



The Knight Times



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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and friends,

It's hard to believe that we're beginning a brand new year... Rosemarie and I wish you all the best for 2023! I also thank you for the well wishes and prayers as I recuperate from knee surgery. My doctors tell me my healing and physical therapy is on track.

A new year gives us the opportunity to simultaneously look back and ahead. Over the past 12 months, our Council members have reached out to help so many people - as near as Dumont and as far away as Ukraine - through our works of mercy, financial help and prayers. May we continue on that path in 2023, and strive to do even more. If you have not been down to our Council Hall recently, please join us for a meeting, event or to just say hello. You are always welcome!

Finally, remember that January is the month set aside to pray and work for life! Keep praying for all God's children, especially those who have not yet arrived into this world!

Vivat Jesus,

Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

2023 NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Hard to believe we are already here. The last few years were challenges, tough and even stressful. Only God knows what 2023 has in store. It's normal to worry about the future. The threat of war looms all around us and poses serious threats to our peace. True, but we move forward as Christians in courage and hope.

Many of us make new year's resolutions and never succeed mainly because they are unrealistic. So, we give up and get disgusted. Well, if you're searching for a realistic and fulfilling new year's resolution, why not avail yourself of the revelations that truly shape our destiny and purpose in life? This purpose is found and grounded only in the wisdom of Christ. One of these nuggets of wisdom is joy and cheerfulness. Jesus himself said, "In this world you will have many troubles, but take heart, and be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world..." (John 16:33). This is something beautiful to follow in our charism, plans and actions as brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes as well as our daily lives as Catholics.

Begin this new year in good cheer knowing that Christ Jesus truly is in control of the world. As brother Knights and sister Columbiettes, take on the example of the true wisdom of Christ. Therefore, be the carrier of cheer to those who are locked in troubles, sadness, worry and loneliness. Your cheer and joy in Christ will be contagious!

To all dear brother Knights and sister Columbiettes, I wish you all a very blessed and prosperous New Year 2023!

Vivat Jesus!

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Healing and Wake Report

As of November 21, 2022

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, please call Jim Callahan: 201-655-2634.

Notice: The Healing 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
-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD	-Dan Taylor
-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	-Chuck Hollis, FDD, PGK
-Larry Rivera, PGK	-Fred Schuldt
-Eli DeFalco	-Emil Harris
-John Cleary	-Michael Siano
-Lou Sciarino	-John Cronin
-John McGill, PGK, PFN	-Andrew Mirto
-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain	-Jeff Meeks

Relatives & Friends

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-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;
-Nancy, wife of Ken Florio
-Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood
-Nancy, wife of Paul Hecker
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan
-Maryanne Ragone, Columbiette
-Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarino
-Laura Hurley, niece of James Hurley
-Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK
-Stephen De Noia, son of Joe De Noia
-Herb Meyers, FSD and wife Ann
-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
-Patsy Graham, wife of John Graham
-Maryjo Harris, wife of Emil Harris

Wake

-Tony O'Hare
-Bill Horn
-Elaine Perrotto, Sister of Columbiette Nina DiCostanzo
-Dolores Schuck, Mother of Dennis Schuck

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 or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Happy New Year and welcome 2023!!! I hope you all had a Blessed and Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year.

Well, a new year and there is much to be accomplished. First, we need to thank some people for their work in the month of December. To begin with, Jim Callahan and Anthony Marti, who have taken our Friday night socials to a new level. December had them bring in Brother Dave Lang and his singing partner Margie to the council for some beautiful Christmas music and celebrations of the season. Great Job Gentlemen. Next up, our Past Grand Knight and current District Deputy, Steve Martin, who brought us a beautiful night of friendship and fun at our Christmas party. With Great food, music and fraternity the night was a big success, thank you Steve!

Additionally, at the Christmas party, I was honored to announce the Council's Knight of the year. A member since he was 18 years old and a gentleman that rarely says no to any request, a person who volunteers to work with Special Needs Children on a pilgrimage and who has served as a leader in the Dumont community for many years, and with the Grand Knights blessing, it was my utmost honor to announce Jim Kelly as our Knight of the Year! Congratulations Jim, a well-deserved award!

