



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

Merry Christmas. It is that time year again where we are assaulted by Christmas messages, yet so few focus on its true meaning of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So while we have attempted to help keep the message properly focused with our Keep Christ in Christmas campaign, we need everyone to help for it to be truly effective. I also remind everyone to keep those less fortunate than us in our prayers – as there is no better gift we can give than Divine assistance.

On the business end of things, the Columbian year is practically half over, which is very hard for me to believe. In December we have great events planned and I urge you to try and attend as many as you can. Your participation in our Adult Christmas Party, Children's Christmas Party, and New Year's Eve parties help us to continue our charitable works. Merry Christmas again and see you in 2020!

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

Advent is meant to remind us how to live in these times between the present and the future, between Christ's first and second coming. How do we do this? It's called faith in action! It requires the living out of our faith in a delicate balance of silence, prayer and work. St. John's Council continues to live a perpetual "Advent" striving each day going about as Jesus says, "doing My Father's business." (Luke 2:49)

You live out that faith in action with the many activities including the celebration of the Mass, monthly Eucharistic Adoration with a public Rosary, all issues concerning Respect Life, the support of seminarians, the tireless promotion of "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign; the support of social services, scholarship programs and the care for the homeless. These spiritual and corporal works, to name a few, is what we do and who we are as part of that preparation for Christ's coming! It is what we have been called to do! These are such beautiful acts of charity, fellowship, and conviction in Christ's mercy. You are a great gift to the Church!

We celebrate Christmas as that first coming. It is known as the "Divine exchange" - Christ humbled Himself from heaven so that we may one day have a share in His divinity! Jesus born in the flesh, true God and true man who came and walked this earth to understand us and save us from sin. He came to establish His kingdom so that we might have our human dignity restored, and our wounds healed; so that He may instill in us peace and everlasting joy. Isn't He wonderful?

As you gaze on the creche, in that stable where He was born, give thanks to the Lord for choosing to come to us. Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Mary and Joseph who show us the example of a true and holy family. It is my prayer that the peace and joy of the Infant Jesus will rest on each and every one of you this year. Have a blessed and Merry Christmas!

Praise be Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Chaplain

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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Nov. 23, 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
- Steven Petraglia***
- William Borrows
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- Frank Uvenio***

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- 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
- Joan Winant, Columbiette, Past President
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
- Linda Ilowite, daughter of Tony Tulli
- Lorraine Marsigliano, wife of the late Jack Marsigliano
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.***
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- Rose Lotteman, aunt of James McCarthy.
- 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.
- Theresa De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco***
- Tom Hyer, FDD, friend of our Council.***
- William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows.

Wakes

Members: ***John Sullivan;***

- Relatives/Friends: ***-Pat Martin, mother of PGK Steve Martin***
- Rose Ortaglia, mother-in-law of James McCarthy***
- Mary Cioffi, wife of Brother Joseph Cioffi***

Seminarian Support

Remember our seminarian's Moris Montoya and John March in your prayers.

If you can, send them a Christmas card greeting for inspiration.

Contact info for Moris & John: Immaculate Conception Seminary, Att: (*their name*), 400 So. Orange Ave, So. Orange, NJ 07079.

G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in Dec, especially Nina Messina Dec. 21.

Keep Christ in Christmas Program

Nativity Creche - Look for our Christmas Creche in Dumont on Washington Ave at Police Headquarters, right next to the Time Clock and Bulletin Board. **The blessing of the Creche will take place on TUESDAY, Dec. 3 at 7:30pm.**

Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets are available at \$5.00 each. If you want one, call PGK George Di Costanzo at 201-338-2617.

Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs. If you have one from last year, display it now. New signs are being printed and will be distributed at the churches and chapel by December 1 weekend.

Street Banners: Look for our KCIC street banners at St. Mary's Church in Dumont, and St. John's Church in Bergenfield.

12 Days of Christmas - What they really mean!

- The partridge in a pear Tree is Jesus Christ;
- Two turtle doves are the Old & New Testaments;
- Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love;
- The four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John;
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament;
- The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation;
- Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy;
- The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes;
- Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control;
- The ten lords a-leaping are the ten commandments;
- The eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples;
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolizes the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So, that's the meaning of each line. MERRY CHRIST - MAS because Christmas is not without Christ.

Children's Christmas Party

On Sunday December 8 from 2PM-5PM we will host our annual Children's Christmas Party. There will be music, games, and a visit from a special North Pole resident. We will be serving hot dogs, chicken nuggets, french fries, juice and soda for the kids. Cash bar will be available for the adults.

A \$5 donation per person is suggested. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Adult Christmas Party

Sat, Dec 7 - Still some time left to make a reservation by no later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. But don't hesitate. A great evening planned with a traditional holiday turkey dinner menu, beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea, dessert & Panorama Music. \$40/pp.

