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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Reverend Fathers, Family and Friends,

Happy New Year and welcome 2024! May the New year be full of hope and prosperity. We ended 2023 with our Christmas Social featuring the music of Dave Lang and his partner for the night George Magno. We followed up with our Christmas Party with over 100 people in attendance, good food and wonderful music by our friends at Panorama music, but most of all, awesome friends. What a wonderful way to start the New Year. Being with good friends at the Council to ring in 2024, we had a great time talking and remembering those we have lost and all the good times we have had in our great Council.

We will be planning something for either January or February but, we are not sure what to do. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. Please watch out for more information on our Irish Night in March and our annual Shake the Can drive for the Developmentally Disabled in April. Please, if you are called, give two hours of your time to this great drive.

There are so many people within our council that help us when they are called, but too many that I can name. I will recognize a few now, to begin with our Columbian Club President and Trustee Steve Martin, rental chair Tom Formoso, John Orsino, Mike Rowley, Bob Feigle, Jeff Meeks, Anthony Marti, Jim Callahan, Justin Miller, Bill Flores, Frank Gallacher, Brian O'Dowd, Frank Apablaza, Geoff Sadock and Rich Oldfield. Without these outstanding Brother Knights our Council would not flourish the way we do, it is because of them that we are one of the best councils in Bergen County. To these Knights, I would just like to say thank you for all you do for our Council. If I forgot a name please excuse me, you are not forgotten, I just can't remember and will just say thank you to our silent supporters for you keep us going as well.

May 2024 be a year of hope, joy and prosperity; may you be healthy and safe, and may 2024 be the best one yet. "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few" - this is our call as Knights of Columbus. May God continue to bless you and this great Council. Warmest regards, Chuck.

Chuck Hollis, Grand Knight, FDD

Chaplain's Message: Christmas and Beyond

Christmas is not a day. In the Church it is a great season. In our hearts it **should** be a daily lifetime celebration. We must never forget that God became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ so that our broken human nature may share in His Divine Nature. This requires us to remain open that Christ may be continuously born anew in our hearts in order that we may be His hands, feet and mouth in the form of evangelization, service, hope and charity in season and out of season.

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "My prayer for you is that when Christ comes to you in Christmas, He may find in you a warm home, warm love like that of a heartful of love, like that of a simple shepherd who was the first one chosen to see Christ." May it be so for each of us in this upcoming New Year 2024. May we brother Knights and sister Columbiettes be the simple warm witness of love to the poor, needy and abandoned.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2024.

Vivat Jesus Christ!

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Healing and Wake Report

As of December 28, 2023

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.

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-Don Wuertz
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-Matt Connell
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-Jeff Martin
-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain
-Andrew Santulli

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-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray
-Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio
-Nancy Hecker, wife of Paul Hecker
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan
-Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarrino
-Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK
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-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
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-John Roache, father of Fr. Dermot Roache
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-**Cathy Hollis**, wife of Chuck Hollis, GK

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-**Linda Manson**, mother of St. John's Pastor, Fr. Sean.
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-**Peter McHugh**, fellow Knight
-**Danilo De Jesus**, father of Gino De Jesus
-**Francine Corbo**, wife of George Corbo

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

As this Newsletter goes to press, we will have celebrated Christmas and ushered in the new year. May 2024 be a year of peace and true prosperity for us all!

I tip my cap to two brother Knights whose commitment and enthusiasm were instrumental in helping our Council do more good work. I'm talking about the arrangement in which Schreiber's Deli contributed a portion of their income from Tuesday sales in November to our effort to help the food insecure. Then there was the cooperative effort with Tri-Valley Restaurant and Big Jim's Pizza to collect boxloads of toys for Tomorrow's Children. Jim Callaghan once again got the merchants to participate and was assisted in a big way by Bill Flores, who has been all over the place playing Santa - for the toy drive, at our Christmas party, and also for the Bergenfield Fire Department! Great job Jim and Bill!

Have you signed up to join us in the March for Life in Washington DC on January 19th? The right-to-life cause has always been a priority for the Knights of Columbus, and our Council has proudly taken the lead here in Bergen County. Please contact PGK Gerry Flood at (914) 343-5508 to reserve a seat on the bus. Two buses will leave from St. John's parish parking lot at 6 am that Friday and return around 11 pm. As Knights we should be taking the lead in this effort that has become even more critical, as the pro-abortion people have mobilized across the country to enshrine the right to unrestricted abortion in our federal and state laws. Making the time for this trip would be a fine way to express your commitment to our Catholic beliefs. Whether or not you make the March, please come to the Right To Life Mass and Adoration starting at 2 pm on Sunday, January 14th at the SMA Fathers in Tenafly. Thank you.

Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

I hope everyone had a great Christmas season. If you have been to our Council Home recently, you saw first hand the improvements the TBCC made in 2023 - new flooring in the lounge; improvements in the ladies room; a new air conditioning and heating system installed over the summer - it's been quite a year! We are hopeful to make additional upgrades in the Hall. To keep us moving forward, I ask your help - if something you know is looking to host an affair, wedding, birthday party or any other kind of celebration, please ask them to consider our Hall and to contact Tom Formoso 201-707-9890.

Steven Martin, Proud TBCC President

March for Life March and Mass

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and Friends,

I ask you to take a moment and think about the following question: "Abortion is the most significant human rights abuse of our time. Will you take a stand?" I know that the answer is yes and I would like to think that you could put these words into actions. So please consider joining myself with other Knights, Columbiettes and friends on our annual March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 19th, 2024.