May 2023 be a wealth of joy and happiness to you and your families! God bless and thank you for all you do.

*Chuck Hollis, FDD
Deputy Grand Knight*

Times Are A Changing For the "Knight Times"

While we have all enjoyed being able to keep up to date with the events of St. John's Council #1345 every month with the "Knight Times" when it arrives via mail, unfortunately that comes at a great cost to the Council – almost \$7200 a year. This is more than we collect in dues every year, and has become a significant obstacle to performing our charitable works. The issue is exasperated by the fact our events are not as well attended as they used to be, and all around costs are increasing, posing yet additional challenges.

Therefore, as of July 1, 2023 the "Knight Times" will be distributed solely on-line. We will spend the next 6 months doing our best to collect members' email addresses, and for those few who do not have access to an email, we will work with you to ensure we have a mechanism to keep you involved and informed. A small number (25) of hard copies will be made available after July 1, 2023. Questions may be directed to Deputy Grand Knight Chuck Hollis.

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's Eve and New Years Day. The officers and trustees of the Columbian Club work very hard, in reality, behind the scenes to ensure all our bills are paid, including our insurance costs associated with the building which are exorbitant, and to ensure that the building is and remains well maintained. As all of us are aware, our Council home is, for want of a better word, old. We just incurred another unexpected cost - the machinery that keeps the walk-in refrigerator operating had to be replaced at a cost of over \$3000.00. We expect to get quotes

for the air conditioning system (which needs to be replaced) in the coming months. We pay all our bills from our rental income, so keep us in mind when a friend or relative is looking to host any kind of affair, including weddings. Our pricing is very competitive, and Tom Formoso, our rental agent, will sit down with anyone to discuss pricing and what is best for each individual party. These events also rely on volunteers so please make a pledge to help out in 2023.

Steve Martin TBCC President, DD, PGK

Respect Life Report

Council #1345 is having a bus to Washington DC for the March for Life on January 20th 2023. Cost \$25.00 per person and \$50.00 per family. The bus holds about 45 to 50 passengers. It will be at St John the Evangelist parking lot at 5:30 AM and leave at about 6 AM. Reservations must be paid in advance. Call Robert Toup at 1-646-226-8750.

Even though Roe v. Wade has been repealed, the battle for precious life goes on. Over 65 million lives have been sacrificed thru ABORTION. Please pray for the unborn.

Matt Connell, Chairman

From the News Desk

Best wishes to any member celebrating a birthday or special occasion in January!

Columbiette Report

*"And I won't forget
The way you helped me
Up when I was down
And I won't forget...you gave me faith to go on"
(The Zombies 1968)*

Happy New Year 2023!

In keeping with our principle of Charity, here are the charities we contributed to in 2022:

Makenzie Cadmus \$250
Marble Jam \$250
St John's Food Pantry \$250
St Mary's Food Pantry \$250
Knights of Columbus \$500
Columbian Club \$500

All of the money we generated from our events went to these charities that we support. Your participation in all of our events is always needed and very much appreciated!

And speaking about money....our 2023 Membership Dues (which are \$30.00) are now due! You can bring your dues the night of our next meeting, January 18, or you can mail it to our Financial Secretary, Genine Armellino, 60 Dance Blvd. Dumont, NJ 07628.

Here's to the New Year! May we find peace, health and happiness!

*Peace,
Roberta Elwell, Past President*

Dates to Remember

(all events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

- Friday, Jan. 6th Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 PM**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **8:30 PM**
- Friday, Jan. 6th Concert Social - **7:00 PM**
- Sunday, Jan. 8th Right to Life Mass, SMA Fathers Tenafly – **3:00 PM**
- Sunday Jan. 15th Lighthouse Pregnancy Talk – *1:00 PM*
- Monday, Jan. 16th Council Meeting – **8:00 PM**
- Wed, Jan. 18th Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 PM**
- Friday, Jan. 20th Right to Life Bus to Washington, D.C., leaving from St. John's – **5:30 AM**
- Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.*

Eucharistic Adoration

Brother Bob Knott asks that you contact him if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Bob at 201-675-2802 or email him at knotrj@optimum.net for more information.

