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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

It is that time year again where we are assaulted by Christmas messages, yet so few focus on the true meaning of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year we are sure to be faced with more distractions than ever, and it will take a great effort to keep the focus in our hearts on Love and Peace. One way we will attempt to do this is to gather together as a community at our Christmas Social on Dec. 12th (within the applicable safety guidelines of course). We will also help keep the message properly focused with our Keep Christ in Christmas signs: proudly display yours if you still have it, or see inside on how to get one (or more).

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. Also, keep an eye out for New Year's Eve details – there won't be a party but we are gauging interest in opening for a simple Social gathering (again within the applicable safety guidelines of course).

On the business end of things, the Columbian year is practically half over, which is very hard for me to believe. That means it is dues time. PLEASE HELP THE COUNCIL SAVE TIME AND MONEY by paying your dues **ON TIME**. For this year we are also asking for a special COVID Recovery Contribution to cover the tremendous loss of revenue we are experiencing with the pandemic. Please be as generous as you can.

Merry Christmas to you and your families and see you in 2021!

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

The Prince of Peace

God could have made known His salvation in any way He chose. Think about it: He could have come bounding from the heavens as a magnificent, awesome, kingly figure. Instead, He chose to be born of a humble couple in straitened circumstances, far from home and out of money — and, indeed, out of luck because there was no room for them in the travelers' lodge. And so, as a result of mean circumstances to which he submitted, he was born in a stable. The simplicity of that birth has given Christians ever since pause to realize that God chose to communicate the great mystery of His love and mercy by sending us the least threatening divine presence we can imagine — a small child totally dependent on his parents.

People over the centuries have marveled at this and some even grappled with this mystery that the Mighty Lord would reach down to our level. And, that reaching down was a sign that He longed to walk among His greatest creation — the human being! We are so loved as His ultimate creation that He desires that we be healed, forgiven and made whole and truly come to know the freedom of the children of God.

2020 has stirred up a lot of soul searching. What is life about? What really matters? We should take time once more to realize who was born on Christmas Day. God made flesh! Jesus Christ the Savior was born to restore our dignity, heal our wounds and hurts and sins. Jesus is the light that dispels the darkness and evil that sits over this nation and the world right now. We need the light of Christ more than ever! When we know Christ in the Christmas season, we receive a divine inner joy and gratitude. When we know the Prince of Peace, we receive a divine lasting and indescribable peace. May Jesus the Savior, born of the Virgin Mary on Christmas Day, instill in your hearts true and lasting peace in this peace-less world. Merry Christmas!

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA

Chaplain

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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Nov. 16, 2020

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

Members

- Bob Dondero, PGK **-John Graham**
- Steven Petraglia **-Nick Albano**
- Tom Formoso TBCC VP** **-Angelo Gallo**
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- Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA **-Dan Taylor**
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- Matt Connell **-Tony O'Hare**
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- Arthur Flynn **-John Mc Gill**
- John Scalice**

Relatives & Friends

- Bernadette Mumm, daughter of Advocate Rich Oldfield.
- Billy Whelan, son of late Jim Whelan
- Donna & Rocky, Sister & Granddaughter of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
- Edward McCabe, father of Columbiette Kathy McCabe.**
- Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
- Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
- Grace Benson, wife of late PGK Dave Benson.
- Janet Trawinski, wife of Brother Ed Trawinski
- Jill, daughter of Joseph Verga
- 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;
- Marge Kenter, Columbiette & wife of Bob Kenter.**
- Maria & Stephanie, wife & niece of Jim Brooks;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Nancy De Salvo, cousin of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo**
- Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio**
- 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;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
- Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco

Wakes

Members; **Bob Kenter;**

Relatives/Friends: None

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

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in December. Best Wishes to Nina Messina Dec. 21.

Deputy Grand Knight Report

Brothers, at the November Council meeting which was held via Zoom, I was heartened by the increased participation of members who normally don't come to meetings. As we deal with Covid-19, I encourage every member to attend our monthly Zoom meetings when possible to stay informed with what your Council has been doing. COVID-19 has limited our activities, but we are still planning for the future and working to make sure that the Council remains strong and our primary goal of charity is fulfilled to the best of our ability.

