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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers, Columbiettes and friends,

In past Januarys, before the pandemic, Brother Matt Connell and I would be busy with final preparations for our bus trip to Washington, DC for the Right to Life March. Unfortunately, the current situation has led to us not traveling this year. Hopefully soon, we will not have to do it at all. Together, we keep praying and advocating for God's little ones who have no voice.

These are very stressful times we are going through, for sure. The pandemic has touched us all: sickness and loss of life, stress in families and places of employment, and our own social networking. But as Knights and Columbiettes, we know the power of prayer, and we are grateful to Chaplain Fr. Dermot and Brother Jim Callahan for planning a Healing Mass at the SMA next month. ALL are welcome from our parishes and neighboring councils, and details can be found in the newsletter.

I know Our Lady and her Son will hear our prayers for healing, and give us the strength and serenity to carry on. I hope to see you all on February 11, 2022 at the Healing Mass.

Vivat Jesus,

Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

An Evening of Healing

On February 11th, the Church celebrates the Memorial of *Our Lady of Lourdes*. For almost 200 years, Lourdes has been at the heart of the Church as a sanctuary of deep miraculous healing. Each year over 2 million people make their way through the mountainous country of southeastern France to Lourdes. They come seeking cures, hoping to find answers, believing, and praying.

In the beginning of her 18 apparitions (February – July 1858), Our Lady came to a broken nation that was engulfed in sickness and death. She appeared to St. Bernadette, a delicate sickly girl who suffered from asthma and cholera, to show us not only the exceptional value that suffering has in God's eyes, but also how our own eyes need to be cleansed in order to see its value—both in ourselves and in others. The best way to interpret this is stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "*Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that 'God has visited his people' and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand.*"

Many of the townspeople believed that Our Lady was appearing to Bernadette. They came down in large numbers to the grotto to pray. The spring that the Lady asked Bernadette to drink from quickly revealed itself to be blessed water with miraculous healing properties. Today, over 32,000 gallons of water a day still flows. Thousands of healings have been recorded. And, those cures! Most of these have taken place during the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

We may not make a pilgrimage to Lourdes for healing, but on the evening of February 11, 2022, in union with Our Lady, and with the firm faith of our brother Knights in the miraculous healing power of Jesus, we will offer the Sacrament of Healing and the Eucharist at the SMA Fathers for all our brother Knights and family members who come seeking from Jesus healing, cures, answers, consolation and hope in this most trying time in history.

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Sick & Wake Report as of January 31, 2022

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

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.

Members

-Don Wuertz	-DGK Brian O'Dowd
-Bob Dondero, FDD, PGK	-Frank Uvenio
-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD	-Tony O'Hare
-Dan Taylor	-Bill Horn
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-Fred Schuldt	-Emil Harris
-James Hughes	-John Person
-John Cleary	-Michael Siano

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 Filipiski, priest at St. John's Church
- Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
- Nancy, wife of Ken Florio
- Linda, daughter of Tony Tulli
- Elaine Perrotto, sister of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo
- Carmela Marti, mother of Anthony Marti
- Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood
- Margaret Flood, mother of GK Gerry Flood
- Nancy, wife of Paul Hecker
- Carolyn, wife of Albert Burton
- Great Niece of Fr. Ray Filipiski
- Janice Forlini, Columbiette
- Dolores Orsino, mother of John Orsino
- Marie Castoro, Columbiette
- Mary McGowan, Wife of Gerald McGowan
- Mary B. Roache, mother of Chaplain, Fr. Dermot Roche, S.M.A.
- John Roache, father of Chaplain Fr. Dermot Roache**
- Eleanor Romanelli, sister of Chancellor John McHugh**
- Maryanne Ragone, Columbiette**

Wake List

- Grace Benson, wife of the late David Benson, PGK
- Frank Buonarata

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 move forward in the new year, we have many events on the horizon. Check the calendar on page 4 – praying the rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, the Healing Mass at the SMA, the Super Bowl party, the Mardi Gras and more to come in March. Your participation in any of these events helps further our goal of feeding the soul and spirit as well as promoting brotherhood with a purpose.

. . . 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:

Father Dermot Roache gave a homily Sunday January 16, 2022 at the SMA Fathers in Tenafly that hit the mark perfectly. He said that it is always the minority that causes change. The Pro-Life people, especially the Knights of Columbus, must stand up for the unborn. The New Jersey legislature recently passed, without debate, a piece of legislation that allows abortion up to term (9 months). We must stand up and defend the unborn against these politicians who have no concept of LIFE in the unborn. We need to proclaim and defend Life from conception to natural death. Ladies and Gentlemen, let us continue to PRAY.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 21st, at 8PM. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. Contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for the password.

From the News Desk

Congratulations to anyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion in February.

George Di Costanzo, DD, FFS, PGK.

Mardi Gras Party

Laissez Les Bons Temps Roule! on Saturday February 26th from 7PM – 11PM. Come Ready to Earn Some Beads! Featuring the authentic cuisine of Mardi Gras in a Family Style dinner consisting of Muffuletta Olive Spread, Salad & Bread, Bourbon Chicken, Yellow Rice, mixed vegetables. and Beignets. Coffee, Tea, and Soda included. Cash Bar available. We will also have one of our favorite duos - Julian and Dominique's Show of 1000 Voices performing LIVE! RSVP REQUIRED by Feb. 20th. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP. See enclosed flyer for details.

