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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,
Happy New Year!

I believe I heard a very loud collective sigh as the countdown reached '0' on December 31st. While we would all like to believe that a simple passing of a temporal milestone can change how things are, life isn't that simple. Alas, as a community we have banded together to do our best to ensure we left no one behind in their time of need. Many people, too many to name, stepped up in various ways to ensure we weathered, and continue to weather this storm. On behalf of all the Officers of the Council and the Twin-Boro Columbian Club, thank you. Let's all pray for a joyous and prosperous 2021!

On the business end of things, we are going to keep trying various events to see what may be successful given the constraints in which we must operate. In January we will try a To-Go Fish/Chicken and Chips Night. Please consider participating, or if you are available, we will need help preparing and serving as well. It is also dues time. PLEASE HELP THE COUNCIL SAVE TIME AND MONEY by paying your dues **ON TIME**. For this year we are also asking for a special COVID Assistance Contribution to cover the tremendous loss of revenue we are experiencing with the pandemic. Please be as generous as you can.

Once Again, Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

Father Dermot's travel schedule prevented him from writing but he asked that we extend his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all at the St. John's Council.

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain



Council Officers 2020-2021

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA	201-567-0450
Grand Knight	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Deputy GK:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Chancellor	John McHugh	201-647-7729
Warden	Donald Apolito	973-715-4449 (new)
Recorder	Gino De Jesus	551-265-9813
Treasurer	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-220-7127
Financial Sec	G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	Jim Callahan	201-655-2634
Outside Guard I	Justin Miller	201-421-8916 (new)
Outside Guard II	(open)	
Trustee 1 yr.	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Trustee 2 yr.	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Trustee 3 yr	Frank Gallacher, PGK	201-957-2683
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	Enrique Blanco	201-745-2723
District Deputy	George Thompson, Jr.	201-445-9835

Council Chairmen 2020-2021

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Council Activities:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Family Activities:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Feeding Homeless:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Murray Scholarship	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Mail Committee:	Frank Uvenio	201-385-0990
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Newsletter Editor:	Rich Oldfield	201-220-7127 (new)
Parish Roundtable:	Ken Armellino, GK	516-220-9333
Program Director:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Publicity:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Jim Callahan	201-655-2634 (new)
SMA Mission Rep	Innocent Amaefule	973-449-2808
St. John Church Rep	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
St. Mary Church Rep	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2020-2021

President:	John Orsino	201-280-7759
Vice President:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Secretary:	Mike Rowley	201-280-8727
Treasurer:	Adrian Miller	201-803-0388
Trustee:	Bob Feigle	551-265-9747
Trustee:	Anthony Marti	917-602-3797
Trustee:	Paul Hecker	201-207-1051

Columbiette's Officer's 2020-2021

President:	Laura Labetti	201-788-5971
Vice-President:	Jill Moriarty	201-280-6667
Secretary:	Janet Maniscalco	201-417-0999
Financial Sec:	Lillian Holmes	201-342-5142
Treasurer:	Michele Sciarrino	201-387-2916
Sentinel:	Maureen Italiano	201-916-1404
Immed Past Pres:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617

BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2020-2021

Scoutmaster – Art Rosenberger	
Asst. Scoutmaster – Mike Davis	
Crew Advisor – Ray Ziembra	201-410-0897
Assoc. Crew Advisor – Tim Bright	201-803-5602

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Sick & Wake Report – as of December 19, 2020

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.
 To add a name, call **JIM CALLAHAN, 201-655-2634.**

Members

- Bob Dondero, PGK
- Steven Petraglia
- Tom Formoso TBCC VP
- George DiCostanzo FS, PGK
- Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA
- Jim Mc Entee
- Matt Connell
- Bill Horn
- Arthur Flynn
- John Scalice
- John Graham
- Nick Albano
- Angelo Gallo
- Frank Uvenio
- Dan Taylor
- Larry Rivera, PGK
- Tony O'Hare
- Bill Connington, PGK
- John Mc Gill

Relatives & Friends

- Michelle DeJesus, wife of Gino DeJesus
- Maria Brooks, wife of Jim Brooks
- Billy Whelan, son of late Jim Whelan
- Donna & Rocky, Sister & Granddaughter of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
- Edward McCabe, father of Columbiette Kathy McCabe.
- Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
- Fr. Ray Filipiski, priest at St. John's Church
- Grace Benson, wife of late PGK Dave Benson.
- Janet Trawinski, wife of Brother Ed Trawinski
- Jill, daughter of Joseph Verga
- 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;
- 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: John ("Jack") Cosgrove

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

From the News Desk

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

Deputy Grand Knight Report

We are a fraternity of brothers, united in faith with charity as one of our primary principles. As men of faith, we follow the way of the Lord in helping others through our activities and good works. In addition to supporting our churches and other local organizations that help those in distress, we support the future of the church through the RSVP program which helps our adopted seminarian.

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 events and staying active with informal get togethers.

As we roll into 2021, have a safe and Happy New Year.

Brian O'Dowd, DGK

Financial Secretary Report

Dues bills will be mailed end of December. **DUES ARE PAYABLE BY 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,

Thank the Lord 2020 is over. I trust we will all have a healthy 2021. On January 29th 2021, which is a Friday- The MARCH FOR LIFE will occur in Washington DC. The Knights and the parish of St John the Evangelist have had 1 or 2 buses of 55 people each to the March for 40 some odd years. This year (2021), we will not be sending any buses to DC. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed everything this past year, however we must continue to pray for LIFE. It is a great disappointment to all of us. But we will have 2 Masses for LIFE. One at the SMA Fathers in Tenafly On Sunday January 17th at 12 Noon Mass and the second one at St. John's on Friday, at the 7:30 PM Mass in the main Church (this Mass may change location - We will let everyone know if that happens).

