



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and my friends all,

Let's Make a Difference!

It is with great honor and humility that I write my first message to you as Grand Knight of this great council. I am grateful to the officers and members for their confidence and fortitude in electing me to serve for the upcoming Columbian year -- I assure you all that I will uphold Bl. Fr. McGivney's vision, and strive to meet our goals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

It's been said that *it takes a village*, and how true that is when it comes to our council. I will be reaching out to you for help and support, and look forward to your continued positive response.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank PGK Ken Armellino for his amazing leadership during these most trying 16 months. I know I speak for all as I wish Ken and his officers every continued success.

Our new slate of officers is currently planning for the year, starting with the Installation of Officers. We will gather at 4 pm on July 31st for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the SMA Fathers in Tenafly, followed by a celebration at the council; details can be found in this bulletin.

I close with this thought: we all know that our Church is under many stresses at this time, and our service as Knights has never been more needed. You have my word that I will do whatever it takes to support our parishes and their parishioners in this coming year. When we work together, we can accomplish many things... so let's do it! *Let's make a difference.*

Vivat Jesus,
Gerry Flood
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

(Fr. Dermot was not able to submit a message this month, but we hope he will be back next month providing his insights)

Last month, we celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas More, an English Martyr. He was a lawyer and well-respected Lord Chancellor of England under Henry VIII. However, he would not yield to Henry on the issues of Henry's divorce and of his schism with the Church of Rome after Henry established the Church of England. Although Thomas had always been fiercely loyal to Henry, he felt that he could no longer support the King and resigned as Chancellor. Henry desperately wanted Thomas' support, because Thomas was known as a devout and wise man. When it was clear that this support would not come, Thomas was convicted of treason and executed. When he was brought to the place of execution, he told the crowd: "I die the King's good servant, but God's first."

In these times of attacks on religious freedom and in particular the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus are at the forefront of the struggle to defend the Faith. We will not likely be faced with execution, but our faith will be tested. Like Henry, different sides will want the support of Catholics until there is a conflict with Church teachings that cannot be overcome. We must rely on God for the strength to face these challenges, and rely on our fellow Knights for support. As Knights, we must place loyalty to God before anything else. We must be God's servants before all.

Council Officers 2021-2022

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA	201-567-0450
Grand Knight	Gerry Flood	914-343-5508
Deputy GK:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Chancellor	John McHugh	201-647-7729
Warden	Justin Miller	201-421-8916
Recorder	Jim Callahan	201-655-2634
Treasurer	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-220-7127
Financial Sec	Ken Armellino, PGK	516-220-9333
Inside Guard	Bob Knott	201-675-2802
Outside Guard I	Gino De Jesus	551-265-9813
Outside Guard II	(open)	
Trustee 1 yr.	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Trustee 2 yr.	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
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
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 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
Trustee:	Bob Feigl	551-265-9747
Trustee:	Anthony Marti	917-602-3797
Trustee:	Paul Hecker	201-207-1051

Columbiette Officers 2021-2022

President:	Laura Labetti	201-788-5971
Vice-President:	Jill Moriarty	201-280-6667
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
Immed Past Pres:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617

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

Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of June 24, 2021

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

Members

-DGK Brian O'Dowd	-Bob Dondero, PGK
-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD	-Frank Uvenio
-Dan Taylor	-Tony O'Hare
-Bill Horn	-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock
-Chuck Hollis, PGK, PDD	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Michael Alcock	-Eli DeFalco

Relatives & Friends

-Joanne Armellino, mother of PGK Ken Armellino

-Tim O'Hare, son of Tony O'Hare

-Mildred Dellner, Columbiette.

-Sandy, wife of Insurance Agent Enrique Blanco

-Rocky, Granddaughter of Dr Geoffrey Sadock

-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

-Pat Barclay, Columbiette

-Diane Lang, wife of Dave Lang

-Mary Ragone, Columbiette

Wakes

-Tom Moriarty, Father of Al Moriarty

-Arthur Flynn.

-Nick Albano

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.

Prayer for Families

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

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 Report

Brothers,

Thank you for having faith in the officers who have volunteered to be the leaders of your Council. We will do our best to move forward as we exit from uncertain times and resume what will be the new normal.

As leaders, we are always looking for new ways that allow the Council to fulfill our charitable mission - supporting those in need and assisting our churches & the clergy. As leaders, we also ask for your help and support in any way you can. Your assistance in prepping food for the homeless, donating blood, and helping at or attending our events are just some of the ways you can support our mission.

Working together as a fraternity of brothers, we can make a difference!

Vivat Jesus!

Brian O'Dowd, DGK

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen and Columbiettes,

Saint Mother Teresa vs. Roe vs. Wade

“By abortion, the mother kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So, abortion leads to abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is ABORTION.”

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held **IN PERSON** at the Council on Monday, July 19th at 8PM. Don't forget your membership cards. Remember to review the minutes prior to the meeting by going to KofC1345.org and selecting “Minutes” from the left-hand side. Please contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for the login and password.

New District Deputy – A Familiar Face

Congratulations to St. John's Council 1345 PGK and former Financial Secretary George DiCostanzo as District 13's new District Deputy. Among the Councils he will be responsible for is St. John's Council.

