



# *The Knight Times*

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

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Scouts & Friends,

When you read this Message, Christmas Day will only be weeks away. Let me be the first to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. It seems everyone celebrates the Christmas Season in the weeks leading to December 25th and in the weeks after December 25th. This time of celebration is a good thing, no doubt, but we Catholics know the real celebration is the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We Catholics need to remember that the celebration of Christmas is joyous, and also a foundation of our faith.

I always remember during this season, my 2nd grade play when I played St. Joseph in the Christmas play. I remember being told in the play, "There is no room in the inn". It reminded me that Jesus was born in simple, humble surroundings in a stable in Bethlehem. That's one of my memories every Christmas season.

Our Council celebrates this Christmas Season at our Christmas party on December 8th and at our Children's Christmas party on December 9th. Please join us at both events and share the spirit of this holy and joyous Season. And, who better to help us with these celebrations than Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, who I have been told, have made reservations at both of these events.

I always close with my recurring request every month. We need your help to achieve our charitable goals. Please consider volunteering at any of our rentals which are always listed in our newsletter. My cell number is listed in the newsletter. Please call me at any time.

Vivat Jesus,

*Steve Martin*, Grand Knight

### **Council Officers 2018-2019**

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:		
Grand Knight	Steve Martin, PGK	201-669-8236
Deputy GK:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Chancellor	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
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Recorder	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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Trustee 1 yr.	Larry Rivera, PGK	201-315-0456
Trustee 2 yr.	Frank Gallacher, PGK	201-957-2683
Trustee 3 yr	Al Taxter	201-519-7436
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
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### **Council Chairmen 2018-2019**

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Council Activities:	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Family Activities:	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Feeding Homeless:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Fr. Murray Scholar	Bill Bochicchio, FDD,PGK	201-385-9015
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Parish Roundtable:	Steve Martin, PGK	201-669-8236
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Publicity:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
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### **Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2018-2019**

Bar Chairman:	Frank Gallacher, PGK	201-957-2683
Bldg & Grounds:	John Graham	201-387-0419
Caretaker Chmn:	Al Taxter	201-519-7436
Dishwasher Chmn:	Tony O'Hare	201-321-7155
Headwaiter Chmn	Grif Auld	201-785-7756
Kitchen Chmn:	Grif Auld	201-785-7756
President:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Purchasing Chmn:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Rentals Agent:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Secretary:	Griffin Auld	201-785-7756
Servers/Waiters:	Michele Orsino	201-280-7892
Setup Chairman:	George Preverte	201-870-2927
Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Vice President:	John Orsino	201-280-7759

### **Columbette's Officer's 2018-2019**

President:	Laura Labetti	201-788-5971
Vice-President:	Marge Kenter	201-647-9805
Secretary:	Janet Maniscalco	201-417-0999
Financial Sec:	Lillian Holmes	201-342-5142
Treasurer:	Michele Sciarino	201-387-2916
Sentinel:	Maureen Italiano	201-916-1404
Imm Past President:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617

### **BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2018-2019**

Scoutmaster –	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
Asst. Scoutmaster –	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897
Asst. Scoutmaster –	Billy Cook	201-566-5036
Crew Advisor –	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897
Assoc Crew Advisor –	Tim Bright	201-803-5602

### **Knight Times Newsletter**

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### ***Sick & Wake Report – as of Nov. 15, 2018***

*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
<b>-Steven Petraglia</b>		-Dave Benson, PGK
-William Borrows		-Nick Albano
-Dick Dorozynski		-Scott Manno, PGK
-Jim Mc Entee		-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Brendan Thornton		-John Maguire
-Bill Horn		-Rich Donadio
-Bill Connington, PGK		-G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK
-James Keane		-Jim Kelly, Sr.
-Jack Marsigliano		-Juan Melendez
-Phil Cassidy		-Antonio Fundaro
-Al Taxter		

### **Relatives & Friends**

- Fr. Pat Donohue, priest at St. Mary's
- Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
- Linda Grana, Columbiette
- 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 FM Russell Petrocelli.
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Olivia Arrigoitia, daughter of Felicia Arrigoitia
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- 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:**

**-Michael Mullarkey;**

### **Relatives & Friends:**

**-Barbara Berger, friend of the Council.**

### **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](http://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](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). OR,

Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333.**

### **K of C Organ Donor Program**

Brothers, with your family and friends, become an organ donor because the life that gets saved just might sit across from you at dinner tonight. **Sign up at: [www.registerme.org/knights](http://www.registerme.org/knights)**

*Greg Ryan, Chairman, 201-919-2535*

### *From the News Desk*

Birthday greetings to our members celebrating a birthday in December. Birthday greetings to Joan Trank on Dec. 7th, and Nina Messina on Dec. 21st.

