



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers, Columbiettes and friends,

I am hoping this message finds you and your families well, and continuing to enjoy your Christmas season that promises so much -- most importantly the birth of our Savior.

As we look back on the year that proved to be filled with many challenges, both personally and as a Knights family, we now move forward with renewed faith and purpose. The new year is bound to challenge us, yet we, as Brother Knights and Columbiettes, will meet these challenges with our strong faith and continued good works.

Our first mission, as you'll read in the newsletter, will be on January 12th when we feed 150 people at the Hackensack shelter. Just before Christmas, I received a gift of 24 turkeys from the Inserra Family from ShopRite Supermarkets. We are truly grateful, and I offer a special word of thanks to Brother Bill Bochicchio for his assistance in this. I am certain that the folks at the homeless shelter will be thankful for our efforts as a Council.

In December, we hosted an Advent Retreat for our young people preparing for their sacraments. I was amazed at their enthusiasm. Programs such as these enhance the CCD programs and, as a Council, I believe this is what we are about - helping service our parishes in any way possible.

Looking forward to 2022, I offer a challenge to you all: I ask you to become more involved in the works at the Council, even if it is for just a few occasional hours. We have such great programs, but they can be enhanced! The more time you can give, the more we can help those in need, and if all members can give a little more, we can help a lot of folks.

Finally, on behalf of Rosemarie and I, I wish everyone a prosperous, healthy, and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus,

Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

Due to the demands of the season, Fr. Dermot will not be able to provide a Reflection this month, but wishes everyone a holy and blessed New Year!



St. John's Council #1345 presented Christmas donations to the Food Pantries at St. John's Church and St. Mary's Church at the Council's Christmas Party on December 11, 2021. Grand Knight Gerry Flood and Twin-Boro Columbian Club President Steve Martin, P.G.K., presented the checks to Bob Knott, representing St. John's Food Pantry, and to Fr. Stephen A. Carey, pastor of St. Mary's, on behalf of St. Mary's Food Pantry

Council Officers 2021-2022

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
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Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-220-7127
Financial Sec	Ken Armellino, PGK	516-220-9333
Inside Guard	Bob Knott	201-675-2802
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Trustee 1 yr.	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
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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	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617

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
Membership:	John McHugh	201-647-7729
Newsletter Editor:	Rich Oldfield	201-220-7127
Parish Roundtable:	Ken Armellino, PGK	516-220-9333
Program Director:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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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
SMA Mission Rep:	Innocent Amaefule	973-449-2808
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Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2021-2022

President:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Vice President:	Mike Rowley	201-280-8727
Secretary:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Treasurer:	Adrian Miller	201-803-0388
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Trustee:	Anthony Marti	917-602-3797
Trustee:	Paul Hecker	201-207-1051

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President:	Laura Labetti	201-788-5971
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Secretary:	Janet Maniscalco	201-417-0999
Financial Sec:	Genine Armellino	917-992-2011
Treasurer:	Michele Sciarrino	201-387-2916
Sentinel:	Maureen Italiano	201-916-1404
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Boy Scouts – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2021-2022

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

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Sick & Wake Report – as of November 22, 2021

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

Members

-Don Wuertz	-DGK Brian O'Dowd
-Bob Dondero, FDD, PGK	-Frank Uvenio
-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD-Tony O'Hare	
-Dan Taylor	-Bill Horn
-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	-Chuck Hollis, FDD, PGK
-Larry Rivera, PGK	-Eli DeFalco
-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 Filipski, 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
-Robert O'Donnell, friend of GK Gerry Flood
-Margaret Flood, mother of GK Gerry Flood
-Nancy, wife of Paul Hecker
-Maggie, wife of Bob Feigle
-Mary B. Roache, mother of our Chaplain, Fr. Dermot Roche, S.M.A.
-Carolyn, wife of Albert Burton
-Great Niece of Fr. Ray Filipski
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Dolores Orsino, mother of John Orsino
-Marie Castoro, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan Wife of Gerald McGowan

Wake List

-Frank Fiore
-Mother of Marie Castoro
-Gloria Callahan-Connors, cousin of Jim Callahan

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.

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,

We start 2022 with hope for the future, while still looking over our shoulders at the effects that the pandemic and the tropical storm had on our good works. No matter what happens, we pick ourselves up and move forward.

This month, we encourage you to attend the *Mass for Life* at the SMA and if you cannot participate, keep those at the Right to Life March on January 21st in your prayers.

All the best to you and your families in 2022.

... 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:

First have a very HOLY Christmas and of course a Merry Christmas. Well, the U.S. Supreme Court has the ball in their COURT regarding Abortion. We all will pray for the overturning of Roe V Wade.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 17th, 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 in January, especially Dom Panfile Jan. 31. And belated birthday wishes to Patty Martin, Dec. 12; Michele Orsino, Dec. 13; and Mario Armellino.

