



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy; alas we are hopefully nearing the end of this challenge. I am encouraged by Churches reopening, restaurants serving food, we can buy toilet paper and paper towels are back on the shelves, and we have resumed our Friday Night Socials. Our first outdoor social was a success, and we plan to continue them throughout the summer so please try and join us. We have also scheduled a Sunday afternoon BBQ for July 19 from 2PM-6PM to help bring in much needed funds as we begin to reopen the Council building.

We also held our Council Elections, and I congratulate those who have stepped up for the 2020-21 Columbian Year, which I am sure will be like no other in the past. I am also humbled and honored to be chosen to serve another year as Grand Knight. Like everything in our lives, we will be adjusting to a new reality. It will be a challenge to learn how to get back to the work of the Knights, but to do so safely living within the constraints of concepts like social distancing.

Finally, as we move forward, let us not forget those who COVID-19 has touched and are in need of our prayers and support. May you all have a happy and blessed Independence Day, and I hope to see you all soon.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

At the close of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Dr. James McHenry, one of Maryland's delegates to the Convention, penned some very key notes of the beginnings of the life of The United States of America that pertain even to this day. One of those classics, which was published in *The American Historical Review*, vol. 11, 1906, p. 618 reads: "**A lady asked Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Well Doctor, what have we got a republic or a monarchy? A republic, replied the Doctor – "if you can keep it."**

Franklin's comment, "If you can keep it," is prophetic not only at the birth of the United States but also in this present struggle to preserve, build upon and protect this innovative, never before seen form of constitutional government. For 244 years we have been able to honor the founding principles of our great nation, to work, to sacrifice in order that we can keep this precious gift of our nation both as a blessing from God and as the fruit of human wisdom and collective endeavor. We constantly are challenged to find creative ways to make it possible. Historically, the Knights have been recreating ways of keeping the faith without compromising our patriotism working to overcome racial prejudice in American society, standing up for the defenseless and vulnerable especially in the unborn and have been forerunners in the constant combat against the "isms" that threaten our nation.

The timing of the announcement of elevating Venerable McGivney to "Blessed" on the road to sainthood is truly providential. His witness and life must now be revisited in a more personal and intimate way for us. More than ever now his intercession is needed as we combat the new forms of socialism and fascism that are threatening the founding principles of this great nation! My fellow knights – we are being called. We are being called to a new level of holiness. Called to stand tall, proud, creative and courageous in a whole new way responding to preserve, build upon and protect the nation and to meet the immediate needs of our rapidly changing nation and world. Let us persevere in prayer unity and charity! May the great Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception protect this nation and her children under her heavenly mantle. Amen!

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Chaplain

Council Officers 2020-2021

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Treasurer:	Adrian Miller	201-803-0388
Trustee:	Bob Feigle	551-265-9747
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BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2020-2021

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Assoc Crew Advisor – Tim Bright	201-803-5602

Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of July 7, 2020

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, call **Bob DeWald at 201-384-2259.**

Members

- Bob Dondero, PGK
- Steven Petraglia
- Nick Albano
- George Di Costanzo FS, PGK**
- Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA
- Jim Whelan
- Jim Mc Entee
- Brendan Thornton
- Bill Horn
- Arthur Flynn
- Tony O'Hare
- Frank Fundaro
- John Graham
- Dave Benson, PGK
- Tom Formoso TBCC VP**
- Frank Uvenio**
- Dan Taylor
- Arturo Ilano**
- Larry Rivera, PGK**
- Matt Connell
- Bill Connington, PGK
- John Orsino
- Angelo Gallo
- Jeffrey Meeks

Relatives & Friends

- Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan
- Donna & Rocky, Sister & Granddaughter of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
- Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
- Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
- 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;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- 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;
- Maria & Stephanie, wife & niece of Jim Brooks;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
- Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
- Rev. Beale & NJ Veteran's Home

Wakes

Members: -Antonio Fundaro;

Relatives/Friends: none

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

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

Happy Birthday wishes to **Joseph Kelly**, who celebrated his birthday on June 12. **Happy Birthday** to St. John's Council on their 112th birthday. Hoo-Rah!

Congratulations to Barbara & Bill Connington on 50 years married on June 20th. Congratulations to **Maryann Ragone** on becoming a Great Grandmother.

On behalf of the **Nominating Committee**, I want to congratulate our Officer's for 2020+21, **PGK Steve Martin, Chairperson**.

The Council Growth Dept has awarded our Council the Founder's Award for hosting a Fraternal Benefits Night on June 11.

Chancellor-Membership Report

Congratulations to **Fr. Ranees Rayappan** and **Fr. Anthony Korir** of the SMA on taking their virtual online 4th Degree in June. At a convenient date, when we re-open, they will be Knighted "Sir Kinights".