This year's theme is "With every woman, for every child". We propose to send two buses. We will leave St. John's parking lot at 6:00 am sharp, stopping briefly on the way down, attending the rally and participating in the March. We will also have a stop on the return journey. I would kindly ask for a donation of \$25 from each participant to help cover our costs.

Also please join us on Sunday, January 14th at the SMA Fathers in Tenafly for our annual Right to Life Mass. We will gather at 2:00 pm for Adoration and the Rosary followed by Mass at 3:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer with the readings or musical assistance please contact Fr Dermot or me.

After fifty years of marching in a peaceful and prayerful manner we have helped to overturn Roe v. Wade. The fight is not over and the opposition is fierce. I feel compelled to carry on the fight and with your help we will succeed. Remember, "We are the voice for those that have none".

Fell free to contact me for reservations or any other questions that you may have at 914-343-5508 or by email at gerryflood@gmail.com.

Gerry Flood, PGK, March for Life Chair

Columbiette Report

"Yes, there are two paths you can go by...

And there's still time to change the road you're on."

(Led Zeppelin, 1971)

Happy New Year 2024!

The Columbiettes will be kicking off the New Year with a Post-Holiday celebration at Ciao Bella Restaurant on January 17 at 6:00pm, 690 River Road, New Milford, NJ. The price is \$45 per person and includes antipasti of eggplant rollatini, fried calamari, and mozzarella and tomatoes. There is a choice of four entrees (which can be decided that night). The restaurant is BYOB so bring your favorite bottle and the dessert will be provided by the auxiliary.

If you are planning on attending, please send a check, made payable to Genine Armellino and mail to, 60 Dance Blvd, Dumont, NJ 07628 by January 12. If you choose to pay that night please bring CASH ONLY.

And, speaking about money, our Membership Dues of \$30 is due! Checks are to be made out to, St John's Columbiettes #1345 and can be sent to our Financial Secretary, Nancy Hecker at 66 Wynadotte Ave, Dumont, NJ 07628 or brought to the night of our Holiday Get Together at Ciao Bella. Payments are due by January 31.

We are always looking for new members. Do you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a Columbiette? Talk with your friends and neighbors and have them join in the fun while supporting those in need. For membership information please contact President Genine Armellino @917-992-2011 or email her at genine810@yahoo.com.

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

Peace,

Roberta Elwell, Past President

Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

- Fri, Jan. 5th Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **8:30 pm**
- Sun, Jan. 14th Right to Life Mass at SMA Fathers in Tenafly; Adoration and Rosary – **2:00 pm**; Mass – **3:00 pm**
- Mon, Jan. 15th Council Meeting – **7:30 pm**
- Wed, Jan. 17th Columbiettes Christmas Dinner
- Fri, Jan. 19th March for Life – busses leave St. John's parking lot - **6:00 am**

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:45 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

DGK Bob Knott asks that you contact him at 201-675-2802 or email him at knottrj@optimum.net if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

2024 Council Dues

Keep an eye on your mailbox, dues notices were mailed out the last week of December. Please remember your **PROMPT** payment of dues keeps expenses down, and avoids the time required for follow-ups. For your convenience an online payment option will once again be available (for a small service charge). This year in addition to the \$40 dues (\$15 for Honorary members, \$0 for Honorary Life members) we are requesting a \$20 voluntary contribution to the scholarship fund, and a \$10 voluntary contribution to the Shake the Can Drive. As always, if your dues present a hardship for you, please reach out to the Financial Secretary Ken Armellino at 516-220-9333 or the Grand Knight at 201-314-8599. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Next Council Meeting - Monday, January 15th

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 15th at 8 pm. 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.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Fundraiser **Saturday, February 3rd** 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 6 pm, tournament starts at 7 pm. Non-players \$20pp. RSVP online at MikesPokerTables.com and get a 500 Chip Bonus. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 with questions.

Save the Date - Superbowl LVIII Party

Come down to the Council on **Sunday, February 11th** for our annual Superbowl Party! We will be serving chicken wings, hot dogs, chili, fries and nachos. Cash bar, beer bucket specials, 50/50 raffle and pool boxes are available. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$10. Please text or call Mike Rowley at 201-280-8727 by February 10th to RSVP.

Save the Date - Comedy Night

We will once again be hosting a Comedy Night on **Saturday, April 13th**. This event was a huge success last year and we expect an even bigger turnout this year. More details to follow in upcoming "Knight Times" newsletters.




Grand Knight Chuck Hollis presenting Christmas gifts to Fr. Carey from St. Mary's and Fr. Dermot of the SMA Fathers at the Council Christmas Party



Big thanks to **Big Jim's Pizza** and **Tri-Valley Restaurant** for participating in the toy drive to support the Tomorrow Fund for Children with Cancer; and to **Schreiber's Deli** for support of our Feeding the Needy event in November.





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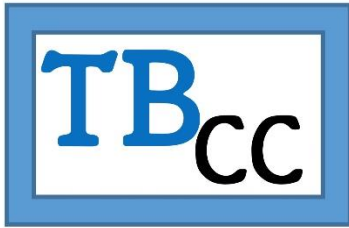
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Twin Boro Columbian Club

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61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

WINTER TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT



Saturday February 3rd

Hot Buffet & Check-in 6pm, Poker Starts at 7pm

The \$100 entry includes:

- 5,000-chip starting stack
- Dinner
 - Hot roast beef
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