



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Scouts & Friends,

I have had the honor of leading this Council for the past 20 months and I also had the honor of leading this Council in 2008 to 2009. I have adopted a motto for our Council that I have used in my prior Messages and in my conversations with many Brothers and friends of the Council over the past year - "**We do great things here**". Many things have changed over the past 10 years in all of our lives. Many things have also changed at our Council over the past 10 years. I believe now is the time to address these challenges with our Membership and friends.

Our dwindling membership is of utmost concern to me and our officers and must be an issue of concern to all Brother Knights. Our future as the leading Catholic fraternal organization in the world and as the strong Catholic presence in our community depends on a strong and steady increase in our Membership and commitment to the principles of our order. This singular fact hinders our Council in achieving our fraternal and spiritual goals. That said, I must also point out to everyone this fact also affects our financial and charitable goals.

We distributed over \$40,000 in the 2018-19 Columbian year to numerous charities, organizations, and individuals in the United States, Africa, Middle East, and Puerto Rico who sought our help. We need everyone's help to continue this great tradition of St. John's Council.

I offer a few suggestions on how we can continue this great tradition. First, read our bulletin, and get active in the many activities and functions that we offer and sponsor. It was great to hear from so many Brothers and friends that called me and assisted at our recent Feeding of the Homeless. That was a great feeling and a real commitment to our community. How about joining us at the Bergen County Irish Parade on March 10, 2019 in Bergenfield and joining us after the parade at the Council for food and fellowship?

How about coming down to a Council Meeting and seeing what we do? Come down to our Friday socials. We like to think we offer something for everyone, so as many of us can get together as possible - trivia nights, karaoke nights, and pizza nights. Your participation on Friday nights and yes, please bring your wife and friends, helps us both financially and fraternally. How about joining us at one of our Council affairs? The revenue from these affairs allows us to continue helping Our Churches and Community. Irish Night is coming on March 30th - get a table together with your friends. The Special Children's Dance is coming on May 4th - get a table together. Our Council Anniversary Dinner is June 22nd - get a table together.

The realities of our times including financial responsibilities and the tremendous pressure on all of our free time is something that we face everyday. I ask that all members, my Brothers, make time to think about St. John's Council when you are juggling the schedule which I'm sure is full and complete; and after that thinking, join us for one of the many events that we sponsor and host.

We do great things here.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Martin, Grand Knight

Council Officers 2018-2019

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	(open)	
Grand Knight	Steve Martin, PGK	201-669-8236
Deputy GK:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Chancellor	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
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Treasurer	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-214-9375
Financial Sec	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	(open)	
Outside Guard I	Jim Callahan	201-655-2634
Trustee 1 yr.	Larry Rivera, PGK	201-315-0456
Trustee 2 yr.	Frank Gallacher, PGK	201-957-2683
Trustee 3 yr	Al Taxter	201-519-7436
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	(open)	

Council Chairmen 2018-2019

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Council Activities:	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Family Activities:	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Feeding Homeless:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Mail Committee:	Frank Uvenio	201-385-0990
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Newsletter Editor:	G. Di Costanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Parish Roundtable:	Steve Martin, PGK	201-669-8236
Program Director:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Publicity:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Bob DeWald	201-384-2259
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St. John Church Rep	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
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Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2018-2019

Bar Chairman:	Frank Gallacher, PGK	201-957-2683
Bldg & Grounds:	John Graham	201-387-0419
Caretaker Chmn:	Al Taxter	201-519-7436
Dishwasher Chmn:	Tony O'Hare	201-321-7155
Headwaiter Chmn	(open)	
Kitchen Chmn:	(open)	
President:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Purchasing Chmn:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Rentals Agent:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Secretary:	(open)	
Servers/Waiters:	Michele Orsino	201-280-7892
Setup Chairman:	George Preverte	201-870-2927
Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Vice President:	John Orsino	201-280-7759

Columbiette's Officer's 2018-2019

President:	Laura Labetti	201-788-5971
Vice-President:	Marge Kenter	201-647-9805
Secretary:	Janet Maniscalco	201-417-0999
Financial Sec:	Lillian Holmes	201-342-5142
Treasurer:	Michele Sciarino	201-387-2916
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Imm Past President:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617

BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2018-2019

Scoutmaster –	Rich Merkovski	201-494-9912
Asst. Scoutmaster –	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897
Asst. Scoutmaster –	Billy Cook	201-566-5036
Crew Advisor –	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897
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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Feb. 19, 2019

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 McGill
-Steven Petraglia		-Dave Benson, PGK
-William Borrows		-Nick Albano
-Dick Dorozynski		-Scott Manno, PGK
-Jim Mc Entee		-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Brendan Thornton		-John Maguire
-Bill Horn	-	
-Bill Connington, PGK	-	
-Jack Marsigliano		-James Verdino
-Antonio Fundaro		-Al Taxter
-Dan Taylor		-Jim Whelan

Relatives & Friends

-Charlie Miraglia & wife Cindy K of C General Agent

-Claire Preschel, Columbiette

- Fr. Ray Filipiski, 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
- Lorraine Marsigliano, wife of Jack Marsigliano
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Marie, mother of FM Russ Petrocelli.
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- 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;
- Stephanie, niece of Jim Brooks;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
- Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
- William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows

Wakes

Members: none

Relatives & Friends: Lucy, wife of Frank Buonorata;

Hall For Rent

Planning a party or wedding? Call Tom Formoso 201-707-9890 or email TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com, or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. **The hall is for rent with or without food catering.**

Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our events are preferred.
-Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,
-Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333**.

