



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiette's, Scouts and Friends,

We are making a lot of improvements and upgrades at our Council Home. I'm sure everyone who attends events at our Council and our visitors take note of the "new" look our Home has. I offer my gratitude and thanks on behalf of our Council Family to George Di Costanzo, our Columbian Club President, Tom Formoso, our Columbian Club Vice President, Mike Cremin, our Columbian Club Treasurer and John Graham our Handyman Supreme who have worked to alter, change and freshen 61 Armour Place. Our Dining Hall, Lounge, Vestibule and building exterior offer a warm welcome to all to use our Home.

Our Fraternal and Charitable work continues and I welcome your input and comments on our work and efforts.

We have just purchased a Defibrillator for the Council. This purchase was made after input and discussion among the Council Officers, Columbian Club Officers, the Columbiettes and Friends of the Council. I want to thank Ernie Businelli, for his generous donation which assisted in this purchase and which will make our Home a safer place.

This month's Knight Times contains a lot of news for everyone to digest. We are an active and charity driven Council and I want to highlight events we have coming up.

We are hosting a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on March 3rd, 2018. The profits benefit our Columbian Club in our charitable work and in meeting some expensive repairs we need to make.

Latin Night is Saturday Night March 10th, 2018. Join us for a fun full night featuring great food, friendship and music.

We will be marching in the Bergen County Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 11th, 2018. It is St. John's Council who brings the presence and spirit of the Knights of Columbus to this celebration of Irish Heritage. As always, we welcome everyone back to the Council for corned beef sandwiches after the Parade.

Join us for our FIRST EASTER EGG HUNT at our Council on Sunday March 18th, 2018 from 2-5pm, a new and fun event for our children. It should be fun.

Last but not least- Irish Night Saturday March 24th, 2018. Reservations are a must. I want to thank Al Moriarty and his wife Jill for their efforts this year and in past years in making this such a great event.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Martin, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

A few weeks back, on Ash Wednesday, we entered into the sacred season of Lent. When we began this Lenten journey, many of us made a commitment to engage in some special penance, to give up some special food of behavior, or, perhaps we had decided to participate in some special spiritual exercise. Each of us made some commitment to making this Lent special so that we would be better prepared to celebrate Easter.

Well, how are we doing? Are we still committed to making this Lent special or have we given up? Have we persevered in our Lenten commitments or have they, like our New Year's resolutions, been quickly abandoned? Maybe we never even started our Lenten commitments because we knew that it was doomed to failure.

It's not too late to start and if we tried and failed, it's not too late to start again. We don't need an Ash Wednesday or a January 1st, to start making changes for the better. We don't need some special day to tell us now is the time to make a commitment to get closer to God. We don't need a calendar to dictate our spiritual life. All we need is the desire to change and realization that we can do nothing without God's help.

It does not matter how many times we have tried before. This Lent is an invitation to the ongoing work of conversion. Conversion is a life-time journey; a journey we do not make alone. Our God is with us each step of the way; always ready to give us another chance to know Him, another chance to receive His mercy, another chance to experience His infinite love.

Vivat Jesus,

Rev. Stephen Carey, Chaplain

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Columbiette's Ladies Auxiliary 2017-2018

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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – *as of Feb 18, 2018*

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 P. McHugh
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-William Borrows	-Nick Albano
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Jim Mc Entee	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Brendan Thornton	-Frank Uvenio
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn
-Bill Connington, PGK	-Louis Labetti
-James Keane	-Jim Kelly, Sr.
-Matt Connell, PGK	-G. DiCostanzo FS, PGK
-John Graham	-Ed Covino

Relatives & Friends

- Fr. Michael Barone, priest at St. Mary's Church
- Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
- 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
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Natalia Martinez, granddaughter of Bill Flores**
- Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. Di Costanzo;
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;
- Rose Vorhees, aunt of Darcy Gallacher, wife of PGK Frank.
- Sheila Tulli, wife of Tony Tulli.
- 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.
- William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows

Wakes

Members:

-George E. Murphy; Henry R. Schilling; Frank Magda;

Relatives & Friends:

- Ronnie Ann Burkert, wife of Ron Burkert;**
- Flora Zangoglia, mother of Columbiette Ann Panfile;**
- Eleanor Zakrzewski, mother of Paul Zakrzewski, PGK.**
- Sam Otero, brother-in-law of Juan Melendez;**

Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.

--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,

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

Hall For Rent

Planning a party or wedding? Call Norm Saunders at 201-832-0105, or email TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com, or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. **The hall is for rent with or without food catering.**

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our Brother Knights and their family members who may be celebrating a birthday in MARCH. Best wishes to FS, PGK G. DiCostanzo Mar.14; FDD Bill Bochicchio Mar.17.

