



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

Happy New Year! May you, your families, and friends all have a very happy, blessed, and healthy New Year. Where does the time go? Another decade behind us. As we look forward to another year, it is also a time where we are called to remember and pray for those who are most vulnerable, the unborn. In our pilgrimage for life, every January we pause to reflect on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, and pray for those impacted by it. We are gathering along with others from Bergen County and across the state to celebrate a Mass for Life on January 12th. We are also organizing buses to the March for Life on January 24 (details inside). If you are unable to join us in person, please take the time to pray that the Gift of Life is again honored and recognized across the land and in all people.

January is also when we recognize another of God's Blessings, the late Rev. John Murray, SMA. Fr. Murray was revered at our Council and across the State Council, and while I did not know him personally, it is obvious from the way he is remembered that he was more than a Chaplain to many. We will honor him with a Mass at the SMA on January 26, and follow with an afternoon dinner/dance in his honor to support both the State and Council Scholarships (details inside). I hope this earlier start time will allow many more that knew him to come out and celebrate his life.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,
A Year with Our Lady

The one who sat on the throne said, "*Behold, I make all things new.*" (Revelation 21:5). These words hold out the promise of the Gospel to all men and women. This promise addresses the heart cry of the entire human race. It answers our deepest longing. At this time of the year, when we end one year and begin a new one, we are drawn to deep reflection. We seem compelled to make resolutions to change our lives. How deeply we want to begin again, to be made new.

Isn't it beautiful how the Church begins the New Year by solemnly honoring and recognizing the invaluable role of the Virgin Mary as *The Mother of God* both in the life of the Church as well as in our own lives? The Blessed Mother desires that we are all "made new." She doesn't want us to remain in the slump of sin and darkness. But we can only be made new in Christ alone. Our Lady is here in the silence of our hearts to help us recognize this. In our human weakness we tend to think, act and speak as if we initiate good works saying, "Look what I am doing for God." When in fact the "newness" as St. John writes enters and transforms the human heart when we think, act and speak like Catholics who say, "Look what Jesus does for me!" This mindset makes all the difference in the world! Our Lady did not say what she was doing for God to the Angel Gabriel; nor did she proclaim herself to St. Elizabeth. She rather said, "Look at what the Almighty has done – great things for me!"

Let us begin 2020 with Our Lady, learning to follow her example leading us to HIM who makes all things new. Start this 2020 fresh and new: first and foremost, forgive; let go-let God do for you. Start fresh and new with more silence and quiet time. Silence is the language of God and we need to hear His voice. Wait for His direction by making time for silence. With silence can think better, reflect better and serve better. Then we can authentically go out and proclaim in word and deed what Jesus has done for us! This is evangelization at its core! Placing this year, the Knights and St. John's Council under The Blessed Mother's mantle, I pray that all our deepest longings and cries be answered in the promise of Jesus Christ who makes all things new. Our Lady, Mother of God, pray for us!

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 Dec. 18, 2019

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	-John McGill, PGK
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-Nick Albano	-Frank Uvenio
-Dick Dorozynski	-Jim Whelan
-Jim Mc Entee	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Brendan Thornton	-Matt Connell
-Bill Horn	-Bill Connington, PGK
-John P. Mc Hugh	-Antonio Fundaro
-Dan Taylor	

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
-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: **Al Taxter;**

Relatives/Friends: none.

Seminarian Support

Remember our seminarian's Moris Montoya and John March in your prayers.

If you can, send them a Christmas card greeting 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

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now...for I shall not pass this way again."

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in January. A very late birthday wish to James Verdino Nov. 24; and, Dan Taylor Dec. 15.

Congratulations to Dan & Patti Taylor on their anniversary Dec. 12.

Congratulations to my grandson, Nicholas Di Costanzo, who graduated in December from the Univ of Florida.

Congratulations to our friend and State Warden Russ Petrocelli, President of DePaul High School. His football team won the State Championship in Group 3 for non-Public schools.

Chancellor-Membership Report

On November 29th, we completed a Second Degree at the Council with eight men advancing through the Formation Degree. Included in this group were several of our college candidates who were home for Thanksgiving and Father Ranees, the Provincial Superior at the SMA. They are now eligible for our Council's third degree, scheduled for Friday February 7, 2020.

As I have said often, recruiting is not just a seasonal event. We are always in need of more men to continue our legacy of performing good works for the church and the community at large. 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.

Happy New Year!

Brian O'Dowd, Membership

Financial Secretary Report

Dues were mailed in the last week of December. A reminder: **PAYMENT IS DUE IN JANUARY**. Please be prompt with your payment. Extra mailings, phone calls, letters all cost the Council extra money. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen, A Happy and Healthy New Year. Yes, we are glad to be alive in this Visionary Year of 2020 (Pun).

Our Council #1345 and St John's Church (Bergenfield) are sponsoring 2 Buses to go to Washington, DC for the MARCH FOR LIFE Friday January 24 2020. There will be a Mass of Life on Thursday evening 7:30 PM at St John's AND a Mass for LIFE at SMA Fathers Mission, 23 Bliss Ave., Tenafly at 12 Noon on Sunday Jan. 12, followed by a Pasta meal at our Council. \$10.00 donation will go to protect the unborn. Bus Fare will be \$15.00 per head (Bring a lunch for trip on way to DC).

