



The Knight Times



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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

We are now in the season of Lent, so please be sure to take the time to reflect on the importance of this time of year for us as Catholics and Knights. We will have opportunities to share time in prayer this month, particularly during our Rosary at the Adoration at St. Mary's on Mar. 6th, the Columbiette's Anniversary Mass on March 15th, and our Corporate Communion on March 29th. More details are inside for each of these. We will also be marching in the Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15th, which has named Cardinal Tobin as its Grand Marshall, and all are invited to march along with us.

Our Past Grand Knight had a motto: "We do great things here." The great things do not occur without your help, and this month we are reaching out to everyone, asking you to get involved. Even volunteering for 4 hours once a year is a big help. Please as you see the bulletins and requests for help, give them due consideration. On the flip side, we are trying to hold various events to bring our Council together on a social basis, which helps support our charitable works. As you read this bulletin, please try to come to our events. **Finally**, to help out with an important event, if you haven't already purchased one of the Knights of Columbus / Columbiette **Deal or No Deal 50/50 tickets** yet, please do so ASAP. More details inside. It is rare we seek a contribution of this level, but it will go a long way towards supporting our work. Thanks in advance for your help.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart." That's how merciful God is! In fact, Jesus even gives us one of the best "second chances" to make a big difference in the discipline of fasting.

Fasting unfortunately is interpreted by people negatively when it is presented in the Church. When presented in fitness, it is hailed. What a shame. Fasting is in fact, a very powerful prayer that has physical, emotional and spiritual benefits. Jesus says in the Gospel, "When you fast..." Jesus never said "if you fast", hence this is an expectation from Jesus and rightly so.

Jesus also says in the gospel when told by his disciples that they had a difficult time delivering a demon from the man, that there are "certain demons that can only be removed by prayer and fasting." Mark 9:14. Let's face it: we all have our own demons that we battle. Some are within us in addictions, bad habits and vices like laziness, anger, lust etc.

These are the demons that will weaken and go away when we add the discipline of fasting as another form of prayer.

Fasting also brings an inner joy and freedom to the heart. Fasting, when done in large numbers ie: city, nation, has the power to actually stop wars and even suspend natural weather events.

Some claim they cannot fast on food due to health. So why not a digital fast from cell phones, games, television and entertainment? That could be more powerful than food!

Make that "second chance" this Lenten season a memorable and profitable one by making a genuine effort to fast both for yourself and even for another person(s) who is ill, dying, suffering or oppressed by a demon of addiction, bad habits and vices. You will not be sorry. You will receive an abundance of strength and grace. Have a most Blessed Lenten Season!

Praise be Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Chaplain

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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Feb. 25, 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
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-Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Relatives & Friends

-Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan
-Catherine Kelly, wife of Late Jim Kelly, Sr.
-Donna, Sister of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
-Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
-Greg, husband of Columbiette Barbara McEllen.
-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;
-Stephanie, niece of Jim Brooks;
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
-Tom Hyer, FDD, friend of our Council.

-Vince Tavormina, State Deputy.

-Msgr. Richard Arnolds, Pastor, St. John's Church

Wakes

Members: **Joseph A. Mulheren;**

Relatives/Friends: **Michael Coleman, brother-in-law of Mike Daly.**

SMA FUNDRAISER - Mass & Luncheon

Sunday, April 26, Come join us for our SMA Communion Luncheon at 1pm following the 12 Noon Mass, at the Mission Hall, 23 Bliss Ave, Tenafly, NJ 07670.

Learn more about who we are and the mission work we do in Africa. Come visit our museum! Ticket cost is \$25. In-House raffles will also be available.

For more information, call Fr. Dermot or Martha at 201-567-0450 or visit www.smafathers.org.

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in March. PGK G. Di Costanzo, FS on Mar 14.

Chancellor-Membership Report

Our Council's final traditional third degree was held on Friday February 7th. Twenty-one men attained full Knighthood that evening, including nine from our Council. Congratulations to **James McHale, Keith Leary, James Boyhen, Donald Apolito, J. Gordon Beattie, Michael Ilano, James Hecker, Gerry Aponte, and Rev. Anbu of SMA.** And congratulations to **James Castillo and Gino De Jesus** who completes theirs on Feb. 21st. If you still need to go through your second or third degree, we still have a few months to schedule you for one of the local degree ceremonies. We will be in touch with available dates and locations.