Financial Secretary Report

Our dues letters were mailed January 14th – so if you have not received it, please let me know. 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

Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament

Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Fundraiser on Saturday, February 19th to help support the maintenance of the club's facilities and its charitable works. The \$100 buy-in includes a hot buffet of roast beef, chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, french fries, bread and salad throughout the evening, as well as tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, and the tournament entry. Check-In and buffet are at 6PM, and the tournament starts at 7PM. Non-players pay \$30 per person. Please RSVP at <https://www.mikespokertables.com/event-info/dumont-knights-of-columbus-2> to receive a \$500 chip bonus. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 for details or questions.

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

Brothers and Friends of St. John's Council: Thanks to you, the necessary renovations have been completed at the Council. We have included in this newsletter a list of the names of everyone from whom we received donations. As you can see, it is a lengthy list which confirms the commitment and love so many of you have for our Council home. My report as to the use of these donations is as follows: we collected \$24,930.00. The new dance floor cost \$8,053.00. The new carpet in the Hall and the Fr. Murray Room cost \$9,729.00. We made long-overdue repairs in the Men's Room, including tile replacement and the replacement of one of the toilets at a cost of \$4,775.00. We had to pay \$600.00 for an initial cleaning of the carpet in the Hall after the storm. We spent \$300.00 for labor costs, specifically the digging out of the damaged dance floor. We spent \$278.00 for paint to touch up the Hall and Lounge (special thanks to Jeff Meeks and Bob Feigle for their donation of time and talent!). There were several incidental expenses which left about \$1,000.00 from the donations which will be added to our General Account. Thanks to all again!

Steve Martin TBCC President

Holiday Letters to Veterans

Imagine receiving letters stating that you are valued and appreciated. That was the purpose of the Holiday Letters to Veterans Project, and it was a success.

Fellow Knights, Anthony Marti and Jim Callahan collected over 30 letters from friends, family, customers, coworkers, teachers' students and emailed the letters to the Volunteer Coordinator, Pat Gros at the Paramus Veterans Home. Pat made copies of the letters and shared the letters with the veterans/residents at coffee socials. Pat very much appreciated the letters and said that the residents enjoyed reading them.

This activity did not start out as a Knights project, but Knights always step up and at least nine Knights wrote letters. Hopefully this and similar activities will become regular and annual projects of the Knights of Columbus Council 1345.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

*Friday, February 4th Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— 6:05PM;
Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's, 8:30 PM-Overnight*

Friday, February 11th Mass of Healing at SMA Fathers at 7:30PM. Social following at Council

Sunday, February 13th Super Bowl Party at 4:30PM

Saturday, February 19th Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Monday, February 21st Regular Council Meeting, 8:00PM

Saturday, February 26th Mardi Gras Party at 7:00PM

Columbiette Report

*"Please lock me away
And don't allow the day
Here inside where I hide
With my loneliness
I don't care what they say I won't stay
In a world without love"
(Peter & Gordon, 1964)*

Reminders:

Dues are due! You can send your payment (\$30.00) to our Financial Secretary, Genine Armellino, at 60 Dance Blvd., Dumont, NJ 07628.

As mentioned in last month's bulletin, we are once again having a scarf drive. We are looking to have a "drop off" of these scarves at the Council. We will let you know when you can drop them off, but in the meantime, you can hold on to them.

Also, if anyone has a Charity they would like to submit for consideration, please let us know.

Due to the Covid Virus still being with us, we have been unable to see some of our Sister Columbiettes. Please reach out to each other via email, Facebook, or the old-fashioned way, CALLING THEM to see how they are doing. If you need an updated listing of our members, please let me or any of the Officers know.

Last, but not least, for our 15-16-17-year anniversary party, we are looking at dates now in May. We will keep you updated.

As always let us continue to stay safe, be well and continue to pray for one another.

*Peace,
Roberta Elwell
Past President*

Mass of Healing

Come celebrate a Mass of Healing the Society of African Missions 23 Bliss Ave., Tenafly, at 7:30 PM on February 11, 2022. After mass, join us back at the Council for a social. Our Chaplain, Father Dermot Roache has offered an invitation to everyone who is interested.

The Mass will be livestreamed for those who are homebound. The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered during Mass for all those who are able to attend (especially the elderly and the ill). We hope to see you at this important healing event. If you have any questions, please contact Grand Knight Gerry Flood at 914-343-5508.

The Wellbeing and Prayer List for the Sick Calls

Since February 2020, Jim Callahan has been making calls to offer condolences and support during times of bereavement, check on the members on the sick list, check on members and Columbiettes during COVID and now wellbeing calls to our senior members. Actually, all the calls are checking on the wellbeing of members.

The feedback has been extremely positive:

1. At the July Council meeting, Dr. Geoffrey Sadock made it abundantly clear that he was very appreciative of the prayers and calls of support for his granddaughter when she was on the Prayer List;
2. The widow of a member stated that the call to check on her made her day;
3. The wife of a member stated that she very much appreciated Jim's calls during COVID;
4. A member very much appreciated the wellbeing call and said that these calls speak highly of the Knights' organization;
5. A member requested and appreciated weekly check-in calls.

Superbowl LVI Party

Sunday, February 13th 2022 starting at 4:30 pm. **Bring your family and enjoy the hospitality of our Council!** Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Cash bar with \$3 Defiant draft and White Claws, plus bottle bucket Specials! Game will be shown on multiple TVs, including a big screen in the Main Room. Box Pool, 50/50 Raffle and giveaways! Serving all your favorite game day foods, including: pasta salad, slaw, hot dogs, wings, chili, fries, and BBQ ribs, along with coffee and dessert! **Reservations by Feb. 9th are required.** Call/text Mike Rowley at 201-280-8727 or email at shelb234@optonline.net

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Grand Knight Gerry Flood presents the January Knight of the Month Award to Anthony Marti at the January General Meeting.