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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and friends,

With December upon us, we have the opportunity to look back on all that happened in the year that's nearly gone, both in our personal lives and here at the Council. But as Catholic Christians, we look ahead -- the season of Advent is filled with hope and anticipation!

We look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Christmas Party. If you haven't been to a Council event recently, please consider this a personal invitation to join us.

On behalf of Rosemarie and my family, I wish you a beautiful and peace-filled Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,

Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

God is with us!

As we approach Christmas, we hear God's promise that there will be joy and peace among mankind. Carols and songs during this season speak of the same. But these are not just words and feelings that we share but rather an actual experience of the presence of God in our midst. He is called Emmanuel! God is with us!

The Christmas proclamation from the gospel of John reminds us about the tension between light and darkness, a conflict that has been deeply rooted from the beginning. The world today seems to be in the throes of this tension. It's like we are under a heavy cloud of darkness, despair, anxiety and fear. We all seek the light. We want clarity and truth. This is all the more reason for us to hear the words of Isaiah summoning us to "see the salvation of our God" (Is 52:10) through Christ Jesus, our Lord! The real message of Christmas is a vibrant one that comes straight from heaven: God will not allow darkness to have the last word! The darkness from Satan's world will not defeat us. God's empowering presence at Christmas makes it possible for us to experience grace (Jn 1:16). God's free gift of grace to us is the life that has come to us at Christmas through Christ.

Christmas is the fulfillment of God's saving plan in the world, the beginning of God's presence among us, the ultimate triumph of good over evil, and the beginning of the end of the forces of suffering and death. At Christmas life comes to us in Jesus. Jesus is the reason for the season. That life in Him brings joy because He offers us a hope that will save us! When we wish one another a Merry Christmas, be conscious that we are proclaiming this joyful hope of Jesus Christ's saving power especially to the sad and lonely.

God bless you all. God bless America. Merry Christmas!

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain



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Healing and Wake Report

As of November 21, 2022

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, please call Jim Callahan: 201-655-2634.

Notice: The Healing 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.

Members

-Don Wuertz	-DGK Brian O'Dowd
-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD	-Mike Corrado
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-Bill Horn	-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock
-Chuck Hollis, FDD, PGK	-Larry Rivera, PGK
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-Emil Harris	-John Person
-John Cleary	-Michael Siano
-Lou Sciarrino	-Matt Connell
-John Cronin	-John McGill, PGK, PFN
-Andrew Mirto	-Joseph Kiernan
-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain	-John McHugh

Relatives & Friends

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-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;
-Nancy, wife of Ken Florio
-Elaine Perrotto, sister of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo
-Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood
-Nancy, wife of Paul Hecker
-Great Niece of Fr. Ray Filipski
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan
-Maryanne Ragone, Columbiette
-Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarrino
-Laura Hurley, daughter of James Hurley
-Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK
-Stephen De Noia, son of Joe De Noia
-Frank Polise Sr., father of Frank Polise Jr.
-Mike Monopli, father-in-law of Frank Polise Jr.
-Laura Labetti, Columbiette President
-Gaetano Formoso, father of Tom Formoso
-Herb Meyers, FSD and wife Ann
-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
-Mary Graham, wife of John Graham

Wake

-Tim O'Hare, son of Tony O'Hare

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 or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

A big thank you to Jim Callahan and Anthony Marti for their presentation of the Concert for Peace: Salute to our Veterans. Although a nasty rainy night, the crowd was well entertained by The Mondays. Also on hand was Shadow the therapy dog, who assists veterans with his visits. Current donations will go directly to the New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN). Great job brothers!

Do you know the Muffin Man...well, we do! It is our own Frank Gallacher, PGK, PFN, who successfully chaired our very first Muffin Sale at St. John's Church. Used as a community builder, muffins were donated by the council and all proceeds will go directly to St. John's Church for them to use as they see fit. Thank you, Frank!