### *Chancellor-Membership Report*

Gentlemen- We have just interviewed 2 Catholic gentlemen to become members of our Council. However, we need about 28 more members to bring us to 530 members. Please, Please ask any Catholic over 18 years of age if he would join the Strong Right Arm of the Catholic Church. We need many many more members before the Columbian year ends.

*Matt Connell, Chancellor*

### *Financial Secretary Report*

2019 annual dues bills will be mailed after Dec. 15, 2018 members. Payment is due by end of January. Please try to comply and pay on time. Thank you.

Honorary Life members will be sent a letter asking for a voluntary donation to our Council Scholarship Fund.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed, Happy Christmas Season, and a Healthy New Year.

*George Di Costanzo, FS,PGK*

### *Respect Life Report*

Gentlemen- What is the opposite of LIFE?? I would say it is DEATH. Right?? I and the Knights of Columbus are PRO-LIFE. Does that mean that all those pro-choice people are pro DEATH.?

Politics does not belong in the Knights. BUT when Our beliefs are under attack by a particular political group or party we Catholics must fight (not violently) back and shout our beliefs to all who can hear.

It is not easy to profess Catholic beliefs i.e. LIFE, Marriage between man and woman, etc. especially in these times. But it must be done.

PS: The March for LIFE is Friday, Jan. 18th, 2019 to Wash,DC. We have 2 busses holding 55 each. Let us fill them both up. The mass will be held Thursday evening at St. John's Church. This way we'll arrive in DC to hear all the presentations on the Mall before the March.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### *Friday Night Socials & More*

Come down for a complimentary snack, reasonably priced drinks, great company and see what's happening every week at the council!

Look for our email blasts and listen for our calling posts to keep in the loop! *See you Friday Night!*

### *Columbian Club Report*

Our fifth consecutive monthly karaoke night will be on Nov. 30 at 8pm, immediately after Columbiettes Spud Night. Come to Spud Night for dinner and stay for karaoke and dessert!

Reservations have started coming in for our annual New Year's Eve Party which will include an extensive menu including hors d'oeuvres, a buffet featuring meats, seafood, vegetarian and side dishes, dessert and all beverages for only 85.00 per person for early reservations. We will also have two DJ's entertaining us this year playing all genres of music and a video screen in the dining room to watch the ball drop in Times Square as we ring in the New Year with a champagne toast! Reserve a table now and save! Contact Ken A at (516) 220-9333 or myself at (201) 707-9890 today!

*Tom Formoso, TBCC Pres.*

### *Keep Christ in Christmas Program*

*"Jesus is the reason for the Season".*

1. **KCIC car magnets.** If you do not have a magnet for your car, we have some on supply. Cost is \$5.00; mail request to George Di Costanzo, 70 Dulles Drive, Dumont, NJ 07628. Cash or check payable to St. John's Council.

2. Look for our **KCIC banners** at our local churches.

3. Look for our **Christmas Creche** at the Dumont Police Dept after Thanksgiving.

4. We'll decorate the Council for Christmas after Thanksgiving, **on Sat. Nov. 24th. Help needed.**

*PGK G.DiCostanzo, FS*

### *Feeding the Homeless*

Our Council will be volunteering at the Hackensack Shelter to feed the homeless and those in need of a good meal on January 30, 2019. This is an incredible opportunity for our Council to demonstrate the great work that we do for the community.

We need volunteers to cook turkeys and prepare the meal on January 29th and the morning of January 30th. We leave the Council at 3 pm with the food and set up the dinner at the Shelter for serving at 5 pm.

Please contact me on my cell if you are interested in helping in this endeavor. I can attest from participating at this event that the people we serve, feed, and assist, are unbelievably grateful for the food we provide and the friendship we offer.

*Steven Martin, Grand Knight*

### *Seminarian Support*

Our Seminarian's are the life-blood of a continued presence of priests for our churches. Just like everyone else, they need corporal & spiritual encouragement.

