Friday night
A little light a-shinin' through the window, lets me know
everything is alright
Summer breeze, makes me feel fine, blowing through the
jasmine in my mind"
(Seals & Crofts, 1972)*

Back in June, (I know, it's already August!) the Columbiettes
had their annual convention in Piscataway, NJ. 700 backpacks
and 3 bags of loose school supplies were donated. In addition,
1162 bags of toiletries were collected; the Seminarians each
received a check for \$2500 and tons of tab tops were also
collected!

Our Chapter charity for the year, Makenzie Cadmus, received
a check from the State plus a \$1000 check from us. Her brother
Crosby was presented a special plaque by us for "Best Brother
Award" and he was thrilled.

Our total charity donations for the year were \$8250, which
included \$1000 for Makenzie, \$2000 St. John's Council, \$1000
Columbian Club, \$500 each to St. John's & St. Mary's churches.
The balance was to various charities.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, but, be ready....Dumont Day
this year is Saturday, September 7.

*Peace,
Roberta Elwell, Past President*

San Alfonso Retreat

If you were not able to attend our retreat in July, there is
another one scheduled for October 18-20, the Statewide K of
C retreat. The feedback from the July retreat was...GREAT.

The theme is: *The Call to Holiness: Journeying with
Christ and Others towards the fullness of life.*
Cost is \$240 payable after you arrive to our Team Captain. If
interested, call PGK George DiCostanzo, 201-338-2617.

Faith in Action

We will lead the First Friday Rosary again during adoration
starting at 6PM on Friday Aug. 2 at St. Mary's Church.

Please join us in the lower church every first Friday at 6PM and
put your faith into action. And don't forget to bring your rosary.

Brian O'Dowd, Chancellor

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.

Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

Troop 1345 Report

No Report this month.

Ray Ziembra, Crew 1345 Advisor

Photo Gallery



*Celebrating America's birthday, July 4, with our Great American Flags on
Dulles Drive in Dumont.*

Wake Service Call & Email List

One of the most "fraternal" and "charitable" duties that we
perform as Knights is to pay our respects to a Brother
Knight, and his family, who has deceased. We offer a short
prayer service and condolences to the family.

The value of our presence and prayer service for the family
cannot be measured in any way. It's just special. But, the
reality is this: the number of our members who show up is
diminishing. We need more members from our local area.

If you wish to participate, send an email to:
ldewald@verizon.net. No email, call Bob DeWald at 201-
264-6290. *Bob DeWald, Sick & Wake Chairman*