Have a safe and joyous Christmas as we look forward to a great 2021.

Brian O'Dowd, DGK

Financial Secretary Report

Dues bills will be mailed end of December. **DUES ARE PAYABLE BY END OF JANUARY. PLEASE BE PROMPT, AND SAVE THE COUNCIL THE COST OF EXTRA POSTAGE.**

Due to the pandemic, we are adding a VOLUNARTY donation of \$5.00 for Covid-19 Relief to help support the Council.

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Membership

St. John's Council has the pleasure of accepting as a transfer Worthy Brother Bill Bochicchio, FDD. Please say hi when you see him.

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen and Columbiettes, I trust everyone is healthy and had a great Thanksgiving. I think we are all a little tired of this covid-19 pandemic, but we all must rationally think about the safety of each other.

December is the month of JOY for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We need some JOY in December 2020. We need family and friends. Christmas is the season of giving. Let us celebrate LIFE from conception to natural death and continue to pray for the unborn. Merry Christmas to all.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday December 21st at 8PM **via Zoom**. The meeting will be available at <https://covanta.zoom.us/j/92428844591>

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Brian O'Dowd, who was recognized as Knight of the Month for November. Brian was able to coordinate a beautiful Memorial Mass to remember those who have passed in the past year despite the challenges of the pandemic. Let's all thank Brian for his tireless work.

Christmas Social – Saturday, December 12th 6-10PM

In lieu of a Christmas Party this year, we will be hosting a special Christmas Social on December 12th from 6-10PM.

This fun evening will consist of a very special "Steal or No Steal" grab bag. To participate bring your creative, wrapped gift valued at \$20 to participate.

We will also be serving hors d'oeuvres and pizza. The cost of admission for each person is the donation of either \$20 of non-perishable food, an unwrapped toy valued at \$20, or a \$20 supermarket gift card. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The goal of this event will be to help the less fortunate so please keep them in mind.

We will also hold a 50/50 raffle, Christmas Music, and have a cash bar available. Due to the capacity limits and restrictions, RSVP is REQUIRED and will be first come first serve. To RSVP call or text 516-220-9333 or email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Keep Christ in Christmas Lawn Signs and Magnets

Keep Christ in Christmas Lawn Signs and Car magnets are still available by **calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333.**

We will make every effort to get you what you need. They are each available for a \$5 donation.

Message from Columbiette President

I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my Sister Columbiettes, Brother Knights and their family and friends. I know we are all looking forward to putting 2020 behind us as we look forward to a safer 2021.

Last year was a difficult year for the Knights and us. Thankfully, with the money in our treasury from past fundraisers, we made donations to the Knights and local charities but needed to cut back drastically on the donations that we had made in previous years.

Last year we began Deal or No Deal, a joint fundraiser with the Knights which was also postponed due to the pandemic. We have committed to a new date of April 25th at 2 pm.

What I need from each one of you is to support this raffle. It most likely will be the only fundraiser we have in over a year. Yes, we do not have the costs that the Knights have, but we also help support the Knights, including donating a portion of our funds to them every year. This is a joint venture with the Knights. We cannot continue to exist without your help and support. This raffle cannot be successful with only 6 or 8 people trying to sell tickets. We need help from all 60 of you.

Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket. Even if you have bought a ticket already, consider buying another one or encourage someone you know to buy a ticket. The winner will win 50% of the proceeds collected up to \$5,000.00. Tickets are \$50.00 but only 200 tickets are being sold. Consider the money you would have spent attending one of the cancelled Knights functions and use that money to buy a ticket.

To buy a ticket, contact Nina DiCostanzo at 201-338-2617 or email Ninad70@aol.com

Only with your help, we can make this fundraiser a success!

Laura Labetti – President

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR. LET'S PRAY THAT VACCINES BECOME AVAILABLE TO DESTROY THIS COVID-19 VIRUS. IN THE MEANTIME, STAY SAFE, HEALTHY.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Saturday, Dec. 12	Christmas Social. 6-10pm.
Tuesday, Dec. 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception (holyliday)
Saturday, Dec. 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday, Dec. 14	Officer's Meeting 7:30pm

Columbiette Report

"It's Christmas time

There's no need to be afraid

At Christmas time

We let in light and we banish shade"

(Band Aid, 1984)

It seems we just blinked and the Christmas Season is upon us once again. The most wonderful time of the year and this year we really need it!