George Di Costanzo, DD, FFS, PGK.

Laissez Les Bons Temps Roule

Save the date. On Saturday February 26th from 7PM – 11PM we will be celebrating Mardi Gras with live entertainment from Julian and Dominique. Come ready to earn your beads!! More info to follow next month.

Financial Secretary Report

Due to my coming down with COVID, our mailing of the dues letters has been slightly delayed. That means it will be even more imperative that you please keep an eye out in your mail for your 2022 Dues notice in January. 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 Saturday February 19th to help support the club's facilities and its charitable works. The \$100 buy-in includes 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 are \$30.00 per person. Please RSVP as soon as possible at <https://www.mikespokertables.com> to receive a \$500 chip bonus. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 for details.

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. The next time you are in the Hall, you'll get your first glimpse of the new carpet. I want to thank Brothers Jeff Meeks and Bob Feigle for their efforts in painting and touching up the Hall. So now we have a new fresh look as we enter 2022. 2021 was a challenging year for all of us, but I would be remiss without again acknowledging the time and work put in by the Columbian Club officers-Mike Rowley, Tom Formoso, Adrian Miller, Bob Feigle, Anthony Marti and Paul Hecker - especially for their roles in the cleanup in the aftermath of Ida. A special thanks to PGK Ken Armellino who did a ton of work in getting applications for federal and state aid for the TBCC to the proper agencies. (We are awaiting the responses to those applications). Special thanks to immediate past TBCC President John Orsino for all his efforts, including doing the purchasing we need done to run the TBCC. Finally, a tip of the hat to our entire St John's Council family. Without your generosity and financial assistance, in the amount of almost \$25,000.00, I don't know what could have been done to save the Hall. (The cost of flood insurance was and remains prohibitive). We are planning some additional repairs and I will keep you abreast of those. I will end my message with my usual plea- we need servers, bartenders and event caretakers. We need your help. If you can help in any way, call me directly-201-669-8236.

Steven Martin TBCC President



Grand Knight Gerry Flood and his wife Rosemarie present the 2021 Family of the Year Award to Genine and Ken Armellino, F.S., P.G.K., at the recent Council Christmas party.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

Saturday, January 1st Feast of the Solemnity of Mary
Friday, January 7th Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— 6:05PM;
Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's, 8:30 PM-Overnight
Sunday, January 16th Right to Life Mass at SMA
Monday, December 17th Regular Council Meeting, 8:00PM
Friday, January 21st Annual Right to Life March, D.C.

Columbiette Report

*"When the night has come
And the land is dark
And the moon is the only light we'll see
No I won't be afraid
Oh, I won't be afraid
Just as long as you stand, stand by me"
(Ben E. King, 1961)*

Happy New Year, 2022!

We start off our new year with a reminder: Dues are due! The dues are \$30.00. This includes the cost for the State and Charity raffle. They are payable now and you can send your check to our Financial Secretary, Genine Armellino at, 60 Dance Blvd, Dumont, NJ 07628. You may also pay your dues at our next meeting in January. Once again, due to the number of COVID cases rising, we will not be having our usual Post-Holiday Celebration in January. Our meeting in January will either be in-house or via zoom. You will be notified either way via calling post and email.

We are once again having a Scarf Drive for Hope Scarves. This is a non-profit organization that takes donated scarves for women and children who have cancer or are cancer survivors. They only accept scarves large enough so they can wrap around their heads. Last year we collected 72 scarves, let's see if we can break that number this year and go for 100!

Our Anniversary Celebration, now celebrating 15, 16, 17 years, will hopefully happen in March of this year. Details will soon follow.

The past two years have been challenging for all of us, be we have proven that together, we do many great things! Let us continue to stay safe, be well and continue to pray for one another.

*Peace,
Roberta Elwell
Past President*

Volunteers Needed to Make Calls to Members

As you may know, we have been calling various members, relatives and friends of the council. Whether it was a call to check on the sick, console the bereaved, check on the members during COVID, and wellbeing calls to our senior members, all the calls were very well-received. But I can't do it alone. I need

help to make calls to check on members. We are Knights. It is what we do.

I can personally attest to the great feeling of calling and checking on a brother Knight. Please volunteer now. Call Jim Callahan at 201-655-2634 to volunteer. Thank you for volunteering.

Vivat Jesus
Jim Callahan

The Wellbeing and Prayer List for the Sick Calls

Beginning in 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.

Insurance Corner

To my Friends and Brother Knights,
To you, your families and all whose hearts you touch throughout the year & a Happy New Year!
As always, you can phone or text me at (201) 745-2723; or by email at Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org.

Yours in Christ,
Enrique Blanco, PGK
Field Agent



St. John's Council #1345 members erected the Nativity scene at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, December 18, 2021.