The Supreme Council has developed a new Exemplification that encompasses charity, unity and fraternity in a single ceremonial, eliminating individual degrees. Information on this can be found in *Columbia* magazine and on our website.

We are in the final planning stages for our spring membership drives. As always, please don't forget to ask the men that you meet at church - Are you a Knight?

If you know someone who is interested in learning more about St. John's Council, please give them my contact information. They can call me at 201-385-2859 or email me at recruiting@oncontact.net. If I don't answer when you call, please leave a message and I will call you back.

Brian O'Dowd, Membership

Financial Secretary Report

Second Notice dues bills were due by end of February. The week of March 9th we begin the Member Retention process with phone calls to delinquent members.

George Di Costanzo, FS,PGK,PFN

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen, How great it was to hear the President of this great country (USA) speak words like "Every child is a precious and sacred gift from God. Together we must protect, cherish and defend the dignity and sanctity of every human LIFE."

Those 750,00 citizens attending the 47th annual March for LIFE were privileged to hear OUR President defend life. This coming general election in November may be the most important election in our lifetime. Pray and vote for LIFE.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to **Frank Uvenio**, whom I have recognized as Knight of the Month for February. Frank has taken on the responsibility of leading our Newsletter Mailing Committee.

Each month under Frank's leadership they stuff, seal, and label almost 600 Newsletters. Without them we wouldn't have this valuable piece of communication delivered to our homes. Thanks to the whole team and thanks to Frank for your assistance and dedication.

Lenten Dinner - Friday March 6th

On Friday March 6 from 6PM-8PM (Doors open at 5PM) St. John's Council #1345 is hosting a Lenten Dinner to bring our community together during the season of Lent, as well as to raise funds to support our Scholarship Fund. This meal which is consistent with the laws of abstinence for Fridays during Lent consists of salad, beer battered cod, pasta primavera, french fries, cole slaw, soda, coffee, tea, and dessert. There will be a cash bar available for this event.

RSVP REQUIRED BY TUESDAY MARCH 3rd to George D at 201-338-2617. Event held at the Council at 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ. Cost is \$17 per person 13 years old and older, children 12 and under \$8, 3 and under free.

St. Patrick's Social - Friday Special

On Friday March 13th from 7PM-11PM we will host a special St. Patrick's Day Friday Night Social featuring a baked potato bar for the snack, with meatless toppings. We will also be doing our World Famous Trivia Night, hosted by our talented Carolyn Miller.

Cash bar available **with \$1 drafts, and \$2 Mimosa's.** We hope you can join us.

St. Patrick's Day Parade - Sunday March 15th

We will line up at 1:30PM at the corner of East Englewood Ave. and Washington Ave. in Bergenfield to march in the Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade. Given that Cardinal Tobin is the Grand Marshall, we'd like to make a big showing. Everyone who marches with us will receive a free gift (while supplies last).

Also, due to a conflict with the Parade date and the Columbiette's 15th Anniversary Dinner, we will NOT have a social following the parade march. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, I am STRONGLY encouraging everyone to attend the Columbiette 15th Anniversary instead. See details below.

The Columbiettes will be celebrating their 15th Anniversary on March 15th beginning with a celebratory mass at 5 pm with our Chaplain, Father Michael Barone followed by a buffet dinner. All Knights, family and friends are welcome to attend. Cost for the event is \$25.00.

Please RSVP with a check payable to St. John's Council Columbiettes. You may call Laura at **201-788-5971** or Nina at **201-338-2617**, or email us at labetti250@optonline.net, or NinaD70@aol.com.

To secure your reservation, payment must be received by March 10th. Please mail your payment C/O Nina DiCostanzo, 70 Dulles Dr, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Irish Night - Saturday March 21 7PM-11PM.

