



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and my friends all,

I am hoping this message finds everyone well and staying cool during these hot summer days. We are off to an amazing start to the summer and I cannot wait to see what our Columbian Year of 2021-2022 holds.

I must share with you how truly impressed I am with our officers, and I grow more grateful every meeting for the consistent hard work and dedication of these men. The enthusiasm and the interest shown only increases my belief that this will be a very successful year. Even though the officers and I may guide the way, we will need all members to share the lead. In the upcoming months, you will be called upon to help at events, socials, etc., and I am sure you will respond accordingly. All of us working together will result in great achievements coming our way.

On July 17th, our Council, along with St. Therese Council #7647, hosted a Pig Roast Luau. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and we thank all who helped in any way. We look forward to many more joint ventures with St. Therese Council. The feast day of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, will be celebrated on August 13. Please keep him in your prayers in hopes of strengthening and progressing his path to sainthood.

Vivat Jesus,

Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

Morning Watchmen

"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

This wonderful quote comes from the great Pope Saint John Paul II, who during one of his World Youth Day Masses exhorted the youth not to settle for second best. He based this encouraging address on the Gospel of Matthew when Jesus insisted that Peter and the apostles return to the sea and throw the nets out again despite how tired and discouraged they were. We know of course that when they pulled the nets, they were filled to capacity.

John Paul II loved the youth and saw that the world's problems were weighing heavier on them more each year. But to the great Saint that was never a hindrance. All things are possible when (as he so often said) we "open the doors to Christ!"

And so, it must be for us. Most of us in St. John's Council, Dumont, are not in the category of "youth" but we are called in all circumstances to put the nets out 'into the deep' and to trust in Christ Jesus alone! It is obvious to see from St. John's Council that our brother knights have been living this mantra for over 100 years of service to the Church and community.

We must never be discouraged or afraid. The world of Covid tested all waters. Past Grand Knight Ken Armellino showed examples of putting out into the deep which enabled us not only to stay afloat but to operate and minister to the many needs around us. Our new Grand Knight Gerry Flood will also meet unforeseen challenges where he will have to put out into the deep and trust in the direction of the Lord.

I am encouraging you now to put out into the deep again in a more spiritual way. Our Grand Knights and their leadership rely on our prayers. It is the spiritual that sustains us. The spiritual way is challenging but ever-lasting. Jesus' call to each of us must not be ignored. We must continue to be men of active and convicted faith, living it both in our homes as well as outside. We are called to return to the roots of the Knights when the odds were against us Christians. That time is again before us. We need your prayers.

Cast your nets of prayer out to the Lord and beg him for help; beg him for new young vibrant members! Cast your nets out into the deep and beg Him for an end to abortion. Cast your nets out into the deep by participating more in the devotional side of our faith with Rosary and Eucharistic adoration. Let us never be satisfied with mediocrity. Let us trust in Jesus and go for the catch!

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

Council Officers 2021-2022

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Trustee 1 yr.	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
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Insurance Agent	Enrique Blanco	201-745-2723
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Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
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President:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
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Treasurer:	Adrian Miller	201-803-0388
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Secretary:	Janet Maniscalco	201-417-0999
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Sick & Wake Report – as of July 24, 2021

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

Members

-Don Wuertz	-DGK Brian O'Dowd
-Bob Dondero, PGK	-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD
-Frank Uvenio	-Dan Taylor
-Tony O'Hare	-Bill Horn
-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	-Chuck Hollis, PGK, PDD
-Larry Rivera, PGK	-Michael Alcock
-Eli DeFalco	

Relatives & Friends

-Joanne Armellino, mother of PGK Ken Armellino
-Tim O'Hare, son of Tony O'Hare
-Mildred Dellner, Columbiette.
-Sandy, wife of Insurance Agent Enrique Blanco
-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;
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
-Pat Barclay, Columbiette
-Diane Lang, wife of Dave Lang
-Mary Ragone, Columbiette
-**Nancy, wife of Ken Florio**
-**Linda, daughter of Tony Tulli**

Wakes

-Mildred Dellner, Columbiette.