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

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in March. FS, PGK George D on March 14.

Our council was recognized by Supreme for its programs, and plaque presented by Chuck Hollis DD, PGK.

Chancellor-Membership Report

Our Council is hosting a Third Degree on Friday, March 22, 2019. The Degree starts at 8 pm. I expect several of our members to be receiving full Knighthood at this Degree.

Come down and honor those members and members from throughout Bergen County who will be taking their Third Degree. It is a wonderful opportunity to relive your Degree and energize yourself again as to what we do.

Matt Connell, Membership; Steve Martin, Grand Knight

Financial Secretary Report

1. **Second Dues bills** are due by end of February. Then we begin the Retention process for those unpaid members.

3. **Scholarship** Fund applications are available at the Council now. Pick up at the Bar. Deadline is "in our hands" by April 30.

4. **Record Update.** The form in the January bulletin omitted a very important item that is missing among many records...Marriage Status & name of spouse.

Please fill it out again & return to: **George DiCostanzo, FS, 70 Dulles Drive, Dumont, NJ 07628.**

Thank you & sorry for the inconvenience.

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen- I know politics should not be a part of the Knights of Columbus, but as I said last month if politicians attack men of good character and members of the K of C I must defend the Faith and the Knights.

There is something very wrong with the Liberal Progressive Socialistic DEMOCRATIC Party- especially when it disrespects all issues pertaining to human LIFE- ABORTION IS MURDER- We as Knights must defend the most defenseless, voiceless human- the unborn babies. We must be more vocal and unafraid to be Pro-Life.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Continue to March for Life and be the voice of the unborn. Let us continue to pray for the babies and their mothers and fathers of all those babies.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Friday Night Socials

Our Friday Night Socials have dropped off with the January - February winter weather. But now we enter into March - the "undetermined weather month". But, we'll be there regardless.

We offer a complimentary snack each week. And as this is the month where Lent begins, starting Friday March 8, our snacks will be meatless. We also offer bar specials for the men & ladies.

Friday, March 8, we will offer pizza as our complimentary snack. Come on down & enjoy the friendship of members and their guests.

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

St. Patrick's County Parade

The St. Patrick's Parade is scheduled for March 10, 2019 in Bergenfield. This Council will continue its tradition in marching in this parade - a grand salute to St. Patrick, his

commitment to Catholicism in Ireland, and the Irish community in Bergen County. We meet at 1:30 pm at the corner of Washington Avenue and East Englewood Avenue.

I invite everyone - members, their families, and your friends to join us in the march and after the parade to join us at the Council for corned beef sandwiches and spirits. This is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate the Irish.

Steve Martin, Grand Knight

Faith in Action

As Knights, we are called to more than just membership in an organization, we are challenged to grow in our faith, and challenged to put our faith into action - whether it's helping to feed the poor, helping veterans get to mass at the veterans home or assist the Council as it raises money for our charities.

On the first Friday of each month, St. Mary's Church has Eucharistic adoration following the 8:45AM Mass until 7PM. Adoration is a great time to just be with the Lord in a quiet setting. As Knights, our devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus and the Queen of the Knights, is unending.

Starting with the first Friday in March, we will lead the rosary during adoration beginning at 6PM. It's a perfect time to be with the Lord and his Blessed Mother. Please join us in the lower church of St. Mary's, every first Friday at 6PM and put your faith into action. And don't forget to bring your rosary.

Brian O'Dowd, Chairman

Special Children's Fundraising Dance

Please join us on Saturday May 4th from 7PM-11PM for our Special Children's Dance. This event caps the efforts of our annual Special Needs fundraising campaign, and is an opportunity for us to all gather together as we help those in need.

This year we will have the popular vocal duo Julian and Dominique entertain us with their Show of 1000 Voices, which includes popular songs from the past and present, music and dancing. In the spirit of preparing for Cinco de Mayo, we will have a family style sit down dinner consisting of assorted appetizers, salad, chicken and rice, and dessert. As always, tap beer, wine, and soda are included for the \$40 per person entry fee. RSVP required by email to KofC1345reservations@gmail.com, or text/call Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333.