Chancellor-Membership

If you are interested in advancing your degree or know someone interested in their Admission Degree please let me know by calling or texting at [516-220-9333](tel:516-220-9333). Below is a list of the upcoming dates. If they do not work for you please let me know and we can investigate other locations.

We have been approved for the Knighthood (3rd) Degree at our council on April 6 - if you need to get to a Formation (2nd) Degree before then please let me know ASAP.

March 8 - Formation (Second) Degree - 8PM

March 13 - Admission (First) Degree - 8PM

March 25 - Admission (First) Degree - 6PM

April 5 - Formation (Second) Degree - 8PM

Kenneth Armellino, Chancellor

Financial Secretary Report

If you have not paid your dues yet, you are 60 days past due. There are more interventions to get you paid up. The next letter will be from the Grand Knight. **Pay your dues ASAP.**

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Texas Hold'Em Tournament

The Twin Boro Columbian Club will be hosting its third Texas Hold'em tournament on March 3. \$100 Entry fee will include buffet, beverages, and tournament. Prize pool is expected to be around \$5,000, with the winner also receiving a championship bracelet and framed final hand. RSVP by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make a reservation. **There is still time to sign-up; right up to Friday, March 2.**

Ken Armellino, Chairman

Irish Night Dinner Dance

It's never too late to celebrate the luck o' the Irish! This year Irish Nite will be held on March 24, 2018 from 7pm - 11pm.

As always, we will be having corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, scones and beverages. Come down and enjoy the live music of Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. Thanks as always for your support.

The cost is \$35 pp. Reservations are a must as seating is limited. Thank you in advance and look forward to seeing you.

Your leprechaun, Al Moriarty, Chairman

Latin Night

Saturday, Mar. 10 starting at 8pm to midnight. See enclosed flyer for all the details and how to get your reservation.

Willie Cintron, Chairman

Respect for Life Report

The March for Life in Washington DC on Friday Jan 19 2018 had 500 to 600 THOUSAND participants although you did not see that on any media. How Come?? Only EWTN and Fox News mentioned it. EWTN carried the whole March all day. EWTN also mentioned the huge volume of young marchers and the presence of the Knights of Columbus.

I have to thank Gerry Flood for a great job as bus captain and the students of transfiguration Academy for carrying the Rosary. THANK YOU

Gerry and I will start promoting the buses to next year's March for Life starting in September. We are both surprised that only 2 parishes in Bergen County had provided buses. St John's in Bergenfield and St Elizabeth's in Wyckoff. There are 1 million citizens in Bergen County, granted not all Catholics but a goodly amount are Catholics. Maybe LIFE issues should be discussed more openly among ALL people.

Matt Connell, Chairman

CallingPost Phone Calls

CallingPost phone calls were launched in January as previously noted. By now you should have received at least 4 call/messages from me. We are confident in this process that it will bring information to our members and friends, as well as encourage more attendance at our events.

We welcome your comments on the robo-phone calls. The local feedback has been positive. We would like to know from more of our members about the process. Do you agree?

Send your comments to Phone Calls, P.O.Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Remember, the phone number comes up as a 405 area code, and in some caller id's its listed as "callingpost".

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Friday Night Socials

Our Friday Night Socials continue to be popular. During Lent, our complimentary snacks will be "meatless", complimented with our weekly bar specials. Check us out!

PGK G. DiCostanzo, FS, Pres TBCC

St. Patrick's Day Parade & Social

Join our Council for the Bergen County St. Patrick's Parade. St. John's Council has taken the lead among Bergen County Councils to ensure that the Knights of Columbus has a strong presence in this event which celebrates Irish heritage, tradition, and pride.

We will meet at the corner of East Englewood Avenue and Washington Avenue in Bergenfield at 1:30 pm on March 11, 2018.

After the march, join us at the Council for corned beef sandwiches. A cash bar will be available. I hope to see many of you there.

Steven Martin, Grand Knight

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday March 18th from 2pm - 5pm. Admission is free (\$5 suggested donation per person). DJ Lady J and her bunnies will be providing music, an Easter Egg Hunt, and other fun games. A complimentary snack of burgers, french fries, juice, and dessert will be provided. Cash bar for the adults. RSVP required. Call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333, or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make a reservation.

Ken Armellino, Chairman

Troop 1345 Boy Scouts Report

Troop 1345 will be hosting a PASTA DINNER on Friday March 9 from 5pm to 8pm. \$12 per person / \$7 kids, ages 6-10 (5 and under free). Includes Pasta with sauce, Eggplant Rollatini, Mac & Cheese, bread, salad, dessert, coffee & tea. Tickets available at the door.