We are also collecting scarves for a new charity we are supporting, "Hope Scarves." This is a non-profit organization that takes donated scarves for women and children who have cancer or are cancer survivors. They only accept scarves large enough so they can wrap around their heads. Bring to Council on Dec. 12th social.

The past few months have been an extremely difficult time for us. Let us pray that the new year approaching will keep us safe and healthy. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, blessed, healthy New Year! *Peace, Roberta Elwell*

Insurance Report

On the 4th of July in 1985, my cousins were driving home with their mom from a gathering at their grandfather's house. Michelle was 10 and Lisette almost 15. A drunk driver hit their car, flipping it over before the car behind them came through the rear window and killed Lisette. Their mother was medevac'd to the hospital and spent 3 months recovering from her injuries.

Their father was a hardworking man, a fireman. Of course, he had life and disability insurance on himself; but he never thought disaster could happen to his family. He was their protector. He'd never thought to put policies on his wife and kids. Why do it? What could possibly happen?

The family went through a VERY dark time. Struggling with the loss of a child, their oldest daughter! Louis had to stay home and care for Michelle while her mom was recovering. He didn't know where to turn or what resources he'd have to bury his daughter. Fortunately, his parents were able to help him. Michelle's mom came home and life resumed a sense of normalcy.

Louis immediately rectified his mistake. He put policies on his other children and made certain that they placed policies on theirs and their spouses. He didn't want them to suffer the unnecessary financial burdens his lack of planning forced him to endure. Nothing can prepare you for the emotional suffering; but the Knights of Columbus can protect you from compounding that suffering with financial struggles. Call me to protect your family!

Enrique Blanco, PGK, Insurance Field Agent

Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 had a Court of Honor awards ceremony in the parking lot of the Knights of Columbus on October 18. It was

the first awards ceremony since March, when the pandemic shut things down for quite some time. There were about 30 scouts receiving various awards and rank advancements that they had earned during the pandemic months.

Troop 1345 is proud to announce three new Eagle Scouts to the troop, bringing the total number of Eagle Scouts to 35. Matt Polandick in March 2020, Max Delacruz in May 2020, and Ethan Kalajian in November 2020. About 75 parents and guests were in attendance at the ceremony, which concluded with an outdoor BBQ.

The troop honored retired Dumont Chief of Police Michael Conner at the ceremony, thanking him for his years of service to the community, and also for the support he has shown to Troop 1345 throughout the years. *Ray Ziemba*

St. John's Council #1345 Mass for Life

On Sunday January 17th St. John's Council #1345 will celebrate a Mass for Life at 12 noon at the Society of African Missions (23 Bliss Ave.) in Tenafly, NJ to pray for the most vulnerable, babies in the womb. Following the Liturgy, everyone is invited to St. John's Council #1345 at 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ for coffee and cake.

2021 Dues

As stated in the Grand Knight's message, dues notices will be mailed toward the end of December. Payment is due in January. Please be prompt with your payment as extra mailings, phone calls, and letters all add to the Council's expenses during this trying time. Please also be as generous as you can with the Scholarship Contribution and the COVID Recovery contribution. If you are unable to pay your dues, please call the Financial Secretary or Grand Knight and we will address the situation. All discussions are kept confidential. Thank you for your cooperation.

Knight Times Newsletter – New Editor

We are pleased to announce that our Brother and Worthy Advocate Rich Oldfield has agreed to accept the position as Newsletter Editor. Rich will be assisted by our Worthy Lecturer Geoff Sadock. If you have a submittal for the newsletter, Rich's information is on the page 2. Thanks to George DiCostanzo for the many years he put into the newsletter and for the numerous awards he has won.

Editor's Note: this is my last newsletter as Editor. It has been my pleasure to bring you Council news and information these past 20 years.

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

As you have seen throughout the past few months, St. John's Council must be able to get in touch with you in ways other than this newsletter. If you **have not** been receiving emails from us over the past year, we need you to sign up. Therefore, I ask that 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. We try to only send 1 email a week.

If you have any questions email us at

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