Speakers will be U.S. Rep Chris Smith (R-NJ), State Sen. Katrina Jackson (D-LA) and 2 abortion survivors Melissa Ohden & Claire Culwell. Let's Do It- Fill those busses and show the world ABORTION Is MURDER. RSVP Matt Connell at 201-387-7187 or Gerry Flood 1-914-343-5508.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Fr. John F. Murray Memorial Dance

Please save the date. The Fr. Murray Dance will be on Sunday AFTERNOON January 26th. We will begin the day's events with a mass at 12 noon to remember Fr. Murray at the Society of African Missions in Tenafly, NJ. Beginning at 1:30PM we will have an Afternoon Dinner Buffet, with live entertainment provided by DJ & Vocalist Jerry Tolve playing all your favorite oldie and contemporary dance hits.

As always the proceeds will go towards both the State Scholarship Fund as well as our Council Scholarship. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Bergen County Mass for Life & Fundraiser

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Keep Christ in Christmas Program

Nativity Creche - Our Creche will be displayed until Epiphany weekend. Stop by and say a prayer.



KCIC lawn sign, & our Chaplain Fr. Dermot Roache blessing the Creche.

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

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Wed, Jan. 1	<i>New Years Day</i>
Thurs, Jan 2	Rental Setup
Fri, Jan 3	Remove Christmas Decorations 10am Rosary St. Mary's 6pm
Sat, Jan 4	Rental 4pm.
Sun, Jan 5	<i>Feast of the Epiphany</i>
Thurs, Jan 9	Dart Team 7pm
Sun, Jan 12	Mass for Life at SMA, 12pm Mass for Life Reception 1:30pm-2pm.
Mon, Jan 13	AARP meeting 10am Officer meeting 8pm.
Tues, Jan 14	1st Degree - WW
Wed, Jan 15	Columbietter Holiday Dinner 7pm.
Thurs, Jan 16	Dmt Spec Needs Parents Mtg 7pm. Setup 7pm
Sat, Jan 18	Rental - 6:30pm, Dmt/Bergenfield Ambulance
Mon, Jan 20	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> Council meeting 8pm.
Wed, Jan 22	TBCC meeting 8pm.
Thurs, Jan 23	Dart Team 7pm. Mass for Life at St. John's 7:30pm.
Fri, Jan 24	March for Life bus trip 6am.
Sat, Jan. 25	Rental 6pm.
Sun, Jan 26	Memorial Mass for Fr. Murray at SMA 12pm. Sunday Brunch/Dinner at Council 1:30pm.
Wed, Jan 29	Feed the Homeless
Thurs, Jan 30	BF Meeting at Fair Lawn 8pm.

Columbiettes Report

*There's a party going on right here
A celebration to last throughout the year
So bring your good times
Bring your laughter too
We're gonna help you celebrate this party with you
(KOOL AND THE GANG, 1980)*

"SAVE THE DATE" March 15, 2020. St John's Council Columbiettes will be celebrating their 15 year anniversary this year!

We, of course, will be having an anniversary celebration at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Mass will be celebrated by our chaplain, Fr Barone and then a reception will follow the mass at the council hall.

Time, prices, and other details will follow in the next issue.

Also, with the start of the new year, dues are due! You can bring you payment to our January meeting (which is our Post Holiday Celebration) at Alessandros Restaurant in Haworth, NJ this year. Or you may mail your payment to our Financial Secretary, Lillian Holmes, 191 Beech St., Hackensack, NJ 07601.

Other events planned for this year are Spud-tacular and our newest event, "Deal or No Deal". Discussion for these events will take place at our meetings.

Remember all of the money generated from these events will go to the charities that we support. Your participation in all of the events is always needed and very much appreciated! Here's to the new year, may we have peace, health and happiness!

Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity

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Knight of the Month

Congratulations to George Di Costanzo, whom I have recognized as knight of the month for December. On top of his duties as Financial Secretary and Knight Times Editor, in December George found the time to coordinate decorating the Council for Christmas, erecting the Nativity in front of Dumont Police Headquarters, installation of the Keep Christ in Christmas Banner at St. John's, and Chair a very successful Christmas Dinner Dance. Please thank George for his tireless efforts when you see him.

November Knight of the Month



GK Ken Armellino presenting award to Steve Martin, PGK II, for November.



Chaplain Fr. Dermot Roache SMA presiding at the Memorial Mass in Nov.

Columbian Club Report

"Each New Year we have before us a brand new book of 365 blank pages. Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year, the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show and the charity we forgot to offer."

On behalf of the Columbian Club, I would like to thank everyone who gave of their time and talent in 2019. It truly helps us do God's work. In 2020, We are challenged to do even more to benefit those in need and ask for your time and talent to serve in God's name.

Tom Formoso, President, 201-707-9890

Special Thanks

Thanks to a very generous donation from one of our Brothers, the Council was able to participate in the State Council's Coats for Kids Campaign and purchase three cases of coats to donate to children in need. In addition a significant donation was also made to the Council scholarship fund.