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.

Prayer for Families

Almighty God and Father: Help all families to live as the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, unites in respect and love. Teach us through them the sanctity of human life, the value of family life, and the way to live at peace with all, so that we may share in Your life forever. Amen.

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

Deputy Grand Knight Report

Brothers,

It's hard to believe that just a year ago, we were talking about all of the things that we could not do. The pandemic impacted everyone, restricting our operations and the ministries in our churches.

So much has changed now; we have resumed in-person Council meetings and our social events and we continue to plan for whatever the new normal will permit. Check the calendar on page four for upcoming events. We're feeding the homeless, running blood drives, practicing our faith in action and raising money for our charities.

In whatever way you can, be a part of it. As a fraternity of brothers, we can accomplish our charitable works together and make a difference!

Vivat Jesus!

Brian O'Dowd, DGK

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen and Columbiettes,

The Catholic Catechism 2268 states: The Fifth Commandment forbids direct and intentional killing as gravely sinful. The murderer and those who cooperate voluntarily in murder commit a sin that cries out to heaven for vengeance.

#2269 The Fifth Commandment forbids doing anything with the intention of indirectly bringing about a person's death

#2270- Human life must be respected and protected from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his or her existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to LIFE.

#2271- Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral Law. Abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held **IN PERSON** at the Council on Monday, August 16th at 8PM. Don't forget your membership cards. Remember to review the minutes prior to the meeting by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. Reach out to the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for the password.

A Special Friday Night Social August 13

The Open Mic Night was a big success! One of the performers, the Ghost Rodents, will perform at a special Friday Night Social on August 13.

Also, a couple of Council members will perform comedy routines. Join us and enjoy a night of entertainment and socialize with friends and members. Light snacks will be served. If you enjoyed the Open Mic Night, we are sure you will enjoy this event as well.

We Need Your Email Address

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 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 have any questions or need information, please send an email to us at KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE- Poker Tournament

Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Fundraiser on Saturday August 21st to help support the club's facilities and its charitable works. The \$100 buy-in includes hot buffet throughout the evening, tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, and tournament entry. Check In and buffet is at 6PM, and the tournament starts at 7PM. Non-players are \$30pp. RSVP by August 15th and get a 500 Chip Bonus. Please see flyer attached. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333, or you can email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

From the News Desk

With the start of a new Columbian Year, several position changes were made, as follows:

-Our friend **Russell Petrocelli** was elected to State Advocate, **George DiCostanzo**, FFS, PGK was appointed District Deputy for several Councils, including ours, and **Ken Armellino**, PGK was appointed Financial Secretary.

-Happy Birthday to members celebrating a birthday in August, and a belated Happy Birthday to Herb Meyer, Past State Deputy. Best Wishes to members celebrating a special occasion in August.

Calls to the Sick and in Need

Since February 2020, Jim Callahan has been making calls to offer condolences and support during times of bereavement, and to check on the members on the sick list during the Pandemic. The calls are very much appreciated and prayers always work. For example, Lecturer Dr. Geoffrey Sadock announced at the July meeting that his granddaughter Rocky, has recently passed various medical evaluations and can come off the Sick List after being on the prayer list for well over a year.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

<i>Friday, August 6</i>	<i>Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— 6:05PM</i>
<i>Monday, August 9</i>	<i>Officers' Meeting 7:30PM</i>
<i>Friday, August 13</i>	<i>Inaugural Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney, Founder, KofC</i>
<i>Friday, August 13</i>	<i>Friday Social – Live Entertainment</i>
<i>Sunday, August 15</i>	<i>Feast of the Assumption</i>
<i>Monday, August 16</i>	<i>Regular Council Meeting, 8:00PM (In Person)</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 18</i>	<i>Feed the Homeless</i>
<i>Saturday, August 21</i>	<i>Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament</i>

Columbiette Report

*"Last night I took a walk after dark
A swingin place called Palisades Park
To have some fun and see what I could see..."
(Freddie Cannon, 1962)*

This year's NJ State Columbiette Convention was scaled down from a weekend event to a jam packed half day with delegates from all over New Jersey. The Auxiliaries ranged from 60 years in existence to the newest being initiated only a few weeks before, that being Sacred Heart, in Central Chapter. Representing St John's was Laura Labetti, Joan Winant, Marge Kenter, Maureen Italiano and Michele Labetti.

