



# *The Knight Times*

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*JULY, 2019*

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## *Grand Knight's Message*

Brother Knights, Families, and Friends,

I am humbled by the honor of leading this great Council into the 2019-20 Columbian Year. I would like to express my appreciation to all those who were elected, re-elected, appointed or re-appointed alongside me in the Council and the Columbian Club for their willingness to serve. They, along with all our members and friends who volunteer their time are the key to our success for the upcoming year.

Success also would not be possible without the tireless dedication of our Past Grand Knight Steve Martin, who during some unbelievable challenges was able to keep the Council and Columbian Club focused on our mission as Knights. Serving as his Deputy, I learned much about running the Council, but also about being a model Knight. Steve has my undying gratitude.

The additional support St. John's Council received from our Past State Deputy and friend Robert Hatler, and Past District Deputy and member Chuck Hollis provided was invaluable, and I thank them as well and wish them well as they move on in new roles.

Finally, success does not come without growth, so I would be remiss if I did not recognize the fact that we were able to bring 12 new brothers into our Council in June. You can find more details about this exceptional evening in this newsletter, and I ask you to keep these new Brothers in your prayers.

Thank you all,

Vivat Jesus,  
*Kenneth Armellino*  
Grand Knight

### Council Officers 2019-2020

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Fr. Michael Barone	973-902-4815
Grand Knight	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Deputy GK:	Larry Rivera, PGK	201-315-0456
Chancellor	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Warden	Kevin Sheridan	201-844-3180
Recorder	James Mc Carthy	201-370-7365
Treasurer	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-214-9375
Financial Sec	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Outside Guard I	Jim Callahan	201-655-2634
Outside Guard II	Jim Hurley	201-290-6619
Trustee 1 yr.	Frank Gallacher, PGK, PFN	201-957-2683
Trustee 2 yr.	Al Taxter	201-519-7436
Trustee 3 yr	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	Carl Schmidhauser	201-286-2928

### Council Chairmen 2019-2020 (will update in August issue)

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Council Activities:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Family Activities:	Steve Martin, PGK	201-669-8236
Feeding Homeless:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Murray Scholarship	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Mail Committee:	Frank Uvenio	201-385-0990
Membership:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Newsletter Editor:	G. Di Costanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Parish Roundtable:	Steve Martin, PGK	201-669-8236
Program Director:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Publicity:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Bob DeWald	201-384-2259
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 2019-2020

President:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Vice President:	John Orsino	201-280-7759
Secretary:	Frank Gallacher, PGK, PFN	201-957-2683
Treasurer:	George Prevete	201-870-2927
Trustee:	Al Taxter	201-519-7436
Trustee:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Trustee:	Paul Hecker	201-207-1051

### Columbiette's Officer's 2019-2020

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
Imm Past President:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617

### BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2019-2020

Scoutmaster –	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
Asst. Scoutmaster –	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897
Asst. Scoutmaster –	Billy Cook	201-566-5036
Crew Advisor –	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897
Assoc Crew Advisor –	Tim Bright	201-803-5602

### Knight Times Newsletter

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### Sick & Wake Report – as of June 24, 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
<b>-Steven Petraglia</b>		-Dave Benson, PGK
-William Borrows		-Nick Albano
-Dick Dorozynski		-Scott Manno, PGK
<b>-Jim Mc Entee</b>		<b>-Larry Rivera, PGK</b>
-Brendan Thornton		<b>-Matt Connell</b>
-Bill Horn		-Bill Connington, PGK
-John P. Mc Hugh		-Michael Curran
-Jack Marsigliano		-James Verdino
-Antonio Fundaro		-Al Taxter
-Dan Taylor		-Jim Whelan

#### Relatives & Friends

- Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan
- Catherine Kelly, wife of Late Jim Kelly, Sr.
- Donna, Sister of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
- Fr. Ray Filipiski, priest at St. John's Church
- Grace Benson, wife of PGK Dave Benson.
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
- Lillian Holmes, Columbiette, Financial Secretary
- Linda Ilowite, daughter of Tony Tulli
- Lorraine Marsigliano, wife of Jack Marsigliano
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Marie, mother of State Warden Russ Petrocelli.
- Mary Rudolph, wife of the late Art Rudolph, PP, TBCC
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- Rose Lotteman, relative of James Mc Carthy
- 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
- William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows

#### Wakes

Members:

**-Robert E. Moran on March 27, 2019.**

Relatives/Friends:

**-Alice Oldfield, mother of Advocate Rich Oldfield**

### Hall For Rent

Planning a party or wedding? Call Tom Formoso 201-707-9890 or email TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com, or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org). **The hall is for rent with or without food catering.**

### Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our events are preferred.