Right to Life Mass and March

After a long break due to Covid, we will be traveling to DC on Friday, January 20th for the annual March for Life. Robert Toups, PGK for St. Therese Council, will be coordinating the trip. The bus leaves at 6am from St. John's parking lot, and will drop us off at the Mall in DC; we depart from St. Peter's Church and arrive back at St. John's approximately 10pm.

There will also be a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 8th at 3pm - we will gather at the SMA Fathers in Tenafly at 2pm for the Rosary and Adoration. There will be refreshments at the Council Hall after Mass.

Please join us for these very important events! For more information, contact GK Gerry Flood at 914-343-5508.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources Talk

On **Sunday January 15th**, at 1:30 pm at the Council Hall, Debbie Provencher, Director of the Lighthouse Resource Pregnancy Resource Center, located in South Hackensack, NJ, will speak on the mission and work of the Center. After a Q&A session, light refreshments will be served.

Dr. Geoff Sadock, Lecturer

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th at 8PM. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter "1345" for the user and "armour" (case sensitive) for the password.

Concert Social – Friday, January 6th

Come down to the Council on Friday, January 6th to enjoy the music of two local bands. For the Court is back by popular demand - they rocked the Council last August at the Concert for the Ukraine. The other band, Cold Court will be making their first appearance at the Council. We will be presenting a check to the New Jersey Veterans Network from all the donations raised at our November Veteran's Social. Maybe Shadow, the therapy dog will make another appearance! Admission is free and food will be available for purchase, along with a cash bar.

Sunday Football Socials

Come down on Sunday, January 22nd and 29th (time TBD) for NFL playoff action. Enjoy the company of fellow Knights and friends; watch the NFL games, and other sports, play darts, pool, etc. Snacks and cash bar available. Also, come down **February 12th** for our annual **Superbowl Party!**

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament - February 4th

Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's premier fundraiser on Saturday February 4th to help support the club's facilities and its charitable works. The \$100 buy-in includes hot buffet of roast beef, mashed potatoes, chicken tenders, french fries, bread, and salad throughout the evening, as well as tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, and the tournament entry. Check In and buffet at 6PM, tournament starts at 7PM. Non-players \$30pp. **RSVP ONLINE** by February 1st and get a \$500 Chip Bonus. Visit <https://www.mikespokertables.com> to RSVP. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 for details.

Save the Date: Comedy Night - Saturday, February 25th

Join us February 25th at 8PM as we present **THREE** professional comedians for a show that will surely leave you laughing. We will have sandwich platters and chips on every table, as well as have a cash bar available. We expect this event to be filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early! **RSVP REQUIRED!** Email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com or call or text Ken at 516-220-9333 to RSVP. Only \$40 per person. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Dues Notices

Please note Dues Notices for the 2023 Calendar year are scheduled to be mailed by the final week of January. **PLEASE** upon receipt do your best to make prompt payment so the Council is spared the additional printing and postage expenses associated with the Second Notice. Last year these additional notices cost the Council almost \$600 – money that could serve our Charities well.

For your convenience we will be providing an option to pay by credit card this year (there will be a slight fee to cover the associated costs). As stated in this newsletter, it is important for you to provide a valid email address with your dues, so that we may continue to provide the "Knight Times."

As always, if you have a situation that makes it difficult to pay your dues, please contact Grand Knight Gerry Flood or Financial Secretary Kenneth Armellino to address the situation. All inquiries remain **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Join the Wednesday Prayers for Peace Chain

Join fellow Knights, Columbiettes, friends and family every Wednesday at 12 noon to pray: one Our Father in solidarity with the Ukraine people and for peace in that region; one additional Our Father for peace and healing in other places around the world and in our nation; the Peace Prayer of St. Francis; and, finish with one Hail Mary, to request the blessing of all our members, family, and friends, especially those who are ill or that are grieving.