Please continue to pray for the unborn.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 18th at 8PM **via Zoom**. The meeting will be available at <https://covanta.zoom.us/j/92428844591>.

Knight of the Month

If you came to our Christmas Social, you noticed one Brother went a long way towards filling in the missing music we have grown accustomed to. He took time to plan out a fun evening against trying odds, and made our Social a success. Please congratulate this month's Knight of the Month when you see him, Anthony Marti.

Thanks to Schreiber's Deli

We would like to thank Schreiber's Deli (231 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell) for their donation of two Apple Crisp trays for our Christmas Social. Please keep them in mind for your holiday shopping, or just stop in and say "Thank You".

To-Go Fish & Chips/Chicken Finger Dinner

On January 27th we will offer individually packaged meals with the option of fish or chicken fingers with French fries to-go. In a to-go container you will receive a serving of fish or chicken, French fries, and a slice of bread. RSVPs/advance PAYMENT required. Cost will be \$15/meal with proceeds benefitting the Council and our 2021 Scholarship Program. Meal distribution will be from 5PM – 7PM. Payment may be made by mailing a check payable to St. John's Council #1345, Attn: Fish & Chips, 61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ 07628.

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.

REMINDER - 2021 Dues

As stated in the Grand Knight's message, dues notices were mailed December 28th. Payment is due in January. Please be prompt with your payment as extra mailings, phone calls, and letters all add to the Council's expenses during this trying time. Please also be as generous as you can with the Scholarship Contribution and the COVID Assistance contribution. If you are unable to pay your dues, please call the Financial Secretary or Grand Knight and we will address the situation. All discussions are kept confidential. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Friday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Wednesday, January 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Monday, January 11	Officers' Meeting 7:30 pm
Monday, January 18	Regular Council Meeting
Sunday, January 17	Mass for Life, 12:00 pm at SMA
Wednesday, January 27	To-Go Fish/Chicken Dinner (Flyer)
February 3	Feeding the Homeless

Columbiette Report

*"One, two, three, four...
I just want to celebrate another day of livin'
I just want to celebrate another day of life"
(Rare Earth, 1971)*

Happy New Year, 2021!

We begin a new year with hope and promise that this year will be a much better than the one we have left behind. Many things changed, yet many things stay the same, such as what a Columbiette Council stands for and represents. Our symbol has Three White Stars which represent Faith, Hope and Charity. Of these three, we are told the greatest is Charity. In following this principle of Charity, we had a food drive at our October meeting and we received enough food to be equally distributed to the food pantries of St Mary's Church and St John's. I personally delivered the food to both parishes and they were very grateful to us for our contribution.

As mentioned in the last bulletin, we have a new charity, "Hope Scarves". They accept donated scarves (no wool or knitted scarves), for women and children who have cancer or who are cancer survivors. They accept scarves large enough so they can wrap around their heads. If you have any scarves you would like to donate, please contact President Laura Labetti. This donation drive will run until the end of January.

Don't forget about our Deal or No Deal raffle. 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.

Columbiette Shoe Collection

Start saving your old shoes and give them new life! In February, the Columbiettes will be collecting shoes for Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls collects gently worn shoes to distribute to people in need across the U.S. and around the world, including those living in women's shelters, veterans' organizations and to children's programs to get shoes and clothing to those who need it most. More info to follow at our January meeting. Wishing everyone a blessed New Year and may our star of Charity burn bright in 2021!

Peace, Roberta Elwell, Past President

Insurance Report

Protecting our Daughters

Brothers, as you know, our Order was established to protect Catholic Families from financial ruin due to the loss of a loved one. When the Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. McGivney 138 years ago, the average household had a single income, the father. Today, we see more and more two income families; and, of more pressing concern, our children are focusing on their careers and waiting longer to start their families. My cause for concern is that, without proper planning, this can cause their insurance plans to be substantially more costly; and for our daughters potentially impossible to begin.

As your agent, I can help you plan to protect your daughters' ability to create an insurance plan for herself and her future family while preserving her ability to buy that insurance through the Knights of Columbus! My cell phone number is (201) 745-2723 or you can email me, Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org. Let me help you protect your family, now and into the future.

Enrique Blanco, PGK, Insurance Field Agent

Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 is proud to announce a new Eagle Scout - Paul Reissner. Paul is the troop's 36th Eagle Scout, having passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review in November. Paul joins his brothers CJ and Kevin - thus the family has three Eagle Scouts from Troop 1345. *Ray Ziembra*

St. John's Council #1345 Mass for Life

On Sunday January 17th St. John's Council #1345 will celebrate a Mass for Life at 12 noon at the Society of African Missions (23 Bliss Ave.) in Tenafly. Unfortunately, there is no bus trip to the March for Life this year, so please feel free to join us in prayer as a community for the protection of the most vulnerable - babies in the womb. Following the Liturgy, everyone is invited back to St. John's Council #1345 at 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ for coffee and cake.

Thank You!

Thank you to Dumont's DPW this year for finding a home and erecting the St. John's Council Nativity by the Dumont Swim Club for Dumont's Winterfest.