Email: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). OR,

Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333**.

### ***From the News Desk***

**Birthday** wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in July.

**Save the Date:** Sept. 13, 2019 Bergen Federation Golf Outing at River Vale CC. More details to come.

### ***Chancellor-Membership Report***

We had a very successful membership month in June.

(1). Congratulations to Donald Apolito, James Castillo, & Joseph Verga on taking their Formation (2nd) Degree.

(2). We welcomed Keith Maniscalco who transferred to our Council from Norwood.

(3). And we welcome (14) new members who took their Admission (1st) Degree. Brandon Blanco, James Boyhen, James Hecker, Colin & Conor Hollis, Keith Leary, Connor Martin, James McHale, Eugene McVerry, Justin Merkovsky, Christopher Orsino, Fr. Ranees Rayappan SMA Priest, Michael Ilano, and Ari Kasday.

From January-June, we added 26 new members, by all means a FANTASTIC accomplishment. And we still have some prospects to follow up on.

*Matt Connell, Membership*

### ***Financial Secretary Report***

Welcome to our new members. And to all our members, have a safe & enjoyable summer with your loved ones.

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*

### ***Respect Life Report***

Gentlemen - I think our country has lost their moral values – everything is looked at in a racial, sexist way. This is not the America I was raised in. LIFE is too important no matter what age; ie: conception to natural death.

Several towns have displayed the Gay Rights flag - no problem - except they have refused to fly the Respect Life flag. So far no response from these towns. We shall see what their answer is hopefully soon.

LIFE is one third of the 3 rights in the Declaration of Independence. The other 2 rights are Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

LET US all pray for the unborn and their fathers and mothers.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### ***Friday Night Socials***

We re-open on Friday, July 12. We hope to see many of you there to support the council and have some fun & relaxation.

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*

### ***Seminarian Support***

Remember our seminarian Moris Montoya in your prayers.

Contact info for Moris: Immaculate Conception Seminary, Att: Moris Montoya, 400 So. Orange Ave, So. Orange, NJ 07079. Send him a note of encouragement. Include John March, seminarian, who also joined our Council.

*G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

### ***San Alfonso Retreat***

**July 12 - 14, 2019**

#### ***THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN-UP AND GO!***

Brothers, it's time to think about spending 3 days at the peaceful Retreat house of San Alfonso. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

But, sometimes we fall behind, and need to catch up.

The retreat does just that. It provides an opportunity to reconnect with Jesus in the serenity of San Alfonso in quiet meditation to close the gap between Jesus and you.

Brothers, it's also time to make your reservation. The cost this year is \$240.00 payable at the Retreat to me.

If a first floor is needed, let me know so I can make the reservation as rooms on first floor are limited. Please let me know by no later than June 30th if you are attending. Check-in is Friday at 4pm with dinner served at 6pm. Call me with any questions.

*Tony Tulli, Chairman*  
732-608-0784

### ***Feeding the Homeless***

On Wednesday August 21 we will once again be helping out at the Family Promise Shelter in Hackensack. We need many volunteers to make this happen, both that morning/afternoon to prepare food, as well as people to serve it in the evening. If you are available to help, please call or text Ken Armellino at 516-220-9333 or email [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com).

*Kenneth Armellino, Grand Knight*

### ***Special Award Presentations***

At this last meeting of the 2018-2019 CY, GK Steve Martin presented several awards, as follows:

#### ***Scholarships***

(1). Eight (8) scholarship awards were presented at our June meeting. 7-\$1000 awards for college entrance students; 1-\$100 award to a DHS student for Exemplary Community Service. A total of \$7100 awarded. Congratulations to all the winners for their hard-earned work.



#### ***Knight of the Year Award***

(2). 3-Knight of the Year awards were presented to George Prevete, Paul Hecker, and Kevin Sheridan. Congratulations to them for this prestigious honor.

#### ***Family of the Year Award***

(3). 1-Family of the Year award was presented to the Orsino Family...John, Michele, Christopher and Katie. Congratulations to the family for this prestigious honor.

*Steve Martin, Grand Knight*

#### ***A Prayer for Difficult Times - The Ship of Life***

Steer the ship of my life, Lord, to your quiet harbor, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take.

Renew in me the gift of discernment, so that I can see the right direction in which I should go.

Give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that through enduring hardship and danger in your name we shall find comfort and peace. Amen.

**Dates to Remember**  
**Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.**

Thurs, July 4 *Independence Day - Fly your Flag*  
 Fri, July 5 Council Closed - enjoy long weekend  
 Mon, July 8 Council Officer mtg. 8pm  
 12-14 *San Alfonso Retreat*  
 Fri, July 12 C-Friday Social 7pm  
 Sat, July 13 Rental - 3pm.  
 Sun, July 14 Rental - 2pm.  
 Mon, July 15 Council General mtg. 8pm.  
 Tues, July 16 *Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*  
 Fri, July 19 C-Friday Social 7pm.  
 Mon, July 22 TBCC meeting 8pm.

**Columbiettes Report**

*“Counting the cars on the NJ Turnpike  
 They’ve all come to look for America  
 All come to look for America”*  
 (Simon & Garfunkel, 1968)

In June the Columbiettes had our last meeting of the Columbian year with an installation of our officers. We congratulate the following, Laura Labetti, President, Jill Moriarity, Vice President, Michele Sciarino, Treasurer, Lillian Holmes, Financial Secretary, Janet Maniscalco, Secretary, Maureen Italiano, Sentinel, and Nina DiCostanzo, Past President.

Also in June, the Annual Columbiette Convention was held in Piscataway, New Jersey. A full detailed report will be in the August issue of the Knights Times.



*From Columbiette Convention. In the center is Mackensie, the Central Chapter recipient of the Chapter Annual Donation Award.*

As we plan to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, here are some fascinating facts you probably didn’t know about our holiday.

Only two people actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4: John Hancock and Charles Thomson, secretary of Congress. Most of the others signed on August 2.

On July 4, 1778, George Washington ordered a double ration of rum for his soldiers to celebrate the holiday.

And....

July 4 wasn't deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded.

Wishing everyone a very Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

*Peace,*

*Roberta Elwell, Past President*

**Troop 1345 Report**

No Report this month.

*Ray Ziemba, Crew 1345 Advisor*

**Council - Elected Slate of Officers  
 2019-2020**

-Grand Knight: Ken Armellino  
 -Deputy Grand Knight: Lauro Rivera, PGK  
 -Chancellor: Brian O'Dowd  
 -Warden: Kevin Sheridan  
 -Recorder: James McCarthy  
 -Inside Guard: Matthew Connell  
 -Outside Guard 1: Jim Callahan  
 -Outside Guard 2: Jim Hurley  
 -Trustee 3 year: Steve Martin, PGK II

**TBCC- Slate of Officers**

-President: Tom Formoso  
 -Vice President: John Orsino  
 -Treasurer: George Prevete  
 -Secretary: Frank Gallacher, PGK, PFN  
 -Trustee: Al Taxter  
 -Trustee: Paul Hecker  
 -Trustee: Steve Martin, PGK II

**Photo Gallery**

**At our 111th Anniversary Party**

Included in the festivities of the evening, we celebrated the past two terms of GK Steve Martin with Past Grand Knight honors.



*From left: Grand Knight Elect Ken Armellino presenting Past Grand Knight award plaque to GK Steve Martin. On the right: the Martin Family: GK Steve, his wife Patti, daughter's Shannon & Erin, and son Connor.*

**Columbiette June Meeting**



*Election of Officers at the June meeting.*

**Faith in Action**

We will lead the First Friday Rosary again during adoration starting at 6PM on Friday July 5th at St. Mary's Church. Please join us in the lower church every first Friday at 6PM and put your faith into action. And don't forget to bring your rosary.

*Brian O'Dowd*

**Prayer for Families**

Almighty God and Father, Help all families to live as the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph united in respect and love. Teach us through them the sanctity of human love, the value of family life, and the way to live at peace with all, that we may share in Your life forever. Amen