I am happy to report that 500 backpacks were collected and \$2000.00 was given to each seminarian/postulate. St John's received the Activity Award and also recognition for our participation in the "Pennies from Heaven" program.

State President Elena McFarland turned the gavel over to newly elected President Nadine Lecorchick. Officers were installed at the Convention Memorial Mass which was cantored by Michele Labetti and Laura Labetti was installed as the State Sentinel! This position gives St John's and Central Chapter a voice at the state level. I am told that the biggest highlight of the convention was the beautiful video (created by Laura Labetti & Joan Winant) honoring our Sister Columbiettes who have passed away this year.

Charity Co-Chairs Laura Labetti & Joan Winant read Biographies of the charities selected by NJ Chapters for the year 2021. Unfortunately, due to Covid Restrictions, the charities were not able to attend and their checks were mailed to them. It was announced that the Memorial Charity Raffle was renamed The Lillian Holmes Memorial Charity Raffle.

The past year has been very challenging for all us, but together we do many great things! Let us continue to stay safe, be well and continue to pray for one another.

Enjoy the rest of the summer..." *See you in September"*
Peace,

Roberta Elwell, Past President

Insurance Corner

Brothers,
I apologize for having missed the last couple months' newsletters. It seems there is always something happening that

needs doing, always something interfering with what we know must be done. Sometimes, we put off what has to happen so often, that we forget it needed doing. When that happens, sometimes it becomes too late to do it. Twice in the last two months I have spoken with Brother Knights that decided they need insurance to protect their families. In both cases, they had put off the decision, or the act, just a bit too long.

It's my job to reach out to each of you and help you each understand your own family's needs. My responsibility is to guide you through the sea of financials and point out what you can do to improve them. You, my brother, are responsible to take that first step. Only you can decide to "pull the trigger" to protect your family, plan for your retirement or whatever other decision is needed; that is on you.

Many of you have heard me say it before: my job is to help you discover your needs and guide you through fulfilling them. It's a free service included with your membership in the Order. Beyond that, your family's future and yours are your responsibility, your choice. Let me help you learn what you need. Call or text me at (201) 745-2723 or email me at Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org. I know you are busy, but that will be little consolation to the ones you love if you aren't prepared.

Yours in Christ,
Enrique Blanco, PGK
Your Field Agent

Columbian Club Report

I have taken on the responsibility of leading the Columbian Club this year. At the outset of my term, I want everyone associated with our Council to know about the tremendous leadership we were fortunate to have for the past two years. Past Grand Knight Ken Armellino, past Columbian Club presidents Tom Formoso and John Orsino, Mike Rowley and Bob Feigle navigated the Columbian Club through this pandemic by obtaining grants and low interest loans and cutting our expenses to the bone so that our Council home would survive. Simply, without these efforts, our Council would have been forced to close. Think about that. When you see Ken, Tom, John, Mike and Bob, thank them for all they did for St. John's Council.

We now need to look ahead. Our rental business is finally returning. We need people to answer my call/text/email. I will be contacting you to help at these rentals and the set up for these rentals. Our business model has changed -for the most part we rent out the hall to a client who provides their own food and all supplies for their party. The client is also responsible for the clean up after the party. We need a few hours of your time and I note that we haven't sought your help for the past sixteen months. We now need your help again. I humbly request that you respond to my call/text/email and offer a few hours of your time. As I mentioned, we need to start paying back loans we needed to survive. Also, please feel free to call or text me anytime to volunteer at 201-669-8236

Steve Martin