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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and friends all,

It's hard to believe that my two years as Grand Knight is coming to a close - time really does fly when you're having fun!

To be sure, it has been a privilege and honor to serve as Grand Knight of this wonderful council. When I took on the role, I knew there would be good times (a personal highlight was returning to the March for Life in DC) and not so good times (who can forget the flood that damaged our home?). I am still very passionate about our agenda, and I will continue to participate as long as the good Lord allows.

As this is my final message - and also the last physical newsletter - it is only fitting that I acknowledge some of the people who made this journey with me over the past two years:

- Deputy Grand Knights Brian O'Dowd and Chuck Hollis, who were always available for advice;
- all of the officers who have done so much for the sake of this council;
- Steve Martin and his Twin Boro Columbian Club team, whose incredible efforts keep our council home operating for us to enjoy;
- our chaplain Fr. Dermot, who always keeps us focused on what is truly important; and,
- everyone who pitched in when needed, attended meetings and events, and supported one another.

I wish the incoming Grand Knights and his officers the very best of luck for the upcoming year. Be assured of my complete support.

I thank everyone for a truly memorable two years!

Vivat Jesus,

Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Pope Francis spoke of Blessed Michael McGivney as a genuine pastor who was unafraid to share "the smell of his sheep." The holy father likes this phrase. He uses it often challenging and encouraging his clergy to be close to their people. The Pope hailed Fr. McGivney for his unique "zeal and the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for his brothers and sisters."

As the summer rolls in and we head off to the shore, to Europe, across country or just taking well deserved rest time at home, let us not forget the poor and needy. Our charity unity and fraternity does not go on vacation. Our love of one another to be with those in sorrow and bring joy and support to those in need of encouragement continues in season and out of season. Happy Summer. Be safe.

Vivat Jesus!

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

P.S: Thank you!

Dear brother Knights, sister Columbiettes, and friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your prayers, heartfelt concern and your support during my illness and time of recovery. I am healing very well and I am getting back on track. I continue to hold each of you in my Mass and prayers here at the Mission. God bless. Vivat Jesus!

| Council Officers 2022-2023 | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Chaplain: | Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA | 201-567-0450 |
| Grand Knight | Gerry Flood | 914-343-5508 |
| Deputy GK: | Chuck Hollis | 201-314-8599 |
| Chancellor | Bob Knott | 201-675-2802 |
| 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 | William Flores | 917-544-2322 |
| Outside Guard I | Frank Apablaza | 201-362-0770 |
| Outside Guard II | (open) | |
| Trustee 1 yr. | Frank Gallacher, PGK | 201-957-2683 |
| Trustee 2 yr. | Steve Martin, DD, PGK II | 201-669-8236 |
| Trustee 3 yr. | Brian O'Dowd | 201-385-2859 |
| Lecturer | Dr. Geoffrey Sadock | 201-387-0240 |
| Insurance Agent | Enrique Blanco | 201-745-2723 |
| District Deputy | Steve Martin, PGK II | 201-669-8236 |

| Council Chairmen 2022-2023 | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 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: | | |
| Membership: | John McHugh | 201-647-7729 |
| Newsletter Editor: | Mike Rowley | 201-280-8727 |
| Parish Roundtable: | Ken Armellino, PGK | 516-220-9333 |
| Program Director: | Brian O'Dowd | 201-385-2859 |
| Publicity: | Ken Armellino | 516-220-9333 |
| 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: | Bob Knott | 201-675-2802 |
| St. Mary Church Rep: | | |
| Webmaster: | Brian O'Dowd | 201-385-2859 |

| Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2022-2023 | | |
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| President: | Steve Martin, DD, PGK | 201-669-8236 |
| Vice President: | Mike Rowley | 201-280-8727 |
| Secretary: | Tom Formoso | 201-707-9890 |
| Treasurer: | Adrian Miller | 201-803-0388 |
| Trustee: | Bob Feigle | 551-265-9747 |
| Trustee: | Anthony Marti | 917-602-3797 |
| Trustee: | Paul Hecker | 201-207-1051 |

| Columbiette Officers 2022-2023 | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 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 – 2021-2022 | | |
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| Charter Executive – Rich Merkovsky | | 201-494-9912 |
| Charter Organization Representative – Jason Reeves | | 732-403-1943 |
| Scoutmaster – Arthur Rosenberger | | 201-310-4541 |

Knight Times Newsletter

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Healing and Wake Report

As of May 217, 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.

Members

- Don Wuertz
- Dan Taylor
- Larry Rivera, PGK
- Emil Harris
- Lou Sciarrino
- John McGill**, PGK, PFN
- Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain
- Mike Cremin**
- DGK Brian O'Dowd
- Chuck Hollis, FDD
- Fred Schuldt
- Michael Siano
- John Cronin
- Matt Connell
- Jeff Martin

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 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
- Herb Meyer, FSD and wife Ann
- Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
- Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
- Maryjo Harris, wife of Emil Harris
- Marlene Stoever, wife of Jim Stoever, State Deputy
- Robert Carney, brother of Columbiette, Maureen Italiano

Wake

- Richard O' Connor, PGK
- Walter Mastison, brother-in-law of Jim Callahan
- Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood

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 Columbian year comes to an end, I would be remiss if I did not offer my thanks to all my brother Knights who have answered the call to serve. Without your help, I do not know how we would have been as successful as we are.

Thank you to John McGill, PGK and Bob Knott, Chancellor for representing our council at Monsignor Arnhols retirement dinner. As well as, our Fourth Degree Color Corps for representing our order in general. Thank you, Monsignor Arnhols, for all you have done in supporting us and we wish you well in your retirement.

A very special thanks to those Knights who assisted with the running of the convention this year. Thank you, Bob Feigle, Mike Rowley, Anthony Marti, Jeff Meeks, John Orsino and especially Steve Martin. Thank you all!

I am truly humbled that the nominating committee has again placed my name before the membership to serve as Grand Knight of our great council. Elections will be held at our June meeting on the 19th of this month. I hope to see you there.

My term as your Deputy Grand Knight is over and I look forward to the next chapter and what it would bring to us. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you, our community and parishes. May God continue his Blessings over you, our council and all those who serve.

Installation for the incoming Grand Knight is scheduled for July 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM at St. John's Church, Bergenfield.

Chuck Hollis, FDD, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

As this report is being written, the TBCC still awaits approval from PSE&G allowing us to obtain the grant which will allow us to install two AC units on the roof. This capital improvement is critical to the future of the Council Hall and is another reason why I ask all brothers, Columbiettes and friends of the Council whenever possible to recommend our Hall to your friends and colleagues when they are looking for a place to hold their special event. Our rental agent, Tom Formoso is always ready to speak to prospective clients/renters.

Also, we have secured a rental contract with a major corporation for the use of our Hall on a weekly basis which will provide some financial relief and assistance in the upkeep of the building. If anyone has any questions about the TBCC and/or what we do, please feel free to call me.

Steve Martin, TBCC President, DD, PGK

Respect for Life Report

I personally recommend the book "The Beginning of the END OF ABORTION" by Shawn D. Carney composed of 40 inspiring stories of GOD changing the hearts and minds saving lives. They are true stories from the global movement 40 Days for life which is being practiced by people we know and love. Get special discounted copies of this book and great pro-life gear at: 40daysforlifegear.com.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Nominating Committee Proposes Slate for 2023-24 Columbian Year

As required, the Nominating Committee of Ken Armellino, Steve Martin, and Rich Oldfield has agreed to propose the following slate of Officers:

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| Grand Knight | Chuck Hollis, PGK |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Bob Knott |
| Chancellor | Justin Miller |
| Warden | William Flores |
| Recorder | Jim Callahan |
| Inside Guard | Frank Apablaza |
| Outside Guard I | Anthony Marti |
| Trustee 3 Year | Steven Martin |

The Twin Boro Columbian Club proposes the following slate of Officers for 2023-24 Columbian Year:

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| President | Steve Martin, PGK |
| Vice President | Mike Rowley |
| Treasurer | Adrian Miller |
| Secretary | Thomas Formoso |
| Trustee | Bob Feigle |
| Trustee | Paul Hecker |
| Trustee | Anthony Marti |

Elections for both slates will take place at the June 19th Council meeting.

Blood Drive – June 15th

The next drive is Thursday June 15th from 2PM to 8PM at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). An appointment is highly recommended. You can schedule your appointment at: https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/56294 or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

Columbiette Report

*"From the park you hear the happy sound of the carousel
You can almost taste the hot dogs and French fries they sell"*
(The Drifters, 1964)

We congratulate our new Columbiette Officers who were elected last month for the upcoming year of 2023-2024. We wish them and us, much success in the upcoming year.

President: Genine Armellino
Vice President: Maureen Italiano
Secretary: Janet Maniscalco
Financial Secretary: Nancy Hecker
Treasurer: Michele Sciarrino
Sentinel: Lisa Bambling

It's hard to believe it's June and time once again for the Columbiette Convention which will take place on June 23-25 in Piscataway, New Jersey. We always look forward to seeing our sister Columbiettes and hearing all of the many good deeds they have done in the past year.

As summer fast approaches bringing us those lazy, hazy, crazy days, I along with my fellow Columbiette Officers wish all of our Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights a happy, healthy, fun summer!

Peace, Roberta Elwell, Past President

Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

Friday, June 2nd Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 PM**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **8:30 PM**
Monday, June 12th Officers Meeting – **7:30 PM**
Monday, June 19th Council Meeting – **8:00 PM**
Wed, June 21st Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 PM**
Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

Eucharistic Adoration

Brother 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.

Next Council Meeting – Monday, June 19th

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th 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.

Past Grand Knights to be Honored

We will celebrate the 115th anniversary of the founding of St. John's Council, recognize our Past Grand Knights and honor Grand Knight Gerry Flood for his years leading our Council. Details and a time and date will follow but it will likely take place in September.

Insurance Agent

Please contact Enrique Blanco by phone or text at 201-745-2723 or by email at Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org with questions about KofC Insurance packages.

St. John's Council Scholarship Winners and Presentation

St. John's Council is pleased to award 5 college scholarships valued at \$1,250 each to the following students: Shaelyn Auer, daughter of John Auer; Isabella Lachina, granddaughter of Bill Bochicchio; Rosa Nichols, granddaughter of Juan Melendez; Kyra O'Connor; grandson of Michael Cremin; and Kayleigh Turner, daughter Bill Turner. Congratulations to all! We will have a presentation ceremony at 7PM on Jun 19th, 2023. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Save the Date - Ice Cream Social – Friday, July 14th

Back by popular demand, the Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, July 14 and include a musical performance by Dave Lang and Margie. Come celebrate National Ice Cream Month and enjoy your favorite ice cream with your choice of toppings while listening to the great sounds of Dave and Margie. Invite the entire family. It will be a fun night. of delicious treats and great entertainment. A donation jar will be available to offset the cost of the ice cream and for the Council to continue our good works. Doors open 7 PM, ice cream served at 7:30 PM and Dave and Margie perform at 8 PM. Cash bar available. Come join us for a fun night!



Knight of the Month - Jim Hurley



KofC #1345 at the Memorial Day Parade in Dumont

Register Your Email Address for the Digital "Knight Times"

This will be the last printed edition of the Knight Times! Starting with the July 2023 edition the "Knight Times" will be distributed solely online. We are doing our best to collect all members' email addresses. 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. Questions may be directed to Deputy Grand Knight Chuck Hollis. If you are NOT a member but still wish to continue receiving the "Knight Times" send an email to: KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com with your request.