Ken Armellino, DGK, Chairman

Collection Drive for Intellectually & Physically Disabled Persons

We will be "Shaking the Can" in Dumont and Bergenfield for these four days, Apr 4 thru Apr 7. All proceeds from this drive directly benefit our handicapped citizens and developmentally disabled citizens of Dumont, Bergenfield, and Bergen County. This Drive is, simply, an extraordinary opportunity for St. John's Council to be seen and appreciated by our local communities.

Please answer a call or e-mail, or text that you will receive seeking your help for only two hours over this weekend. There is no better feeling than hearing from people when you are collecting money - "Hey! You guys are all over!" "You guys got me yesterday!" and "Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for undertaking this Drive to help people who depend upon us for support". *Steve Martin, Grand Knight*

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Mon, Mar. 1	Council Retention Cmte mtg 8pm.
Wed, Mar. 6	Ash Wednesday
Thurs, Mar. 7	Setup - Fish Fry 7pm.
Mar. 7 & 8	SMC Altar Rosary baking 8am.
Fri, Mar. 8	Fish Fry 5pm Friday Social 8pm - last meat snack
Sat, Mar. 9	Rental - 3pm
Sun, Mar. 10	St. Pat's Parade, arrive by 1:30pm After parade social at council 4pm Daylight Savings Time - clock ahead
Mon, Mar. 11	AARP meeting 10am Officer's meeting 8pm
Wed, Mar. 13	TBCC meeting 8pm
Fri, Mar. 15	Friday Social - Pizza Night 7pm Trivia Night 8pm
Sun, Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day
Tues, Mar. 19	St. Joseph Feast Day
Wed, Mar. 20	Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.
Fri, Mar. 22	Council Closed Knighthood (3rd) Degree 7pm.
Sat, Mar. 23	Rental - 7pm
Sun, Mar. 24	SMC Recruitment all masses
Thurs, Mar.21	Setup - Rental 7pm.
Fri, Mar. 29	Friday Social-"meatless surprise" 7pm.
Sat, Mar. 30	Irish Night 7pm.
Sun, Mar. 31	Corp Communion (where TBD).
Apr 4-7	Collection Drive for Disabled Persons

Columbiettes Report

"Hello lamppost, what cha knowing?

I've come to watch your flowers growing

Ain't cha got no rhymes for me?

...feelin' groovy"

(Simon & Garfunkel, 1966)

Daylight Savings Time returns this month, on Sunday, March 10, which means that

Spring is almost here and it's getting closer to our Spring Time Tricky Tray! Mark your calendar, it will be on Friday, April 26 at the council hall from 7 -11pm. The cost is \$25.00.

We will be having sandwiches, soda, dessert and coffee. A cash bar will be available and you may bring your own snacks for your table. As always, reservations are required. Please RSVP to Laura Labetti at: labetti250@optonline.net, or call Nina Di Costanzo at 201-338-2617 or email: ninad70@aol.com.

The month of March also starts the season of Lent as Ash Wednesday is on March 6.

We will also celebrate two of our favorite saints, St. Patrick, on March 17 & March 30 with a celebration and St Joseph on March 19.

A fun fact about each; St Patrick was not from Ireland, he was from Wales and St. Joseph actually has 2 Feast Days!...The Solemnity of St Joseph on March 19, (if this falls on a weekday during Lent, you can break your fast!) and the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker is May 1st.

Enjoy these feast days and have a prayerful Lenten Journey.

Roberta Elwell, Past Pres.

Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 announces that the Pendleton family is moving to Texas to continue with their professional scouting career. We thank Tom and Laura for their involvement with the troop over the past two years or so. Tom had been serving as the Committee Chair for the past year. Tom will be transitioning out as the Committee Chair, and Tara Coll will be taking over as the Committee Chair starting immediately. Tara also serves as the Committee Chair for Venture Crew 1345 – so we thank her in advance for her double duty to the Troop and the Crew!

Troop 1345 is also proud to announce that Kevin Reissner has passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review, becoming the twenty-fifth Eagle Scout in Troop 1345 over the past 11 years. Kevin's leadership project was the construction of an equipment shed and some various refurbishments to the scorer's hut for Dumont Roller Hockey. Following in Kevin's footsteps are a few more scouts that we hope can also complete the journey to Eagle over the coming months.

Ray Ziembra, Crew 1345 Advisor

Seminarian Support

Remember our seminarian Moris Montoya in your prayers. *Moris, and another Seminarian, will be joining our Council as members of the K of C. This is welcome news.*

Contact info for Moris: Immaculate Conception Seminary, Att: Moris Montoya, 400 So. Orange Ave, So. Orange, NJ 07079. Send him a note. Let him know you're happy he & his friend are joining our Council. Life in the studies of the Seminary is tough on the Seminarians.

G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Wine Tasting

Please save the date for our next Wine Tasting to benefit the St. John's Council #1345 Scholarship Fund. It will be held on **Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM** at the Council Hall. More details to follow soon.

Photo Gallery



Our two busloads of participants to the March for Life on Jan. 18, 2019.



The Murray family at the Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance, Jan. 26, 2019