Call Ken at 516-220-9333 by Tuesday, Dec. 3.

PGK George Di Costanzo, Chairman

New Year's Eve Party

December 31st from 8PM-1AM we will be hosting our New Year's Eve party with **The R&B Show** to ring in the New Year dancing to all your favorites from 40's big band selections to today's top hits. Only \$95 per person includes passed hot hors d'oeuvres, carving station, buffet dinner with choice of 8 different entrees, assorted dessert and cordial bar, coffee, tea, and a midnight champagne toast.

Watch the ball drop with us on the big screen in our dining room this year! **Open bar all night**, RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing

KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com . ADVANCED PAYMENT required. Make check payable to Twin-Boro Columbian Club and mail to Ken Armellino, 60 Dance Blvd, Dumont, NJ 07628.

DISCOUNT EXTENDED....PAY BY 12/15 & SAVE \$10/pp.

Special Friday Night Christmas Social

Please come join us Friday December 20 from 7PM -10PM for a Special Christmas Social to spend some time celebrating the upcoming Christmas holiday. Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 if you'd like to participate in a GRAB BAG.

We'll have special Christmas themed drinks and a free snack.

Chancellor-Membership Report

We have completed our fall recruiting and look forward to the spring membership drive. But recruiting is not just a seasonal event, we must ask those we meet every day - Are you a Knight? Increasing membership in the Council is our goal for many reasons, but most importantly, it is to enable us to continue doing good for our church and the community.

If you know someone who is interested in learning more about St. John's Council and the Knights of Columbus, give me a call; or have them call me - 201-385-2859 or email me at recruiting@oncontact.net. If I don't answer, leave a message and I will call you back. Merry Christmas!

Brian O'Dowd, Membership

Financial Secretary Report

Dues bill are being mailed the week after Christmas. A reminder: PAYMENT IS DUE BY END OF JANUARY. By paying with the First Notice, you save the Council additional expense of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th mailings. Please be prompt.

Bergen Chapter K of C - exists for the sole purpose of helping fellow Knights who need financial assistance for any reason. Four of our Council members have already submitted applications and received their checks. It's a simple 1-page application. So, call me at 201-338-2617 & I will send you a copy. **All Confidential!!**

George Di Costanzo, FS,PGK

Respect Life Report

Did you know that Foie Gras has been banned from NY restaurants? Because to fatten a goose's liver by force feeding them is "INHUMANE". What? are geese human beings? But in NY it's alright to kill a human being (baby) up until the day of it's birth thru ABORTION. That is not inhumane? I don't understand the legislators in New York. Pray for the Unborn - Save one Unborn Life.

The March for Life in DC is Friday, Jan. 22, 2020. We have two busses reserved. **See enclosed flyer for all details.**

Matt Connell, Chairman

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Brian O'Dowd, whom I have recognized as knight of the month for November. Throughout October and November, Brian has been coordinating recruiting drives at our three parishes. In addition, he once again planned a beautiful Memorial Mass to remember those who have passed. Let's all thank Brian for his tireless work.

Columbiette Coat Drive

This Christmas Season the Columbiettes are collecting Coats. Please bring your slightly worn men's, women's, or children's coats to the Council anytime it is open, or to the collection box in the vestibule of St. Mary's Church. Let's help them as much as we can.

Decorating for Christmas

Many people always comment how great the Council looks when decorated for Christmas. It takes many hands to make it work. If you are available, please come down and join us Saturday November 30 at 10am. If enough people show up it should only take a few hours. We will have a FREE PIZZA LUNCH for all who help.

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

Tues, Dec. 3	Nativity Creche Lighting 7:30pm.
Thurs Dec. 5	Christmas Party setup, 7pm. Dart Team, 7pm.
Fri, Dec. 6	Rosary at St. Mary's 6pm
Sat, Dec 7	<i>Pearl Harbor Day- **Fly Your Flag**</i> Council Adult Christmas Party 7pm.
Sun, Dec. 8	Kids Christmas party 2pm.
Mon, Dec. 9	AARP meeting 10am Officer meeting 8pm <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>
Tues, Dec. 10	1st Degree - WW
Thurs, Dec. 12	Rental Setup 7pm. Dart Team 7pm. <i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Sat, Dec. 14	Rental 7pm.
Sun, Dec. 15	Rental 4pm.
Mon, Dec 16	1st Degree - N.A. Council meeting 8pm Setup Rental 9:30pm
Tues, Dec. 17	Rental - Dmt Women's Club luncheon 12pm.
Wed, Dec. 18	Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.
Thurs, Dec. 19	Dart Team 7pm.
Fri, Dec. 20	Christmas Friday Social 7pm.
Tues, Dec. 24	<i>Christmas Eve.</i>
Wed, Dec. 25	<i>Christmas Day - Holyday of Obligation</i>
Sun, Dec. 29	<i>Holy Family Sunday</i>
Mon, Dec 30	Setup NYE - all day
Tues, Dec 31	NYE party 8pm - 1am.
Wed, Jan. 1	<i>New Years Day</i>
Thurs, Jan 2	Rental Setup
Fri, Jan 3	Remove Christmas Decorations 10am Rosary St. Mary's 6pm
Sat, Jan 4	Rental 4pm.

