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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers, Columbiettes and friends,

It's hard to believe that half of our Columbian year is almost past... and brand new liturgical and calendar years are upon us. We look forward to new beginnings, and this Advent season helps awaken our faith as we anticipate the birth of Jesus.

As Grand Knight, I am continually reminded of changing situations and new beginnings. No matter the challenges and the time it takes to overcome them, I know I can rely on my Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes to see me through. Together we continue our work, face what is ahead, and continue helping those in need.

As Christmas nears, I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends. On behalf of Rosemarie and myself, I wish you and your loved ones a very holy and blessed Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,
Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

The Holy Family

God chose to send his son Jesus to be born of human flesh in a family. Jesus was not of a single parent; he was not adopted. He was part of the design of the Almighty God – a holy family: mother, father and child. The Holy Family gives us the model on how-to live-in a world of ambiguity, uncertainty and brokenness.

As a husband and wife, Joseph and Mary (while heavy with child) sacrificed to make a long and tiring journey to Bethlehem under Joseph's direction. Later, Joseph again trusted God's direction taking them into Egypt, then later again to Nazareth to raise Jesus in a town that was looked down upon by many. The lives of the Holy Family teach us that our ways are not God's ways. They did not have it easy. They too had to trust in God, trust in one another and to lovingly accept the God-given role each had in their family. We should take comfort in this. The families today should trust more in God and trust that their efforts (as tough as they may become) will bear fruits that will last.

When we meditate on the creche (Nativity) this Christmas season, let us remember The Holy Family, Jesus Mary and Joseph who were not exempt from crosses in life but rather accepted what was before them with trust and surrender to God Almighty who has all things in His hands. Jesus is our Peace. Jesus is our Hope. Jesus is our Joy. We can find and live these virtues in our own daily family lives by following the model of The Holy Family. Merry Christmas!

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain



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Sick & Wake Report – as of November 22, 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, FDD, PGK	-Frank Uvenio
-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD	-Tony O'Hare
-Dan Taylor	-Bill Horn
-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	-Chuck Hollis, FDD, PGK
-Larry Rivera, PGK	-Eli DeFalco

Relatives & Friends

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-Tim O'Hare, son of Tony O'Hare
-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
-Maryann Ragone, Columbiette
-Nancy, wife of Ken Florio
-Linda, daughter of Tony Tulli
-Residents and staff of the Paramus Veterans Home
-Elaine Perrotto, sister of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo
-Carmela Marti, mother of Anthony Marti
-Louise Zucker, sister of Bob Knott, and her unborn grandchild Paisley Zuckerberg
-Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood
-Robert O'Donnell, friend of GK Gerry Flood
-Margaret Flood, mother of GK Gerry Flood
-Nancy, wife of Paul Hecker
-Maggie, wife of Bob Feigle
-Mary B. Roache, mother of our Chaplain, Fr. Dermot Roche, S.M.A.
-Carolyn, wife of Albert Burton

Wake List

-Marie Pugliese, sister of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo
-Frank Buonarota

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.

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's Report

Brothers,

As we enter the final month of 2021, we look back at the effects of the pandemic and Tropical Storm Ida on our Council and say farewell to the troubles. Ringing in the new year, the carpet in the dining room should be replaced and we will celebrate with a different kind of New Year's Eve party.

We ask only that you remember – your participation increases the impact of our charitable works. Your help and attendance at our events assist those with special needs, those who are hungry and so many others that benefit from our donations.

Have a safe and joyous Christmas as we look forward to a great 2022.

. . . as a fraternity of brothers, we can accomplish great things and make a difference!

Vivat Jesus!

Brian O'Dowd, DGK

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen and Columbiettes:

Council # 1345 is sponsoring a bus to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on Friday, January 21, 2022. The bus holds 55 passengers. Cost will be \$15.00 per person and MUST be paid before the ride. Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187 to make reservations.

Gentlemen and Ladies, do not lose hope. There are good reasons to have hope for the repeal of Roe V Wade: Ultrasound initiatives, saving the Hyde Amendment and Dr. Christie's column in the Wall Street Journal about the obsolete science behind Roe v. Wade demonstrating how today's ultrasounds show that babies are alive and HUMAN.

Every life is precious and created with dignity and potential. There is no constitutional right to abortion, yet nearly 50 years since Roe v Wade was wrongly decided, more than 62 million children have been the tragic victims of abortion. It is long past time for the Supreme Court to right this wrong.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held **VIRTUALLY** on Monday, December 20th at 8PM due to the ongoing repair work in the Council Hall. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. Please contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for the login and password. The Zoom link will be sent out before the meeting.

From the News Desk

Best wishes to any member celebrating a Birthday or Special Occasion in December.

George Di Costanzo, DD, FFS, PGK.

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11th from 7 pm to 11 pm and will feature Panorama Music. The Family Style sit-down dinner will consist of an egg nog welcome, assorted hors d'oeuvres, traditional holiday turkey meal with all the fixings, dessert, coffee, & tea. Cash bar. RSVPM REQUIRED by emailing kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com or calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333. The cost is \$40 per person.

