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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

I can't believe how fast January seems to have flown by, and we all know in a blink February will be gone as well, despite having an extra day this year. February tends to be a quieter month for us at the Council, so sit back and enjoy the time as we move into the Lenten season at the end of the month. I want to thank those who helped make the first Mass for Life something special, and it's already on the calendar again for January 10, 2021. The fundraiser afterward allowed us to donate \$600 to local pregnancy centers supporting those choosing life.

We also at the time I am writing this preparing for the Fr. Murray Dinner Dance, following a new format of having a Mass, and then an afternoon Dinner Dance. This event as always is very special for our Council and I am confident in it, and will be successful as well due to everyone that participates.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

FEBRUARY – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Holy Mother Church dedicates each month to a particular devotion, saint or attribute. Some are yearly staples such as the months of May in honor of The Blessed Virgin Mary, June in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and October dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. January began the New Year 2020 honoring the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and in now in February, we turn to the entire Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

How fitting is this honor marking the Holy Family's entrance into the Temple as they follow their Jewish traditions presenting the first-born son to the Lord. It is significant because it was here that the old Simeon recognized Jesus as the Christ and prophesizes not only His greatness but His Mother's greatness through her Immaculate Heart "...a sword too shall pierce your heart..."

And even more - in sending His Son to earth as a Baby, born into a family, God the Father elevated the family beyond a mere natural institution. Our own family life reflects that lived by Christ, in obedience to His mother and foster father.

Both as children and as parents, we can take comfort in the fact that we have the perfect model of the family before us in the Holy Family.

The final frontier for Satan's fury is the family – obviously we now know why. Thus, this becomes a call for fathers to take charge of their households and become great leaders of prayer. The family lacks unity because it lacks prayer. The family is in disintegration because there is a spiritual disintegration within. Turn to the Holy Family for refuge, example and strength in these difficult times. Turn to St. Joseph the quiet strong man – fearless and convicted; Mary persistent, gentle and firm. Keep your eyes on Jesus our One and True Savior.

Let us stand tall and with courage and pray and consecrate our families to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Entrust your family members to their care and never give up! May God restore holiness to our families again. Amen.

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 Jan 20, 2020

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
- Nick Albano
- Dick Dorozynski
- Jim Mc Entee
- Brendan Thornton
- Bill Horn
- John P. Mc Hugh
- Dan Taylor
- John McGill, PGK
- Dave Benson, PGK
- Tom Formoso**
- Jim Whelan
- Larry Rivera, PGK**
- Matt Connell
- Bill Connington, PGK
- Antonio Fundaro
- Arthur Flynn**

Relatives & Friends

- 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
- Greg, husband of Columbiette Barbara McEllen.**
- 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.
- Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
- Tom Hyer, FDD, friend of our Council.

Wakes

Members: none.

Relatives/Friends: **Jacob Michelsen, infant son of Matthew Michaelsen.**

Seminarian Support

Remember our seminarian's Moris Montoya and John March in your prayers. If you can, send them a card 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, PFN.

Mark Your Calendar

1. "Meatless" Irish Night Social - **Friday, Mar. 13th**, 7-11pm. Baked potatoes with a variety of toppings.
2. Columbiettes 15th Anniversary; **Sunday, Mar. 15th**, 5pm Mass at Council, followed with reception.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in February. Birthday wishes to Dom Panfile Jan. 30th.

Chancellor-Membership Report

Our Council's third degree is scheduled for Friday February 7, 2020. If you are available that evening, please come down to observe the degree and congratulate the fine gentlemen who will be taking their final step into Knighthood.

As I have said often, recruiting is not just a seasonal event – but we are in the planning stages of our spring drives at St. Mary's, St. John's and the SMA. As always, please don't forget to ask the men that you meet at church - Are you a Knight?

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 when you call, please leave a message and I will call you back.

Brian O'Dowd, Membership

Financial Secretary Report

1. Thank you to all the members who paid their dues in January. You helped save the Council some extra effort.
2. If you did not pay, February 2nd Notices will be mailed the first week of February. This is a FINAL NOTICE and must be paid by end of February.
3. Thank you to our Honorary Life members for their prompt donations to our Scholarship.

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,PFN

Respect Life Report

Gentleman—By the time you receive this The March for LIFE will have taken place in Washington DC on Friday January 24th. St John's Council and Church provided 2 busses to the March. Father Ray Filipski and Father Dermot Roache were there. Gerry Flood (God Bless Him) was in charge of the Knights bus. (I could not make it- health reasons)

As usual the fake media never tells the public how many marchers there were. About 600 to 700 THOUSAND marchers attend. The Media never tells how many, they just say there was a March. Period. Only EWTN which broadcasts the whole March will tell you the truth.

LIFE- how come it is deplorable to deport children across our southern border BUT it is OK to kill children in the womb. I do not understand. Again I will say that the Supreme Court made Slavery legal in the Dredd Scott decision and Abortion legal in Roe Vs Wade decision. Both decisions absolutely WRONG. Thank God Slavery (Dredd Scott) has been reversed to make Slavery ILLEGAL. Hopefully and prayerfully Roe v Wade will be corrected as well and SOON.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Matt Connell, whom I have recognized as Knight of the Month for January. Matt has led the Right to Life Committee and Bus Trip for our Council for many years, and it's success and prominence continues to grow thanks to him. Matt spends countless hours coordinating fundraising through the Rose Drive, Coordinating the multiple Parishes, and in his spare time fighting local Town Councils in order to get them to fly the Right to Life Flag. When you see Matt please congratulate him.



Left: GK Ken Armellino presenting January Knight of the Month to Matt Connel. On the right, GK Ken Armellino presenting December Knight of the Month to George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

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.

The first Principle of our Order is Charity, and charity is enabled by Service, which enables us to raise money for fund-raising, which in turn is given to Charitable organizations, beginning with supporting our parish Churches.

If you are retired and 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.

If you are NOT retired, then consider volunteering just 4 hours one-time when you are available. **JUST ONE TIME - 4 HOURS**, that would be a major help to us.

No experience is necessary for any of these positions, just an interest in volunteering. Thank you.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

February Lecture – Dr. Michael Giuliano, M.D.

The lecture series will resume prior to our regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Feb. 17. The lecture will begin at 7PM. We will be fortunate to hear from Dr. Michael Giuliano, a medical doctor who is also an ordained Permanent Deacon regarding his Spiritual journey to educate people on how some of the new and existing laws regarding life that he deals with in the medical field relate to our Faith.

The lecture is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. At 8PM we will close the Chambers for our regularly scheduled meeting.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Sun, Feb. 2	Super Bowl party 5pm.
Thurs, Feb. 6	Setup 7pm.
Fri, Feb 7	Rosary at St. Mary's 6pm. Knighthood Degree at Council 7pm.
Sat, Feb 8	Rental 7pm.
Sun, Feb 9	Rental - Eagle Scout 2pm.
Mon, Feb 10	Officer meeting 8pm.
Tues, Feb 11	Admission Degree Westwood 7pm.
Thurs, Feb 13	Setup 7pm
Fri, Feb. 14	Valentine's Day Friday Social - Special 7pm.
Sat, Feb 15	Rental - 6pm.
Sun, Feb 16	Rental - Eagle Scout 2pm.
Mon, Feb 17	President's Day - Fly your Flag. Lecture Program - 7pm; Council meeting - 8pm. Admission Degree - No Arlington 6pm.
Wed, Feb 19	Columbiettes meeting 7:30pm.
Thurs, Feb 20	Setup 7pm.
Sat, Feb 22	Rental - 7pm.
Sun, Feb 23	Bergen Federation Communion Bkft, St. Therese Breakfast at Clinton Inn.
Wed, Feb 26	Ash Wednesday - be sure to get your ashes. TBCC meeting 8pm.
Thurs, Feb 27	Setup 7pm.
Fri, Feb 28	Scouts Pasta Night 6pm.
Sat, Feb 29	Rental - 6pm.

Columbiettes Report

*"I'll reach out my hand to you
I'll have faith in all you do
Just call my name and I'll be there (I'll be there)"*
(Jackson Five, 1970)

On March 2, 1939, the first Columbiettes were instituted in New York City. Since that memorable day, many new Auxiliaries, like ours, were formed. We are proud to be part of this amazing organization as we celebrate our 15th anniversary this year on Sunday, March 15.

We will have a Mass at 5:00PM at the council hall, said by our Chaplain, Fr. Michael Barone. A dinner reception, with entertainment, will follow at the council hall.

The price is \$25.00 per person and reservations are a must! Please RSVP to Nina D at 201-338-2617 or email to: ninad70@aol.com. See flyer enclosed.

This truly is a memorable anniversary for us. Until recently when our Degree Team installed an Auxiliary at the Fair Lawn Council, we were the only Columbiette Auxiliary in Bergen County. hopefully many of our Columbiette Sisters and Brother Knights will be attending. **Happy Anniversary to US!!**
Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity

Columbian Club Report

February and March bring us a calendar filled with nine rentals plus Council and Columbiette events! I especially ask for your continued help in working these events during these two months.

We are debt free and able to donate more money while continuing with capital improvements. This year we plan on adding a new commercial dishwasher in the kitchen and a new glass door refrigerator in the bar. Both of these additions will enable us to serve our clients better while making it easier for the volunteers at each event/rental. As always thank you and God bless!
Tom Formoso, President, 201-707-9890

Special Thanks

In January the Council participated in the Coats for Kids Program, and donated 3 cases of new Children's Coats to Family Promise Shelter. These Coats will be given directly to families in need.
Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Bergen County Mass for Life & Fundraiser

On Sunday January 12th St. John's Council #1345 along with the Bergen County Federation of the Knights of Columbus celebrated a Mass for Life at the Society of African Missions followed the Liturgy. The total proceeds were \$600 and were split between the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center, and the New Hope Pregnancy Center. We will be repeating the mass and a fundraiser again next year.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Troop 1345 Report

In April 2008, the Knights of Columbus partnered with the Boy Scouts of America, and chartered a new Boy Scout troop, Troop 1345. Ivan Hannibal (Grand Knight and Youth Activities Director) was appointed the Charter Organization Representative. A few years later, Ivan Hannibal was appointed the Charter Organization Executive.

In 11 years under Ivan's guidance, the troop grew from its initial 4 scouts to an active roster of over 45 scouts. The troop has seen over 125 scouts come through its program over the past 11 years, with 32 of them attaining the highest rank in scouting, that of Eagle Scout. Ivan was no stranger to scouting, having been a member of the Boy Scouts in the Bronx, where his troop was also sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Angela Merici Parish.

In February 2019 Ivan stepped down as the Charter Organization Representative for Troop 1345, and in October 2019 he stepped down as the Charter Organization Executive for the troop.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Ivan Hannibal for his guidance and support to the scouting program throughout the years, and hope he stops by to visit his legacy from time to time when he is in New Jersey.

Ray Ziemia

Photo Gallery



NJ State Council Retreat, October 2019 at the San Alfonso Retreat House, in Long Branch, NJ.