First Annual Pig Roast Luau

Join us Saturday July 17th at 5PM in DUMONT at our Council for our first ever Luau hosted in conjunction with St. Therese Council #7647. The evening will include a menu of slow roasted pork (cooked right in our parking lot), roasted corn on the cob, and all the sides you'd expect. Wear your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts if you have them. Cash bar available. Price is \$40pp (\$20 for 13 and under). Rain or shine. **ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED.** To RSVP call or text 646-210-6969 and send checks payable to St. Therese Council 7647 Attn: Grand Knight, 200 Jefferson Ave., Cresskill, NJ 07626. See enclosed flyer.

We Need Your Email Address

If you **have not** been receiving emails from us over the past year, we need you to sign up. Therefore, if you are a **member or friend** 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 or need information, please send an email to us at KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Scholarship



On Friday June 18th, we welcomed the 2021 Council Scholarship Winners and their families to our social for recognition of their achievements. This year, we awarded \$8,100; seven scholarships for attendance at college, two for attendance at a Catholic high school and a single \$100 award to a Dumont HS graduate. Shown in the photo above are Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Grand Knight Ken Armellino and several of our scholarship recipients.

Annual Retreat

Tony Tulli, our Faithful Retreat Captain, has advised that there will be a Men's Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ, from Friday, July 16-Sunday, July 18. Please consider coming and enjoying good talks and food, and spending time with your fellow Knights. **If you are interested in attending, please contact Tony as soon as possible at 732-608-0784.** He needs to let the Retreat House know how many men will be attending.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

Friday, July 2 *Blood Drive at Council Hall, 1-7PM*
Friday, July 2 *Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's
Church- 6:00PM*
Sunday, July 4 *Fourth of July – Fly the Flag!*
Monday, July 12 *Officers' Meeting 7:30PM*
Fri, - Sun., July 16-18 *Council Retreat at San Alfonso
Retreat House*
Saturday, July 17 *First Annual Pig Roast and Luau*
Monday, July 19 *Regular Council Meeting, 8:00PM
(In-Person)*
Saturday, July 31 *Installation of Grand Knight and
Officers-SMA at 4:00PM*
Saturday, August 21 *Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament*

Columbiette Report

*"Well, I'm so glad I'm livin' in the USA
Yes, I'm so glad I'm livin' in the USA
Anything you want, they got it here right in the USA"
(Chuck Berry, 1959)*

We closed out our Columbiette Year with the installation of our new officers and Chaplain, Fr Dermot Roache! We welcome Fr. Roache and look forward to his spiritual guidance when we return in September. Please see the photo from the Installation below.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 12, 2021, we will be celebrating our Columbiette Anniversary...Happy 15 & 16! The celebration will take place at the Council Hall starting with a Mass at 2:00pm and then dinner from 3:00 to 5:00. More details to follow in the coming months.

As we plan to celebrate the 4th of July, here is a fascinating fact you probably didn't know about our holiday. Our one and only president born on the 4th of July, was our 30th president, Calvin Coolidge. He was born on July 4, 1872 in Plymouth, Vermont and became president in 1923.

Wishing everyone a very Happy 4th of July!
Peace,
Roberta Elwell
Past President



Insurance Corner

Our Insurance Field Agent, Enrique Blanco, does not have a message this month. If you have any questions for him, please contact him at (201) 745-2723.

Charitable Donations Resolution

A Resolution regarding the Grand Knight's Charitable Donations for the past Columbian Year was read to the members in attendance at the Regular Meeting in June, and will be read again at the Regular Meeting in July in accordance with the Council Bylaws. Please review the enclosed flyer. St. John's Council is proud to have been able to make these donations to worthy causes, especially in these trying times.

Blood Drive

For 2021, we have coordinated with the Calvary Methodist United Church to host a drive every two months in Dumont. The next drive is July 2ndth from 1 to 7pm at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). An appointment is required to donate. You can schedule your appointment by going to https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/52719 or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Strict social distancing practices will be followed. Don't forget your mask.

Installation of Officers

A Mass and Installation of Officers for the 2021-2022 Columbian Year will be celebrated at 4pm on July 30, 2021 at Society of African Missions, 23 Bliss Ave., Tenafly, NJ 07670. A dinner dance will follow at 5:30pm at the Council Hall featuring **LIVE** musical entertainment by **Julian & Dominique** and a meal catered by **Italian Connection** of Dumont. The hot buffet menu will include tossed salad, Italian bread, chicken marsala, eggplant parmigiana, sausage & peppers, roasted potatoes, meatballs, and sautéed vegetables. Dessert, coffee and tea will follow the meal. Cash bar available. The price is \$30 per person. **RSVP REQUIRED by JULY 27th**. To make a reservation call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or you can email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com See enclosed flyer.

SAVE THE DATE- Poker Tournament

Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Fundraiser on Saturday August 21st to help support the club's facilities and its charitable works. The \$100 buy-in includes hot buffet throughout the evening, tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, and tournament entry. Check In and buffet is at 6PM, and the tournament starts at 7PM. Non-players are \$30pp. RSVP by August 15th and get a 500 Chip Bonus. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333, or you can email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

From the News Desk

Best wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion in July.