Blood Drive

For 2021 we have coordinated with the Calvary Methodist United Church to host a drive every two months in Dumont. The next drive is Tuesday December 28th from 12 noon to 6 pm at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). An appointment is required to donate. You can schedule your appointment by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or going to <https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/appointment/drive/1343073>. Social distancing practices will be followed. Don't forget your mask.

Laissez Les Bons Temps Roule

Save the date. On Saturday February 26th from 7PM – 11PM we will be celebrating Mardi Gras with live entertainment from Julian and Dominique. Come ready to earn your beads!! More info to follow next month.

Financial Secretary Report

It is that time of year again, so please keep an eye out in your mail for your 2022 Dues notice. Remember, by paying during the first round, you save the Council the additional postage (and volunteer manpower) to collect delinquencies. As always, if this is a difficult time for you, please contact me at 516-220-9333 and we can address the issue. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Ken Armellino, FS, PGK

New Year's Eve Celebration

I want to invite everyone to a New Year's Eve celebration at our Council. We missed last year's celebration because of Covid, so this year we want to get together to celebrate the New Year from 6:30PM–10:30pm at the Council Hall. We will have appetizers, salad and a pasta meal with meatballs and sausages. We will pipe in some holiday music. Because of the great response we received to our plea for donations to repair our Council Home, I am humbly requesting a \$10 donation per person to attend this event. We will have a cash bar available -soda and water will be free. I need a firm head count by December 17, 2021. There will be no reservations taken after December 17. I need at least 50 attendees to confirm their attendance by December 17, 2021. If you want to attend, email me at smmartin1013@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

*Friday, December 3rd Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— 6:05PM;
Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's, 8:30 PM-Overnight*

Saturday, December 11th Annual Christmas Party

Thursday, December 16th Colleen Rainer Talk at St. John's

Monday, December 20th Regular Council Meeting, 8:00PM (Virtual)

Saturday, December 25th Christmas

Tuesday, December 28th Blood Drive at Council, 12PM-6PM

Columbiette Report

*"Run, run Rudolph, Santa's gotta make it to town
Santa, make him hurry, tell him he can take the freeway down
Run, run Rudolph 'cause I'm reelin' like a merry-go-round"*
(Chuck Berry, 1958)

It's that time of year once again and as always, hard to believe! As much as we wanted this new year to be "normal" we still faced many challenges, but we proved that together, we do many great things! In following in our principle of Charity, we held two very successful drives (a scarf drive and shoe drive) and we also donated to various local charities.

As the Covid virus is still with us we had decided to postpone our 15 Year Anniversary celebration this year. We look forward to celebrate in the Spring of 2022, Happy 15-16-17 years to us!

As we look forward to the new year approaching let us all continue to be safe and pray for one another.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year.

Here's to a Fantastic 2022!

Peace,

Roberta Elwell, Past President

Insurance Corner

To my Friends and Brother Knights,
I want to begin this letter by thanking you for the love and support you gave me through this very sad and difficult time. For those that don't yet know, after a long battle with diabetes, heart and kidney disease, followed by a prolonged and painful hospital stay, I lost my wife Sandy. She was very young. Some would say too young to have gone through this. Many of you have reached out personally to offer your condolences, as have your councils. I am so grateful!

This brings me to the point of these newsletter articles. I cannot tell you enough how much the protection offered by the Knights has helped, both emotionally AND financially. Who knew (other than your field agent) how much funerals cost, not to mention the hospice and other out-of-pocket expenses after a 30-day stay at two different hospitals?

This is not a subject anyone wants to think about; but it is one everyone NEEDS to think about. Please call me to schedule a

review of your plan to protect your family. You can reach me by phone or text at (201) 745-2723 or by email at Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org.

Yours in Christ,
Enrique Blanco, PGK
Field Agent

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Report

We are moving forward with the next step of restoring our Council Hall. If you were at Italian Night, you gave our new dance floor its first real test. We will be replacing the carpet in the main hall on December 20 and 21. Both of these needed repairs would not have been possible without the overwhelming response for donations we received from our membership and friends. We are still receiving donations and it's not too late to send a donation if you have not yet done so. I and the Twin Boro Columbian Club officers extend to all a Merry Christmas.

Steven Martin TBCC President

Pride in Priests Dinner



Grand Knight Gerry Flood and several St. John's Council officers and past officers at the annual Pride in Priests Dinner with Fr. Ray Filipski (l), Msgr. Richard Arnholds (c), and Chaplain Fr. Dermot Roache (r) in front row.

Knight of the Month



Congratulations to Bob Knott, who was named by Grand Knight Gerry Flood as Knight of the Month for the month of October.

Also, **Congratulations** to Bob Feigle, who was named by Grand Knight Gerry Flood as the Knight of the Month for the month of November. Our sincere apologies to Bob, but no picture is available.

Thanks to both brothers for all of their hard work!