Financial Secretary Report

No report. Enjoy the summer months as best as possible, stay safe and stay healthy.

George Di Costanzo, FS,PGK

Respect Life Report

Brothers- Happy Fathers day. I have a question for the US Congress. Why do taxpayers Dollars (500 Million Dollars) go to Planned Parenthood each year??? It is an outrageous business making a profit by killing unborn babies. This is an election year.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Help Wanted

The SMA Fathers are seeking someone who could avail of himself to work in a part-time position in their mail room. [average 12 hours a week] If you are interested, please call Fr. Dermot at (201) 567-0450 x212 or Ms. Martha Paladino (business manager) at (201) 567-0450 x 239.

Emails

As you have seen throughout the past few months, St. John's Council must be able to continue its Council business virtually. If you **have not** been receiving emails from us over the past year, we need you to sign up. Therefore, I ask that if you are a member 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 have any questions email us at KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

New Council Officer's for CY 2020-2021

Grand Knight	Ken Armellino
Deputy Grand Knight	Brian O'Dowd
Chancellor	John McHugh
Warden	Kevin Sheridan
Recorder	Gino DeJesus
Treasurer	Arturo Ilano
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Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Summer Family BBQ

On July 19th from 2PM to 6PM we will host an outdoor Family BBQ at the Council to benefit the reopening of the Twin-Boro Columbian Club. The new regulations paired with a lack of rental income is becoming a challenge as we develop a strategy to ramp back up to where we were. The menu is BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs, salad, french fries, and chicken nuggets for the kids. The cost is \$15/per adult, \$5/child age 5 and up. There will be a cash bar available.

We hope to see you there. **Please RSVP by call or texting Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333, or email us at KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com**

Knight of the Month

Even though the Council and Columbian Club has been closed, July's Knight of the Month spent a great deal of time taking advantage of the time to paint, clean ceiling tiles, disinfect all surfaces, and maintain the outside of the building, so that when word came for us to reopen, we were ready. Thank you to this month's Knight of the Month Bob Feigle.

Friday Night Social

We have secured the necessary approvals to hold Friday Night Socials outdoors. Please watch your email and listen for Calling Post updates via phone for ongoing details.

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday July 20th at 8PM in person at the Council Hall. We will adjust our setup to allow for appropriate social distancing. We are also investigating the possibility of doing a simultaneous online livestream. More details will follow on that.

Beatification of Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

My dear brother Knights, God works in mysterious ways! The rise of Father Michael McGivney took place in the 19th century when the United States was facing an anti-Catholic climate. We know the story: Christ needed convicted fearless leaders to battle what would seem to be impossible situations. Through McGivney, Christ inspired an extraordinary lay movement in the *Knights of Columbus* that ranks today as the largest Catholic fraternal organization doing extraordinary works of charity for the marginalized and forgotten most especially for the unborn. Thus, is it any surprise that from the unborn an extraordinary miracle took place through the intercession of Fr. McGivney paving the path for his beatification this year 2020? Praise be Jesus!

In the 21st-century, in a increasingly growing anti-Catholic climate, it is by Divine Providence that this extraordinary news of Fr. McGivney's beatification is announced. His spirit lives on in the Knights. We are the new witnesses convicted and fearless to battle what seems to be impossible situations. We have much to be grateful for; much to ponder. We move forward in the light of Christ. Servant of God, **blessed-elect** Fr. Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Support Calls to Members .

Recently, the Council decided to call and check on members on the Prayer List for the Sick and member Jim Callahan volunteered. Since March, Jim Has been calling to check on those on the sick list and checking on members during the pandemic. Members and their families have been so appreciative of the calls. The program was recently expanded to include Columbiettes.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Mon, July 13 Officer meeting 8pm. format to be decided.
Sun, July 19 Family BBQ 2pm-6pm
Mon, July 20 Council meeting, 8pm. at Council Hall.

Twin-Boro Columbian Club

New Officers for 2020-2021 CY.

President John Orsino
Vice President Thomas Formoso
Treasurer Adrian Miller
Secretary Mike Rowley
Trustee Bob Feigl
Trustee Paul Hecker
Trustee Anthony Marti

Blood Drive

The Council, along with Boy Scout Troop 1345 hosted a blood drive at the Council on June 17th. The drive brought out over 60 donors and collected 50 pints of whole blood, over twice the previous record of 28 at the Council. Thanks to the Scouts for helping promote it, and to all those who donated.

Columbiette Report

*"They come from the cities
And they come from the smaller towns
Beat up cars with guitars and drummers
Goin crack boom bam
R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A....R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A,
Yeah, Living in the USA!"*
(John Mellencamp, 1985)

Our slate of officers for the 2020/2021 will remain the same, we congratulate the following, Laura Labetti, President, Jill Moriarty, Vice President, Michele Sciarrino, Treasurer, Lillian Holmes, Financial Secretary, Janet Maniscalco, Secretary, Maureen Italiano, Sentinel, and Nina DiCostanzo, Past President.

In spite of the pandemic that we faced this year and not being able to have our fundraisers for our charities, we did give donations to the following:

-Dumont Food Pantry:	\$200
-Bergenfield Food Pantry:	\$200
-Knights of Columbus:	\$500
-Twin Borough Columbian Club:	\$500
-Lighthouse Pregnancy Center:	\$200
-McKenzie Cadmus:	\$250
-St Mary's Food Pantry:	\$100
-St John's Food Pantry:	\$100

I know this have been an extremely difficult time for all of us, as we have been told, we are all in this together. Keep praying, stay safe, be well, and we look forward to the day when we all can be together again!
Roberta Elwell

Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 remains active throughout the COVID-19 pandemic that has turned everybody's life upside down. The troop has been holding virtual troop meetings, virtual workshops, and virtual camping trips.

Matt Polandick became the Troop's 33rd Eagle Scout during the early days of COVID-19. On March 15, Matt had his Eagle Scout Board of Review outside at a park in Westwood. This was completed just before all of the parks would begin to close down. Congratulations to Matt!

Max Delacruz became the Troop's 34th Eagle Scout on May 31. Max had his Eagle Scout Board of Review via Zoom, which was a first for the troop. Congratulations to Max!

Troop 1345 joined the Knights of Columbus to host a blood drive on June 17, which was very successful. There were 63 donors that arrived at the Knights of Columbus, which resulted in 44 whole blood donations and 6 double red cell donations. Thanks to all who participated!

The Troop 1345 car show is scheduled for July 18 – keep your eyes open for more details. Stop on over to visit us on West Shore Avenue – admission is free.
Ray Ziemba

If Our Wives Knew, What the Widow Knows

Ask yourself this. WILL YOUR WIDOW BE HAPPY WITH YOU OR DISAPPOINTED IN THE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE YOU HAVE WHEN YOU DIE? During this pandemic, your Knights of Columbus Field Insurance Agents have done more death claims than in any previous quarter of any year. 75% of the time we are paying the claim on a male member of the household.

As I am writing this, on June 21st, over 255 members have died since April 15th in New Jersey, (over 1300 member deaths in New Jersey this Columbian year). That's about a 25% increase over how many members died in the same period last year. That's a lot of widows and children of members that we have been helping.

A recent study said that inquiries about insurance have gone up 800% since the virus affected the United States. So many people have seen friends, neighbors and relatives succumb to the illness, whether healthy or with underlying issues, that they have questioned their own mortality. They want to know, what will happen to my family, if something happens to me? Will my wife be able to get by, with one less social security check coming in? Do I have enough insurance to pay off my bills and final expenses if I die?

*Enrique Blanco, PGK, Field Agent, Knights of Columbus
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Volunteers needed to write "Thinking of You Letters" for senior citizens in Dumont.

Certainly a positive uplifting "Thinking of You Letter" would make someone's day, especially during this pandemic. Please consider writing a "Thinking of You letter to brighten up a senior citizen's day during this health crisis. Imagine how you will feel knowing that your letter made someone's day a little brighter.

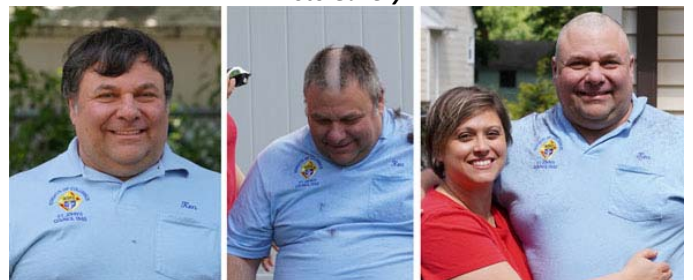
Send letters to Donna Faulborn, the Dir of Soc Svcs in Dumont. Mail to: Thinking of You letters, c/o Donna Faulborn, 39 Dumont Ave, Dumont, NJ 07628.
Jim Callahan

Columbian Club Report

We stand strong four months since our last rental on 2/29. Despite the lack of income from rentals, dart nights and socials, we have been able to cut expenses. We are in the process of renewing our business line of credit which will give us access to funds as needed for unexpected challenges. We look forward to reopening while meeting whatever protocols are necessary to allow us to operate in a safe and profitable way.

John Orsino, President

Photo Gallery



The Bridge to Recovery Fund Drive was a huge success.