Ray Ziemba, Asst. Scoutmaster

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

- Thurs, Mar. 1 Setup for Rental 7pm
- Fri, Mar. 2 **Council Closed**
- Rental - Meals on Wheels 7pm
- Sat, Mar. 3 Poker Tournament 5:30pm.
- Sun, Mar. 4 Rental -
- Thurs, Mar. 8 St. Mary's Irish Soda Bread baking 9am.
Setup - 7pm
- Fri, Mar. 9 St. Mary's Irish Soda Bread baking 9am
Troop 1345 Pasta Dinner 5pm
- Sat, Mar. 10 Latin Night Dance - 8pm.
- Sun, Mar. 11 *Daylight Savings Time begins; clock ahead.*
St. Pat's Parade - 2pm
St.Pat's Social at Council - 4pm.
- Mon, Mar. 12 AARP meeting 10am
Council officer's meeting 8pm.
- Tues, Mar. 13 TBCC meeting 7:30pm
- Thurs, Mar. 15 Setup 7pm
- Fri, Mar. 16 Spud-tacular 5pm.
- Sat, Mar. 17 *St. Patrick's Feast Day*
- Sun, Mar. 18 Children's Easter Egg Hunt 2pm
- Mon, Mar. 19 Council meeting 8pm
St. Joseph's Feast Day
- Wed, Mar. 21 Columbiette meeting 7:30pm
- Thurs, Mar. 22 Setup 7pm.
- Fri, Mar. 23 **Council Closed**
- Rental - 7pm
- Sat, Mar. 24 Irish Night Dance 7pm
- Sun, Mar. 25 **PALM SUNDAY**
- 29-30-31 **TRIDUUM - COUNCIL CLOSED.**
- Apr. 1 **EASTER SUNDAY**

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

Helping our Local Families in Need. The Columbian Club has made another Food Gift Card donation to each of the 4 food pantries in Bergenfield & Dumont. The pantries are: in Bergenfield, St. John's Church, and the Social Services Dept; in Dumont, St. Mary's Church, and the Social Services Dept.

To date, the TBCC has donated \$2900 to help our local families in need. These donations are a DIRECT result of our rentals that are staffed and served by our VOLUNTEER MEMBERS.

Therefore, when my chair people call you to help with one of our events, please say YES. If you cannot make the first date, ask them for an alternate date. There is no shortage of dates; we have rentals & council events each month. **We need your help; and in turn we are able to help those in need in our two towns.**

So that you recognize the names, here are the chair people who will call you:

- Bar: PGK Frank Gallacher
- Servers Michele Orsino
- Kitchen Frank Fundaro
- Dishwashers Tony O'Hare
- Headwaiters Tom Formoso, VP, TBCC

Our next renovation project will be the Game Room. More & more of our members are using the Pool Table, and Dart Board on Friday nights. In March, the shuffle board game will be open for use. Photo's will be removed, digitized and put on film, and shown on a TV in our Lounge area at our events. Then a fresh coat of paint for the room and the kitchen hallway area.

Keeping our facility clean, fresh-looking, and welcome is an ongoing project, and it pays dividends when someone says how nice it looks.

Our 50/50 raffle to help defray some of our costs is delayed but I still hope to get it in for a June drawing.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

George Di Costanzo, TBCC President

Columbiette's Report

"I've been waiting so long

I've been waiting so long

To be where I'm going

In the sunshine of your love"

(Cream, 1967)

Spring arrives this month on March 20, but before that happens, St Patrick and St Joseph have their feast days on March 17 and March 19 respectively, but even before that happens, the Columbiettes will be having their first ever "Lenten Spud-tacular!"

It will take place on Friday March 16, 2018 at the council hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Dinner will consist of a hot, piping baked potato with a fix-in bar to load up your spud with "meatless" toppings! Sour cream, broccoli, butter chives, carrots, onions, etc. salad, dessert and coffee included.

The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 10 years and under. Reservations are a must! Please contact Laura Labatti at 201-387-7479 or e mail her at

labetti250@optonline.net to get your reservation in.

Wishing everyone a very Happy St Patrick's and St Joseph's Day!

Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity

K of C Organ Donor Program

Brothers, with your family and friends, become an organ donor because the life that gets saved just might sit across from you at dinner tonight.

Sign up at: www.registerme.org/knights

*Greg Ryan, Chairman,
201-919-2535*

Photo Gallery

Fr. Murray Memorial Scholarship Dinner Dance.