With the Advent season upon us, I invite you to join us for our annual Christmas to be held on December 10 at the council. Music will be provided by Panoramic Music and it is bound to be a fun evening of food, fun and friends. So come on down. Make sure you RSVP to Ken Armellino at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to save your spot.

From my family to yours, I wish you all the Peace befitting this beautiful season and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2023!!!

*Chuck Hollis, FDD
Deputy Grand Knight*

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

The TBCC will host a **New Years Eve Party** from 6-10 PM. We hosted this event last year and about 35 people attended. It's a very informal affair during which we can celebrate with friends. We will have a small buffet, egg nog and a cash bar. We will have some holiday music played for your enjoyment. The charge will be \$10 and I would ask that anyone interested in attending, contact me directly at 201-669-8236. Happy New Year!

Steve Martin TBCC President, DD, PGK

Save the Date! Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources Talk

On **Sunday January 15th**, at 1:30 pm at the Council Hall, Debbie Provencher, Director of the Lighthouse Resource Pregnancy Resource Center, located in South Hackensack, NJ, will speak on the mission and work of the Center. After a Q&A session, light refreshments will be served.

Dr. Geoff Sadock, Lecturer

Respect Life Report

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and have a holy, glorious Christmas!

Women who become pregnant have more than one life at stake: theirs and the child's. Even if rape or incest is involved, there are still three lives involved with separate heartbeats. "Live Action" has answers to all the questions regarding LIFE. Please subscribe and support "Live Action".

Matt Connell, Chairman

From the News Desk

Best wishes to any member celebrating a birthday or special occasion in December. Especially Patti Martin Dec 12, Michele Orsino Dec 13, John Orsino Dec 28

Wishing a very Merry Christmas to all our members and their families! Spend quality time with those you love.

George Di Costanzo, DD, FFS, PGK

Columbiette Report

*"So merry Christmas, one and all,
There's no place I'd rather be,
Than askin' you if you'd oblige,
Steppin' into Christmas with me"*
(Elton John, 1973)

Our next Columbiette meeting, on December 21st, will be a short one so that we can have a **Pot Luck Dinner Christmas Party**. We ask all who are attending if they can bring a "dish" to share. Also, we will be playing a Christmas Gift game of Steal/No Steal. All those who wish to participate are asked to bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$20-\$25. We are planning to 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 December meeting or you can mail your dues to our Financial Secretary, Genine Armellino, 60 Dance Blvd. Dumont, NJ 07628.

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

*Peace,
Roberta Elwell, Past President*

Join the KoC #1345 Prayer Chains!

Wednesday Prayers for Peace Chain – Please pause and join our fellow Knights, Columbiettes, friends and family **every Wednesday at 12 noon** as we come together in spirit and prayer to pray: one Our Father in solidarity with the Ukraine people and for peace in that region; one additional Our Father for peace and healing in other places around the world and in our nation; the Peace Prayer of St. Francis; and, finish with one Hail Mary, to request the blessing of all our members, family, and friends, especially those who are ill or that are grieving.

Advent Prayer - As we prepare for the coming of Jesus during Advent, beginning November 27th and **every Sunday at 6 pm** during Advent, join fellow Knights and Sister Columbiettes as we come together in spirit and prayer to pray the following Advent prayer: "**Jesus, you have given us this time to pray, study, reflect, help and celebrate. May this Advent be a happy time, as we prepare our lives and homes for you. Amen.**" Note: if you wish you may light an Advent candle during ofr following the Advent prayer.

Dates to Remember

Friday, Dec. 2nd Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 PM**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **8:30 PM**
Saturday, Dec. 10th Christmas Party at the Council – **7:00 PM**
Friday, Dec. 16th Social at the Council - **7:00 PM**
Monday, Dec. 19th Council Meeting – **8:00 PM**
Wed, Dec. 21st Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 PM**
Saturday, Dec. 31st New Years Eve Party – **6:00-11:00 PM**
Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

Eucharistic Adoration and St. John's Men's Cornerstone

Brother Bob Knott asks that you contact him if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Bob at 201-675-2802 or email him at knottrj@optimum.net for more information.

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 19th at 8PM. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter "1345" for the user and "armour" (case sensitive) for the password.

Friday Social - December 16th

Come down to the council on Friday December 16th to enjoy the musical sounds of Dave Lang and Margie, write a Holiday letter for the students of Uvalde Texas and maybe make a Christmas decoration. Santa may make a special visit! Cash bar available. Snacks will be provided.

Sunday Football Socials

Come down on Sundays (December 4th, 11th and 18th) at 1PM for NFL games. Enjoy the company of fellow Knights and friends; watch the NFL games, World Cup action and other sports, play darts, pool, etc. Snacks and cash bar available. Watch the **World Cup Final** on Sunday, December 18th at 10 AM.

November Muffin Sale

The Council hosted a Muffin Sale outside St John's Church, in Bergenfield, on Saturday November 12th and Sunday November 13th. A total of \$350 was raised and will be presented to St. John's Church. Thanks to all the brothers who helped out and to Frank Gallacher who organized the event.

How Can Homebound Members Be More Involved with the Council?

Prayer Chains - Join in the Prayers for Peace on Wednesdays or the Advent Prayers on Sundays (see article on Page 3). **Cooking** - Perhaps you enjoy cooking and share a favorite at an upcoming social or other event. Someone can drop it off at the council or we can pick it up.

Letter Writing - We will be collecting Holiday/thank you letters for the veterans and Holiday letters for students in Uvalde Texas. We collected letters for the Ukraine refugees earlier this year. You can start your own Letter writing activity.

Council Facebook Page - Join and share on the Council Facebook page. We would love to hear from you.

Calls - Make telephone calls to fellow Knights and Columbiettes for the Holidays, or just a courtesy call.

For more information and to get more involved text or call Jim Callahan at 201-655-2634

RESOLUTION: Adjustment of Dues for 2023

WHEREAS, St. John's Council #1345 is committed to the needs of our Church and Community,
AND WHEREAS, the Grand Knight and Officers have reviewed the upcoming needs of the Council and its current state of financial affairs,

AND WHEREAS, due to decreased attendance at fundraising events and the increase in the cost of providing goods and services to charitable needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the dues as outlined in the Bylaws of St. John's Council #1345 shall be increased beginning in 2023 to \$40 for an Associate Member, and \$15 for an Honorary Member; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Financial Secretary accordingly be authorized to collect the dues as per this resolution after proper review and authorization by the Council's membership as described in the Bylaws.

Reviewed, and agreed upon by Grand Knight Gerry Flood, and the Financial Committee.

Dues Notices

Please note Dues Notices for the 2023 Calendar year are scheduled to be mailed by the final week of January. **PLEASE** upon receipt do your best to make prompt payment so the Council is spared the additional printing and postage expenses associated with the Second Notice. Last year these additional notices cost the Council almost \$600 – money that could serve our Charities well. As always, if when you receive your Dues Notice and you have a situation that makes it difficult to pay, please contact Grand Knight Gerry Flood or Financial Secretary Kenneth Armellino to address the situation. All inquiries remain **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Fellow Knight Profile – Bob Feigle

Where there is a need there is a Knight, and for Council 1345, that Knight is Bob Feigle. Bob is a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and yet he makes time for the Knights. Among his many tasks, Bob bartends, cooks for Columbian Club and Council events, and helps keep the Council building looking top notch and ready for rentals and other events. Thanks to Bob, the Sunday Football Socials are back, and he has contributed to the success of many other events this year, including the well-attended May Brunch and the recent Trunk or Treat with the St. Therese Council. Oh, did we mention that Bob is also a Columbian Club trustee? Thanks Bob for all you do!

Toys For Tots

Our **Council Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 10, 2022**. A great evening will be had for all our guests - great food and entertainment is our staple. We will have a basket at the party for donations of unwrapped toys for children who may not be fortunate to receive Christmas gifts. Please consider a donation for this great cause. See you on December 10!

