



The Knight Times



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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Reverend Fathers, Family and Friends,

Merry Christmas, may the joy at the Birth of our Lord be with you all this beautiful season of Advent! At this beautiful time of the year, a time where we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, we should reflect on what we have completed this past year. Was I a good father/mother? A good son/daughter? Did I give my best in everything I attempted to do? You would be surprised by the answers you can come up with. I know sometimes the decisions I make may not be popular, but in my mindset, they are the correct ones to make, for the good of everyone I am involved with.

I would like to thank our Chaplain Father Dermot for presiding over our Memorial Mass. It was well attended and our members who have passed were remembered fondly. I would also like to thank our DGK Bob Knott and Warden Bill Flores on the outstanding job they did with our second Feeding the Needy at Thanksgiving for the people of our parishes. Thanks also go out to Bob Feigle for his help in setting up the Hall. We served/delivered over 50 meals expertly cooked by our resident chef Jim Kelly and his crew of Don Morrell and Tonu Schiralli. Great job gentlemen, great job! As with all events we hold, we can consider it a recruitment drive, with that in mind we recruited two new members, a wonderful way to end a function!

Some nights to remember. Our Friday night social will be held on December 8 at 8:00 pm. Music will be provided by Dave and Margie. A hot snack will be provided and a cash bar be available. I hope to see you all there. Our Council Christmas party will be held on December 16 at 7:00 pm. Music will be provided by Panorama Music and there will even be a visit by the guy in the red suit! \$50.00 includes dinner, dancing and beer, wine or soda.

Please remember that we do not say Happy Holidays or Seasons greetings...we say MERRY CHRISTMAS. And that is what I wish for all of you, your families and friends. May the love of our newborn Lord be with you throughout this blessed time and the upcoming year. May God continue to bless the USA and especially the brothers, sisters, families and friends of St. John's Council #1345. Nollaig Shona!

Chuck Hollis, Grand Knight, FDD

Chaplain's Message: Can You Hear This Baby Cry?

I have been blessed over the last 10 years to work with a lay evangelist from the Philadelphia area named Kathleen McCarthy. She and I team up and give retreats together from time to time. Spiritually gifted is an understatement. One must experience it. She has also remained a prolific writer, yet her work for the most part remains unknown. Years ago, Mrs. Mc Carthy wrote a Christmas poem called "Can You Hear This Baby Cry." Because it is a long piece, I wish only to share the second part which for each of us will resonate in the very depths of our hearts. It is the essence of 'Keeping Christ in Christmas.' Ponder with gratitude these words...

"This newborn baby infant boy who was born of Mary's flesh; had His little Sacred Heart tucked in His tiny chest. Mary kissed His outstretched hands and caressed His little feet; Being unaware of course, that nails would pass through each.

This warm and tender baby boy so flawless and unmarred; would one day hang upon the cross, bloody, pain-racked and scarred.

Can you hear this baby cry? He cries for you and I. For all the sins we will commit; for you and I He'll die.

He will do it so each of us will live, forever, through His birth. So we will never ever forget -what each of us is worth."

Wishing you all a blessed and Merry Christmas!!!

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Healing and Wake Report

As of November 30, 2023

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.

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-John Graham	-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain
-Mike Cremin	-Andrew Santulli

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-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray
-Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio
-Nancy Hecker, wife of Paul Hecker
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan
-Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarino
-Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK
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-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
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-Lynda Manson, Mother of St John's Pastor, Fr. Sean
-Francine Corbo, wife of George Corbo
-Isaac Alcantara, friend of Jim Callahan
-**John Roache, father of Fr. Dermot Roache**

Wake

-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 or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

November seems to have come and gone very quickly but it was a good month for our council. Our muffin sale at St. John's was once again a success in raising funds for the church and reinforcing the presence of the knights in the parish. Thanks to all who helped make that happen!

A second important event was our Thanksgiving Dinner for the Needy on November 25th, our second year of doing what we hope to make an annual tradition. It was a great team effort. Thanks to all who cooked, prepared, served, and delivered meals to folks unable to come that day. We even brought in two potential new Knights by personal invitation!

The Christmas Social and Christmas Party are right around the corner and then we are into January and the new year. Please put Friday, January 19th, 2024 on your radar: the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Led by PGK Gerry Flood, our council is reserving two buses for the March. We are looking to get other councils in the Bergen Federation to join us, as well as to get our local parishioners involved. Since the defeat of Roe v. Wade, the fight to protect the unborn has intensified. The March enables us to gather as faithful people to pray and to demonstrate to the powers that be, that the American people do care about protecting the unborn from the horrors of unrestricted access to abortion. Vivat Jesus!

Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

The Officers and Trustees of the Twin Boro Columbian Club want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. The TBCC will host a New Year's Eve social starting at 7:00 pm. A light buffet and a cash bar will be available. We are asking for a \$10 donation to help defray the cost of the buffet. If you plan to attend, please call me to reserve at 201-669-8236 by December 26th. Come enjoy a relaxing evening with friends to greet the New Year of 2024.

Lastly, thanks to the efforts of the TBCC Officers (Mike Rowley, Tom Formoso and Adrian Miller), our Trustees (Bob Feigle, Anthony Marti and Paul Hecker), our engineering consultant (Ken Armellino) and all our volunteers (Jeff Meeks, Mike Reidy, Jim Brooks, Juan Melendez, Jim Kelly, Tony Schiralli, Frank Fundaro, John Mc Hugh, Frank Gallacher, Jill Moriarty and the Ilano brothers Arturo and Michael), we have made significant upgrades in the ladies room. Also, thank to everyone's efforts, we have been able to upgrade the Lounge by installing new carpet and wood laminate flooring. I can't wait for everyone to see it! Vivat Jesus!

Steven Martin, Proud TBCC President

March for Life March and Mass

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and Friends,

I ask you to take a moment and think about the following question: "Abortion is the most significant human rights abuse of our time. Will you take a stand?" I know that the answer is yes and I would like to think that you could put these words into actions. So please consider joining myself with other Knights, Columbiettes and friends on our annual March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 19th, 2024.

This years theme is "With every woman, for every child". We propose to send two buses. We will leave St. John's parking lot at 6:00 am sharp, stopping briefly on the way down, attending the rally and participating in the March. We will also have a stop on the return journey. I would kindly ask for a donation of \$25 from each participant to help cover our costs.

Also please join us on Sunday January 14th at the SMA's in Tenafly for our annual Right to Life Mass. We will gather at 2:00 pm for Adoration and the Rosary followed by Mass at 3:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer with the readings or musical assistance please contact Fr Dermot or me.

After fifty years of marching in a peaceful and prayerful manner we have helped to overturn Roe v. Wade. The fight is not over and the opposition is fierce. I feel compelled to carry on the fight and with your help we will succeed. Remember, "We are the voice for those that have none".

Fell free to contact me for reservations or any other questions that you may have at 914-343-5508 or by email at gerryfpflood@gmail.com.

Gerry Flood, PGK, March for Life Chair

Columbiette Report

*"And in our world of plenty
We can spread a smile of joy
Throw your arms around the world
At Christmas time"
(Band Aid, 1984)*

Here comes Santa Claus! St. John's Columbiette's, who have been **VERY GOOD** this year, are welcoming St. Nick to our council on Sunday, December 10 from 2pm to 5pm. This is a "Sensory Santa Event", open for individuals with sensory needs and their friends and families. Low background music will be playing and the lights dimmed. Also featured will be a tTwist Balloon Artist, Face Painter and professional photography with free digital photos of Santa available. Arts and crafts & goodie bags also, while supplies last! Desserts, coffee and tea will be served and a cash bar is available. Admission is free (\$5 suggested donation). Reservations are requested, so please call Nina DiCostanzo at 201-310-2930 or email at ninad70@aol.com or Genine Armellino at 917-992-2011 call or text by December 8th.

The money raised from our fundraising events (like this one) held during the year goes to support various local charities. Our recent "Sputdtacular" event all of the proceeds was donated to local food pantries.

We are always looking for new members. Do you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a Columbiette? Talk with your friends and neighbors and have them join in the fun while supporting those in need. For membership information please contact President Genine Armellino at 917-992-2011 or email her at genine810@yahoo.com.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year!
Peace!

Roberta Elwell, Past President

Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

Fri, Dec. 1st Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **8:30 pm**
Fri, Dec. 8th Christmas Social – **8:00 pm**
Sun, Dec. 10th Sensory Santa – **2:00 pm**
Mon, Dec. 11th Officers Meeting – **7:30 pm**
Wed, Dec. 13th Columbiettes Meeting – **7:00 pm**
Sat, Dec. 16th Christmas Party - **7:00 pm**
Mon, Dec. 18th Council Meeting - **8:00 pm**
Sun, Dec. 31st New Year's Eve Social - **7:00 pm**

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:45 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Christmas Social – Friday, December 8th

Fellow Knights, Columbiettes and friends, join us at the Council for an evening of Christmas Cheer. A hot snack will be served and a cash bar is available. Admission is free and doors open at 8 pm. Back by popular demand, entertainment will be provided by Dave and Margi.

Blood Drive – December 11th

The next blood drive is Monday December 11th from 2PM Noon to 8PM at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). This is an easy way to save multiple lives. An appointment is encouraged to donate. You can schedule your appointment by going to https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/56296 or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

Christmas Party - December 16th


Join your fellow Knights, Columbiettes and invite your friends and families to the annual Christmas Party Dinner & Dance on **Saturday December 16th from 7 pm – 11 pm**. This special evening always includes a great traditional holiday meal, plus lots of dancing with live music from our favorite band **PANORAMA!** Details to follow shortly (look for the flyer in the December *Knight Times*). Want to save a seat now? Call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

2024 Council Dues

Keep an eye on your mailbox, dues notices will be going out this month. Please remember your **PROMPT** payment of dues keeps expenses down, and avoids the time required for follow-ups. For your convenience an online payment option will once again be available (for a small service charge). As always, if your dues present a hardship for you, please reach out to the Financial Secretary Ken Armellino at 516-220-9333 or the Grand Knight at 201-314-8599. All inquiries are kept confidential.



Fr. Dermot Roache leading the Memorial Mass





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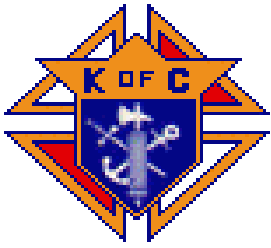
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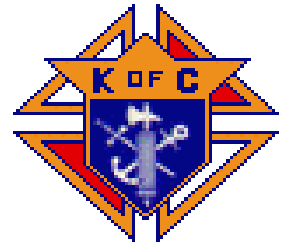


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ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

- PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL -



CHRISTMAS PARTY

On

Saturday December 16th

From

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm



This classic Christmas meal will be accompanied by great entertainment, good friends, and the Christmas Spirit.

Please bring a donation of baby diapers, formula or wipes to assist a local pregnancy center this holiday season.

Tap Beer, Wine & Soda Included

FAMILY STYLE SIT-DOWN MENU

WELCOME GLASS OF EGG NOG

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PORK LOIN, GRAVY, MASHED POTATO

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& STRINGBEANS

COFFEE, TEA, & DESSERT

CORDIAL BAR

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT will be provided by

Panorama Music

Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early!

RSVP REQUIRED! Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or

email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$50 PER PERSON!



St. John Columbiette's



Sensory Santa Event

December 10, 2023 2pm-5pm

61 Armour Pl, Dumont, NJ

Admission is free (Suggested donation of \$5)

Reservations are requested please call Nina

DiCostanzo at 201-310-2930 or email at

ninad70@aol.com or Genine Armellino at

★ 917-992-2011 call or text by 12/8/2023. ★

**Twist balloon artist, face painter and professional
photography w/ free digital photos of Santa available.**



**Desserts, coffee and tea will be served
and Cash Bar available.**



Open for individuals with sensory needs and their friends & families.

Low background music will be playing and lights dimmed.

Arts and crafts and goodie bags available while supplies last.

Toy Drive

for

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for children with cancer

Knights of Columbus St. John's Council #1345 and Tri-Valley Family Restaurant will be collecting new unwrapped toys for The Tomorrow Fund for children with cancer.

Toys may be dropped off at:

**Tri-Valley Family Restaurant
366 Knickerbocker Rd, Dumont, NJ**

**Sunday November 27 through
Monday December 18th.**



For more Information call Jim C. at 201-655-2634

Blood Drive



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Monday Dec. 11th, 2023
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Appointments strongly recommended.

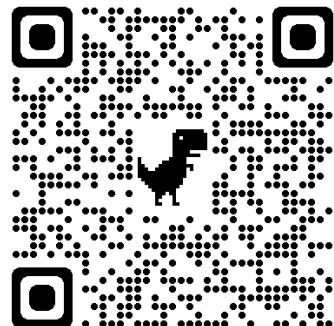
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- * Bring ID
- * Eat a meal before donation
- * Drink plenty of water before and after donation

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