We can help our seminarian, Moris Montoya, by sending him a Christmas greeting, and praying for his vocation. The address is:

**Immaculate Conception Seminary,  
Moris Montoya  
400 South Orange Avenue  
South Orange, New Jersey 07079**

*G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

### Dates to Remember

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

- Nov 28 - Columbiette meeting 7:30pm  
Nov 29 - Setup 7PM  
Bergen Federation Mtg. 8pm  
Nov 30 - Spud-tacular Potato Night - 6PM-8PM  
Karaoke Night 8pm-11pm.  
Dec 1 - Rental 7PM - 11PM - **Council Closed**  
Dec 6 - Setup 7pm  
Dec 7 *Pearl Harbor Day - Fly Your Flag!*  
Dec 8 Adult Christmas party 7-11pm.  
Dec 9 Kids Christmas party 2-5pm.  
Dec 10 AARP mtg. 10am - 2pm.  
Officer's mtg. 8-9:30pm.  
Dec 13 Setup 7pm  
Dec 15 Rental 6pm-10pm  
Setup 10pm for Sunday rental  
Dec 16 Rental - 2-6pm.  
Dec 17 Council General mtg 8pm.  
Dec 18 Rental - 12-4pm  
Dec 19 Columbiette mtg 7:30pm. Christmas party after.  
Dec 24 *Christmas Eve*  
Dec 25 *Christmas Day*  
Dec 27 Setup - NYE  
Dec 31 NYE party 8pm-1am.  
Jan. 1 *New Year's Day*  
Jan 26 Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance 7pm.  
Feb 2 Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament 6pm.

### Columbiettes Report

*"Well a way up north where the air gets cold  
There's a tale about Christmas that you've all been told  
And a real famous cat all dressed up in red  
And he spends the whole year working out on his sled  
It's the little Saint Nick"  
(The Beach Boys, 1964)*

Ring your Christmas bells, roll them too, at this year's Knights of Columbus Christmas party! It is on Saturday, December 8, starting at 7:00PM.

Then the next day we can do it all again at the Children's Christmas party from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the council hall. The Columbiettes will be helping the Knights at this event and I have inside information that Mr. Claus, (Santa to all of us good boys and girls) will be making an appearance and he might be bringing the Mrs. with him... Ever wonder what her first name is?

Our next Columbiette meeting is on December 19 at 7:30pm. This will be a short meeting so that we can have our own Christmas Party/pot luck supper. Then it's time to ring in the new year 2019!

**There is still time to reserve a place for our Spud-tacular Potato Night on Friday, Nov. 30. Call Nina at 201-338-2617.**

We will once again have a post-holiday party in lieu of our January meeting. Details will be discussed at our December meeting. It's also that time of year when Dues are due! You can bring your payment to our

holiday meeting in January, or mail your payment to: Lillian Holmes, 191 Beech Street, Hackensack, NJ, 07601. Dues are \$25.00.

On behalf of myself and all Columbiette officers, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, blessed and fun New Year!

*Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity*

### Dart Team Report

The Knight Flights remain undefeated, recording 12-12 draws in the last two matches. They have two matches coming up on the road but return to Council 1345 on Thursday, December 13th. Come on down and cheer them on!

*Mike Rowley*

### Upcoming Dates

- \*Adult Christmas party - Dec. 8 - 7pm.
- \*Kids Christmas party - Dec. 9 - 2pm.
- \*Darts Tournament - Dec. 13 - 7pm.
- \*Trivia Night - Dec. 14 - 8pm.
- \*New Year's Eve party - Dec. 31 - 8pm.
- \*Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance - Jan. 26.  
-benefits State & Council Scholarship Funds
- \*Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament, Feb. 2 - 6pm.

### Photo Gallery



*Photo from our Memorial Mass for Deceased Members and Columbiettes, present and past.*

### A Prayer for Difficult Times - The Ship of Life

Steer the ship of my life, Lord, to your quiet harbor, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take.

Renew in me the gift of discernment, so that I can see the right direction in which I should go.

Give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that through enduring hardship and danger in your name we shall find comfort and peace. Amen.

### Prayer for Vocations

"Heavenly Father, your Divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly beg you to bless our Archdiocese and our world with many priest and religious who will love you fervently and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen".