



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 as we seemingly emerge from this pandemic. We have all made adjustments in one way or another, and we need to try to do our best to focus on moving forward the best way we can. It is so hard to believe that the end of this month marks the end of my term as Grand Knight.

Despite all the craziness of the last three months, as a Council we were still able to do some great things in the community, and we did it together. Not once did I reach out for assistance and not be overwhelmed by your response. This is no more obvious than the response to the Bridge to Recovery Fundraiser. I am humbled by this and all the kind words many of you have said to me over the past year; please know you are all in my prayers.

I also need to thank the Officers of both the Council and the Columbian Club who flawlessly and selfishly served and worked together as an amazing team. I couldn't be more proud. Finally, I have to thank my wife Genine and the rest of my family for their support without which being Grand Knight would be impossible.

We will have an election following our next Council meeting, and while I would be honored to be elected to serve another term, no matter the outcome St. John's Council and my Brother Knights, Families, and Friends will always have a special place in my life.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

The Holy Spirit, the third person in the Blessed Trinity, is the most unknown and often forgotten person of God. Yet, He is everything we need for He is the breath of God constantly being blown into us. It is the same Holy Spirit in the story of creation that divided land from sea, the sky from the earth, the stars of night from the light of the day. He is the same spirit that split the Red Sea in order to complete the Exodus. He is the same Spirit that spoke through the great prophets preparing the world for the Messiah. It is the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary upon her "yes" in order for the "Word" to become flesh. That Spirit was surrendered to the Father upon Jesus' last breath and was returned to the world and new Church in an extraordinary way at the Pentecost (50 days later).

It is this same Holy Spirit I speak about that you and I have received at our Baptism. On that day we also received all the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God's wishes to equip us with in our lives. Confirmation affirms these gifts; the Eucharist sustains us in them. The Holy Spirit is the creative action of God, constantly at work in new and beautiful ways. He is never stagnant; he never stops moving.

The Church is preparing for a New Pentecost. This means that a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit will come on the Church and world with even more than we can imagine! There is a major change coming. We can sense it. It will be on God's terms. But we need to ask for our portion! Our participation in personal prayer, sacrifice and reparation makes this outpouring greater. Let's face it – we haven't even delved deep into our own spiritual gifts that are waiting to be opened and used! He wants to work wonders in you and me!

Now is the time. Pentecost (50 days) is celebrated by both Jew and Christian. It has great power. Be not afraid to ask the Almighty God for more! Beg Him to pour out on this world an explosion of new gifts. A new day is dawning for us all. God bless you.

Praise be Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Chaplain

Council Officers 2019-2020

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Inside Guard	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
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Outside Guard II	Jim Hurley	201-290-6619
Trustee 1 yr.	Frank Gallacher, PGK	201-957-2683
Trustee 2 yr.	(open)	
Trustee 3 yr	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	Enrique Blanco	201-745-2723
District Deputy	George Thompson, Jr.	201-445-9835

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Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
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Family Activities:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Feeding Homeless:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Murray Scholarship	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
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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:	(open)	
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
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Financial Sec:	Lillian Holmes	201-342-5142
Treasurer:	Michele Sciarrino	201-387-2916
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BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2019-2020

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Crew Advisor – Ray Ziembra	201-410-0897
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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of MAY 26, 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	-John Graham
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-Nick Albano	-Tom Formoso TBCC Pres.
	-Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA
-Jim Whelan	
-Jim Mc Entee	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Brendan Thornton	-Matt Connell
-Bill Horn	-Bill Connington, PGK
-Antonio Fundaro	-Dan Taylor
-Arthur Flynn	-John Orsino
-Tony O'Hare	-Angelo Gallo
-Frank Fundaro	-Jeffrey Meeks
-Arturo Ilano	

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: Michael Barton; John W. Bambling;

Relatives/Friends: Marie Keegan, wife of John Keegan.

Financial Planning for all Stages of Life

Knights of Columbus, St. John's Council 1345 of Dumont is inviting all members of the council and their spouses to attend a **virtual Member Benefits Night**. It will be a presentation on financial planning for young families, families with children, families with parents they take care for, and for families near or already in retirement. Please join us online **Thursday, June 11th** for this virtual presentation at 7pm.

To attend please email Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org to reserve your place in the virtual meeting. Please provide him with your name, email address, phone number and home address. We will email you a link the day of the presentation so you can just click and join us.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in June. Juan Melendez May 24, 66 yrs old.

Happy Father's Day to all Grandfather's, and Father's.

Congratulations to Juan & Maria Melendez who celebrated 44 years of marriage on May 22.

Chancellor-Membership Report

As you know, the recent development of a combined degree Exemplification has made it easier for potential members to become full third degree brothers and have their families participate as well.

The Supreme Council subsequently developed an online Exemplification for use during the pandemic, which allowed us to advance *Conor Martin, Justin Merkovsky, Dan Taylor, and Joseph Verga* to 3rd Degree status.

And, *Christopher Minnick & William Taylor* became our first new members through the online degree ceremonial and become 3rd Degree Knights.

In addition, *Robert Armellino* signed up as a new E-Member, and Christopher Minnick, Sr. transferred in to our Council. Congratulations to them all! Mary, Queen of the Knights, pray for them.

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Knight, please let him know that it is easier than ever.

Brian O'Dowd, Membership

Financial Secretary Report

The Retention period ended at the end of May. Sadly, 8 members have ignored all communication to pay their dues.

George Di Costanzo, FS,PGK

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen, When Planned Parenthood was founded it was for the promotion of birth control, ie-Preventing pregnancies or spacing pregnancies out. Two different things. NOW it is only ONE thing i.e. the promotion of ABORTION. PERIOD

The world is upside down, this Covid-19 pandemic is changing our lives and our country. We must continue to pray for our family, friends and country (USA).

Matt Connell, Chairman

Emails

As you have seen throughout this month's newsletter, St. John's Council at the direction of both the Supreme Council and State Council must be prepared and 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 visit www.StJohns1345.org so that we may be able to contact you with invitations for virtual meetings, election information, and other important notices. If you have any questions email us at KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com. **IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR EMAIL, YOU MAY MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPORTANT COUNCIL BUSINESS, INCLUDING ELECTIONS FOR THE 2020-21 COLUMBIAN YEAR.**

2020-21 Columbian Year Elections

Because of the restrictions on in-person gatherings our elections will be very different this year. This is under direction coming from Supreme Council and State Council. Our election process would typically involve a Nominating Committee, Announcement of the Slate, and an in-person election consisting of a call for nominations

from the floor and then an election. Because we will not be able to gather in person, we cannot logistically have nominations from the floor followed by an electronic and anonymous election.

Therefore we had a Nominating Committee that recommended a slate, but also held a call for Nominations distributed via last month's Newsletter and email. As of the printing of this newsletter there have been no nominations other than the nominating committee's recommended slate. All nominations are due by May 31st. Any nominations submitted will appear on the ballots along with the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee, and an election will be carried out electronically via email, if necessary. If the proposed slate is unopposed, the Secretary will cast 1 vote for the election of the slate.

The following slate has been recommended:

Grand Knight	Ken Armellino
Deputy Grand Knight	Brian O'Dowd
Chancellor	John McHugh
Warden	Kevin Sheridan
Recorder	Gino DeJesus
Inside Guard	Jim Callahan
Outside Guard	Don Apolito
Trustee 1-year	Matt Connell
Trustee 3-year	Frank Gallacher

Update on Council/Columbian Club Closure

Given that the State of NJ has begun opening certain businesses, how this impacts us is still unclear. As I have said last month, when the time does arrive to reopen, I am expecting that it will be a new experience for us all possibly involving additional disinfection practices, social distancing protocols, and seeing each other with masks.

We will also have to closely examine our ability to meet any new criteria for offering food, waiters, and alcohol. While we are anxious to get back to business, we will only do it when we feel we can do it safely for all involved.

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday June 15th at 8PM via video conference. If you have access to a laptop or computer with a camera, smart phone, or tablet you can click on this link: <https://covanta.zoom.us/j/985-6808-5070> and follow the directions on the screen. If you only have access to via telephone, you can listen to the meeting by dialing either 1-312-626-6799 or 1-646-558-8656 and entering the code 985 6808 5070#. Please try to sign on 10 minutes early so we can start on time.

Knight of the Month

June's Knight of the Month is recognized as an extremely active member of our local community. During this pandemic, he has helped collect donations for local food pantries and charities, helped deliver essential goods to elderly who couldn't get out to shop, and year round is a sponsor for various events throughout our community. He uses his business to help offer for sale difficult to find items, especially during the pandemic. He has also helped provide greater social interaction at the Council, especially with his "Steal or No Steal" Grab Bag game. Please congratulate **Anthony Marti**, June Knight of the month.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

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

Thurs, Jun. 11
Sun, Jun 14 FLAG DAY - FLY YOUR FLAG with Pride
Wed, Jun 17 Troop 1345 Blood Drive, 4pm-8pm.
Sun, Jun 28 112th Council Anniversary - HOO RAH...

Virtual Friday Night Social

Do you miss seeing your Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends on Friday Nights at the Council? If so, please join us as we host a Virtual Friday Night Social every Friday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. To join visit [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/921 759 7829](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9217597829) from a cell phone, tablet or computer and follow the directions. If you have questions contact **Mike Rowley** at sheib234@optonline.net.

Bridge to Recovery Fundraiser

The Council asked for your support, and you responded, so thank you. As of the writing of the newsletter, our fundraiser has collected over \$8,000 with 11 days left in May. It only took two weeks to be able to announce that thanks to your generosity we had surpassed our original \$5,000 goal for the Bridge to Recovery Fundraiser. Six days later we surpassed our second goal of \$8,000. While we are at a point now where we are comfortable for the short term future, we are still behind where we would normally be. Typically we would be tallying up our success at Shake the Can and Special Children's Dance, and on our way to celebrating our 112th Anniversary as a Council.

So I ask you, if you have not given yet please do. I am overwhelmed with the demonstration of what St. John's Council means to everyone, and am humbled even more so to be Grand Knight during these difficult times. The funds collected will be used to help the Parishes we serve as well as other local community groups and people in need, as well as to meet some of the Council's general expenses. We have already made donations to the 3 Churches, the Dumont Food Bank, and the Bergenfield Food Bank. Thank you for making it all possible.

NJ State Convention

The NJ State Council held its convention via telephone on May 17th. The delegates from our Council were GK Ken Armellino and PGK and Trustee Steve Martin. A number of resolutions were passed, we were greeted with welcome messages from Supreme Knight, General Agent, and our State Officers. The current state officers were all re-elected to another term. The day after various state awards were announced. St. John's Council was recognized for its efforts during last year's Shake the Can Drive. St. John's Council ranked 7th among all Councils in the state for monies collected (\$10,000). We will be receiving a plaque in the near future.

Twin-Boro Columbian Club

Following the same procedure as the Council, an election will be held for the Officers of the Columbian Club. The following slate is recommended:

President	John Orsino
Vice President	Thomas Formoso
Treasurer	Mike Rowley
Secretary	Adrian Miller

Trustee	Bob Feigle
Trustee	Paul Hecker
Trustee	Anthony Marti

Blood Drive

The Council, along with Boy Scout Troop 1345 is hosting a blood drive at the Council (61 Armour Pl., Dumont) on June 17th from 4PM to 8PM. In order to help maintain safe social distance protocols, everyone is asked to please make an appointment by going to: https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/52510

St. John's Council 112th Anniversary

Please take a moment on June 28th and offer a prayer of thanks and support in recognition of the 112th Anniversary of the Charter of St. John's Council #1345. The original Charter was signed on June 28th, 1908. Hopefully as the day draws near we will be able to recognize it in some fashion as a community.

Scholarship

The Scholarship is very happy to announce that this year it awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to High School Seniors of the Class of 2020. The recipients are:

Grace DeNoia
Mary Flood
Amanda Kelliher
Katelyn Orsino
Laura Perrone

Unfortunately due to the pandemic and closure of the Council, we cannot present to these students in person. They will each receive a Certificate of Achievement. We hope to honor them in person in the near future. Thank you to all who contribute to the Scholarship Fund to make this possible.

Columbiette Report

When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me, Speaking words of wisdom, let it be, And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me, Speaking words of wisdom, let it be... there will be an answer, let it be (The Beatles, 1970)

The Columbiette Convention is on...ONLINE this year! Get ready to ZOOM into the convention as we practice our "Social Distancing" from one another this year. If you are interested in attending this ON-LINE Event, please contact Laura Labetti @201-788-5971 or e mail her @labetti250@optonline.net to get the log-in, registration details.



In Jan & Feb, our Ladies installed two new Columbiette Auxiliaries in Bayonne and Fair Lawn. Congratulations to a Great Installation Team, bringing honor to our Council.