Columbiettes Report

Bah Hum, No that's too strong!

*'Cause it's my favorite holiday
But all this years been a busy blur
Don't think I have the energy.....
So deck the halls and trim those trees
Raise up the cups of Christmas cheer
I just need to catch my breath
Christmas with my mates this year*

(The Waitresses, 1981)

The hall is "decked"; get ready to "rock around that Christmas Tree!"

The Knights will be having their annual Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 at the council hall from 7:00 to 11:00pm. The wonderful group Panorama will be here for our dancing and listening pleasure. I have also been told (from a very reliable source), that a visit will be made that night from Santa!

The next day, Sunday, December 8, will be our annual children's Christmas Party where the Columbiettes help out serving food and desserts and helping Santa! We hope all boys and girls have been GOOD this year!

Our next Columbiette meeting (which will be December 20,) will be a short one so that we can have a Christmas party of our own! We ask all who are attending if they can bring a "dish" for our annual potluck celebration,

AND, the celebrations keep going on...We will have our annual Post New Year's dinner on January 15th, 2020 at Alessandro's in Haworth, New Jersey. Price per person is \$33.00. The details of this dinner will be discussed at our December meeting.

As the end of the year draws nearalways surprised how fast it comes, We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year!

Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Report

Good thoughts, good words, good deeds. That's the answer to why I joined the Knights of Columbus and became so heavily involved. Specifically, volunteerism generates the revenue we can donate to charity on a regular basis.

In November, we donated a total of \$1,000.00 to four local food pantries to help our less fortunate neighbors to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with their families.

We are called upon to volunteer some of our time for this specific reason. Look beyond the caller ID of a Knight calling for four hours of your time every few months. Also see it as God's calling to serve Him in charity.

Tom Formoso, President, 201-707-9890

Keep Christ in Christmas - Lawn Signs

Thank you to Riewert's Memorial Home, Frech-McKnight Funeral Home, and Apex Printing for donations to our Keep Christ in Christmas campaign and lawn sign printing. Signs will soon be available at the Parishes for a \$5 suggested donation.

We ask that if you already have a sign, please display it and leave the new signs for those that do not have one.

Please remember to store your signs – as they can be reused year after year. We also have Keep Christmas in Christmas Car Magnets available for \$5 suggested donation

Fr. Murray Memorial Dance

Please save the date. The Fr. Murray Dance will be on **Sunday AFTERNOON** January 26th. We will begin the day's events with a mass to remember Fr. Murray at the Society of African Missions in Tenafly, NJ. That afternoon we will have a Brunch Buffet, with live entertainment provided by DJ & Vocalist Jerry Tolve playing all your favorite oldie and contemporary dance hits. Exact times and menu will be in next month's Newsletter. As always the proceeds will go towards both the State Scholarship Fund as well as our Council Scholarship.

Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 will be hosting its 12th annual recruitment camping event in Stony Point NY during the weekend of December 6, where young cub scouts are invited up with their parents for the weekend to experience some winter camping, cooking, and outdoor activities. These young scouts get a feel for what it is like to be a Boy Scout, and hopefully someday will continue in Boy Scouting as they get older, perhaps even join the Troop 1345 family.

The Troop hosted the recent dinner dance for the Gooney Bird Detachment of the Marine Corps League at the Knights of Columbus on November 2, and the event was once again a huge success for the 89 guests in attendance. The Gooney Birds have already signed up for this event in November 2020, and the Troop will once again be the host.

On another note, Troop 1345 reports that Rich Merkovsky has stepped down as the Scoutmaster of Troop 1345 effective October 2019, and is turning the reigns over to Art Rosenberger. Rich has been the Troop's Scoutmaster since December 2013, and we thank him for his commitment to the scouts over the past 6 years. Art Rosenberger takes over as Scoutmaster effective October 2019, and is the troop's third Scoutmaster in 12 years. Please welcome Art into his new role of mentoring and leading our Scout organization.

Volunteers Needed

Many of those who we used to rely on to volunteer are no longer able to help, so we are in need of new volunteers to help with Council events and Columbian Club rentals. If you are able and interested to assist with bartending, cooking, dishwashing, serving, setups, or other various activities as they arise, please submit your name to KofC1345reservations@gmail.com. No experience is necessary for any of these positions, just an interest in volunteering. Thank you.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight