



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

I hope you are all remaining healthy and safe. Remember if you need anything please let the Council know. Hard to believe but despite the pandemic, things are happening. We jumped into 2021 and have celebrated a Mass for Life and held a To-Go Dinner. In recognition of Respect Life Month, we contributed \$1,000 total to four pregnancy resource centers. Thanks to all who helped and contributed to these events to make their success possible.

Coming up, we have our Feeding the Homeless on February 3, our First Friday Rosary at St. Mary's on February 5, Super Bowl Social on February 7, and our Blood Drive on February 25. We ask everyone who is comfortable and healthy to participate to come out and help support the Council at these events. Also available are Deal or No Deal Raffle Tickets (\$50 each, only \$200 to be sold) for the rescheduled drawing on April 25th at 2pm. We definitely need your support for this. Also, for those with an 8th Grader going to Catholic High School, or a 12th grader going off to college, please see the details inside regarding our scholarship program.

Finally, thanks to those of you who paid your dues on time and supported our Scholarship and COVID Recovery funds. Your membership and assistance in the legacy of St. John's Council is always appreciated. If you have not yet paid, please do so ASAP.

Have a Blessed February and keep warm, Spring is just around the corner.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

THE NECESSITY OF PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance. Here's a real challenge for us! Persevering in these very difficult times of our nation and Church's history is no easy task. After this past year, we can spend all the time we want asking the questions, "Why is this happening?" And, the ever repeated, "Would we ever had thought a year ago things could be like this?" But it gets us nowhere; persevering does.

To start, let us accept that we are in this position because of sin. It is a multidimensional web we are caught in. People want to go back to the way it was. It cannot happen. That is what the Apostles did after the Resurrection, and Jesus called them out on it. Things had to change. They saw Him die and rise and yet they still wanted to do their own thing without deep reflection on what was happening in front of them. We must do the same. We must decide for God. Be on our knees and beg forgiveness and for Him alone to change fix this mess. Believe me, no leader, party, institute, vaccine or science can fix the mess we are in. Only Jesus Christ. He will do it, but He waits our decision for Him alone. That means to live His commandments in truth, to stand uncompromised and even be willing to suffer for it.

There will be a great change coming soon. Life will be lived more beautifully different, not an existence submerged in a "new normal." But for this to happen, we must ask the Lord for the grace to persevere. Now, in order to grow and persevere in the life in the Spirit, we must undergird our perseverance with self-control. Perseverance is not a mysterious quality that just one day suddenly materializes. It results from faith, virtue, discernment, and self-control (2 Pt 1:5-6). Suffering is required but do it with joy. If during these tough days ahead, we accept the graces which lead to perseverance because of our love for God, He will do great things for us. "There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure" (1 Cor 13:7). "There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13).

Without perseverance, our lives are tragic, and even Jesus' death is in vain for us (1 Cor 1:17). If we run the race of the Christian life (see 2 Tm 4:7) but don't cross the finish line, we have run the race in vain. We should daily pray above all for the grace of final perseverance (see Lk 21:19). Let it be so. God bless you.

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Sick & Wake Report – as of January 24, 2021

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

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-Bob Dondero, PGK	-John Graham
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-Michelle DeJesus, wife of Gino DeJesus
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-Donna & Rocky, Sister & Granddaughter of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
-Edward McCabe, father of Columbiette Kathy McCabe.
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-Jill, daughter of Joseph Verga
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-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 DiCostanzo
-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
-Lou Pidi

Wakes

Members: SK William Connington, PGK
SK James McEntee
SK Joseph Canucio, PGK
Columbiette Mary Kenny

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 Report

As we continue to deal with Covid-19, I encourage every member to attend our monthly Zoom meetings to stay informed with what your Council has been doing. While our activities are limited, we are still planning and holding limited events as we await the pandemic to abate.

Recently, we received a new suggested meeting format from the Supreme Council. There were two major changes - the elimination of the ode closing the meeting and an option to post the minutes of the previous meeting online for members to view. There is a link on our website to access the meeting minutes. The portion of the meeting where we would normally hear the reading of the minutes has been eliminated. During the meeting, minutes of the previous meeting will be put up for a vote of approval, or if a change is requested, that motion will be heard. This change should make the meetings move along much more quickly.

If you would like to stay informed about the workings of your Council, take a look at what goes on during our monthly meetings and be a part of our future. A password is required to access meeting minutes. You can contact the Grand Knight or myself for the access information.

Stay safe and Vivat Jesus!

Brian O'Dowd, DGK

Financial Secretary Report

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

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

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen and Columbiettes,

The March for Life is to be held Virtually on Friday, January 29th in Washington, DC starting at about 12 Noon. It was to be carried on EWTN (Ch. 68 & 135) and CFN Ch. 137 on Optimum. The Knights had a Mass for Life at the SMA Mission on Sunday January 17th 12 Noon. Father Dermot Roche celebrated. He was fabulous speaking about LIFE, especially when he used the phrase "from the womb to the tomb." We thank God we have him as our Chaplain.

There is some Good News. Abortions are down in New Jersey and the abortion mill on Zabriskie St., Hackensack is much slower. We must always remember the UNBORN in our prayers, actions and thoughts. Pray for the unborn.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday February 15th at 8PM **via Zoom**. The meeting will be available at <https://covanta.zoom.us/j/92428844591> Remember to review the minutes prior to the meeting by going to

KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter the user name and password you have received.

Knight of the Month

If you are reading this, it is because you received it in the mail. That would not be possible if not for the hard work of Frank Uvenio who coordinates a team of volunteers every month to prepare the mailing and drop it off at the Post Office. For his hard work and dedication, we recognize Frank Uvenio as Knight of the Month. Please congratulate him when you see him.

Knights of Columbus Masks Available

Thanks to the generosity of John McGill, PGK, PFN the Council has a number of Knights of Columbus "Leave No Neighbor Behind" facemasks available for distribution. If you are in need of a mask, contact Grand Knight Ken Armellino and we will arrange to get you one while they last.

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, 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. **If you do not have email, have a family member or friend sign up.** We try to only send 1 email a week. If you have any questions or need information, please send an email to us at KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Membership

Please welcome to St. John's Council #1345 our newest Third Degree Knight Frank Apablaza. Remember to ask your Catholic gentlemen friends if they would like to join the order. It has never been easier. Just go to KofC.org/join and when prompted for a local Council, enter "1345".

Superbowl Social

Join us February 7th from 5:30PM - 10PM for the BIG GAME! The Council will be open with a cash bar for you to enjoy the game on our big screens and with your fellow Knights. Appropriate social distancing and safety rules (including masks) will be strictly followed

We will be serving CHICKEN WINGS, HOT DOGS and FRENCH FRIES, as well as provide chips and other snacks. The cost is \$10 per person. Due to the capacity limits and restrictions, RSVP is REQUIRED and will be first come first serve. To RSVP, please call or text 516-220-9333 or email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

<i>Tuesday, February 2</i>	<i>Feast of the Presentation</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 3</i>	<i>Feeding the Homeless</i>
<i>Monday, February 8</i>	<i>Officers' Meeting 7:30 pm</i>
<i>Monday, February 15</i>	<i>Regular Council Meeting, 8:00 pm</i>

From the News Desk

Best wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in December.

Columbiette Report

*"I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do
They're really saying, I love you...And I think to myself,
what a wonderful world"
(Louis Armstrong, 1967)*

In keeping with the COVID 19 guidelines, our general monthly meetings have been virtual. These virtual meetings are a good way to see and talk to each other. If you don't have a computer or phone with a camera, you can still dial in on your phone and be connected to our meetings as a conference call. These virtual meetings take less time than our normal meetings as they last no longer than about 45 minutes. Please take time join us in these meetings as we have many items to discuss for our coming year and want and **NEED YOU** to be part of the discussions and decisions that we make.

Just a reminder, our co-event with the Knights, the "Deal or No Deal" raffle is coming up! The date for the drawing is April 25. Please consider purchasing a ticket even if you have bought one already. The winner will win 50% of the proceeds collected with a possible final prize to the winner of \$5,000.00. Tickets are \$50.00 but only 200 tickets are being sold. For more information, please contact Nina DiCostanzo at 201-338-2617 or email Ninad70@aol.com.

The new year of 2021 brought us a new member! Let us all welcome Patricia Vilchock, who goes by her middle name of Elizabeth. She is the daughter of Columbiette Pat Taylor. Welcome Elizabeth!

Until we can be together, stay safe, be well and please continue to pray for one another.

*Peace,
Roberta Elwell, Past President*

Insurance Report

Brothers,

Late in the afternoon on December 31st, we crossed the barrier to beat our 2019 sales (which were the highest in the history of the Order) and set a record for production in insurance sales.

This is simply amazing! In a year where we all faced the most difficult conditions, our Order found a way to conquer those conditions and set a sales record in the process.

This was not done by our Knights of Columbus Insurance agents alone. Each one of you that met with your agent, took the time to review your circumstances and acted, when needed, to protect their family and their future were part of that success.

Some will ask how was it possible to hit a new high-water mark for sales with 40 million people out of work and many businesses closed (some forever), with states locked down and with bad news and fear ruling the day; with council meetings and functions cancelled, in-person Mass prohibited for most of the year and our world turned upside down.

From the outside these questions would be difficult to answer, but not for me. Knowing the quality of the men who are members of the Knights of Columbus and their commitment to God and their families. Knowing that the good we do would go on despite obstacles and that the good I do for those men was so important in fulfilling the mission of the Order. Knowing that the culture of our insurance department is so different from any other insurance company. What we have is very special and looking back 2020 is evidence of our uniqueness and strength.

As we start 2021, I wanted to say thank you to all of you who I helped last year. It is a privilege to be of service to you and your family. Know that I will work tirelessly in 2021 to assist all my brother Knights protect their future and their families. That's who we are and what we do. We've been protecting Catholic families since 1882.

Enrique Blanco, PGK, Insurance Field Agent

Fourth Degree Report

Congratulations to Fr. Ranees and Fr. Anthony of the SMA Fathers who received their final 4th degree honor. In December, they were honored with the "sword ceremony" at the SMA Mission and now hold the title of "Sir Knight.". They were also presented with a Chalice for their personal use at masses.

SK George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.

Blood Drive

For 2021, we have teamed up with the Calvary Methodist United Church to host a drive every two months in Dumont. The next drive is February 25th from 12 to 6 at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). An appointment is required to donate. You can schedule your appointment by going to https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/52718 or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Strict social distancing practices will be followed. Don't forget your mask.