The evening will consist of an authentic Irish menu including Irish Soda Bread and a sit-down dinner consisting of a Cheese Platter, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, and homemade scones with coffee and tea. Live entertainment by Tara Gold with Michael Keogh. \$35 per person includes tap beer, wine and soda. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

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

Thurs, Mar. 5	Setup 7pm.
Fri, Mar. 6	Lent Dinner - 6pm-8pm (doors open 5pm) 1st Friday Rosary at St. Mary's Church 6pm.
Sat, Mar. 7	Dmt Special Needs meeting 10am
Sun, Mar. 8	Daylight Savings Time - Clock 1-hour ahead
Mon, Mar. 9	AARP mtg 10am Officer mtg 8pm.
Wed, Mar. 11	Dmt Special Needs mtg. 7pm.
Mar. 12-13	St. Mary's baking Irish Bread 8am. Dart Team (home) 7pm.
Fri, Mar. 13	Friday Social & Trivia 7-11pm.
Sat, Mar. 14	Rental - 4:30-8:30pm. Eagle Scout
Sun, Mar. 15	St. Pat's Mass 10am at St. Mary's Church St. Pat's Parade 2pm. Bergenfield Columbiette 15th Ann'y Mass & Dinner 5pm.
Mon, Mar. 16	Council mtg 8pm.
Tues, Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day
Wed, Mar. 18	Columbiette mtg. 7:30pm.
Thurs, Mar. 19	Feast of St. Joseph Setup & Dart Team 7pm.
Sat, Mar. 21	St. Pat's Irish Night 7-11pm.
Wed, Mar. 25	Rental - Dmt Rec Cheerleading 6-10pm.
Thurs, Mar. 26	TBCC mtg. 8pm, & Setup at 7pm.
Fri, Mar. 27	Deal or No Deal Raffle & Dinner
Sat, Mar. 28	Rental - Wedding Cioffi 5pm-10pm.
Sun, Mar. 29	Founder's Day - 138 years celebration Corp Communion Mass & Breakfast SMA 12 Noon.
Mon, Mar. 30	BF Bishop's Night

DEAL OR NO DEAL 50/50 RAFFLE -
ONLY 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE!

The Council along with the Columbiettes is hosting a Deal or No Deal 50/50 Raffle drawing March 27th at 7PM, with a grand prize possible of \$5,000. **Only 200 tickets** are being sold at \$50 each. WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT. If you are not familiar with how these raffles work, the tickets are drawn one at a time to eliminate people, with periodic consolation prizes given.

When there are only 2 tickets left, it is Deal or No Deal time. The two semi-finalists then have the option to agree to split the prize evenly, or if they do not agree, a single grand prize winner will be chosen. **If you are interested in tickets, please call, text, or email Grand Knight Ken Armellino at 516-220-9333 or kenneth.armellino@yahoo.com and we will arrange to get you a ticket.**

Come down for a great Lenten pasta dinner and cheer on your favorite Deal or No Deal player. Join in the fun! Pasta, Prizes, Raffles and more! Fun for the whole family.

Dinner Includes: Eggplant Parmigiana, Penne Vodka, Tortellini Alfredo w/peas, Cavatelli & broccoli, Salad Bread & butter Soda, Water, Coffee, Tea, Dessert. Cash Bar Available. Contact: Ken Armellino at 1-516-220-9333 kenneth.armellino@yahoo.com or Nina DiCostanzo at 201-338-2617 Ninad70@aol.com for reservations.

FOUNDER'S DAY Corporate Communion

We will be attending 12 Noon Mass at the SMA on Sunday March 29 for the traditional 5th Sunday Corporate Communion.

I ask that all Council members try to attend with your families. The mass will be followed by light refreshments at the SMA, and then a tour of the SMA African Museum led by some of the Priests who will also spend time telling us about their experiences in Africa as well as the SMA's mission.

This is also **Founder's Day for the Knights** celebrating 138 years of the Order, so what better way to spend it than together celebrating the Eucharist.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Poker Tournament – April 4th

Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Fundraiser to help support the club's facilities and its charitable works. The \$100 buy-in includes SUMMER THEMED buffet of chicken fingers, pasta, hot dogs, fries, and salad, tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, and tournament entry. Non-players \$30pp. [RSVP by March 28th and get a 500 Chip Bonus.](#) Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

Volunteers Needed

Please keep an eye on your mailbox – you will be receiving a separate letter asking for your areas of interest for volunteering. We ask everyone who is able to **consider giving us 4 hours a year.** Please take the time to return this slip so that we are assured you wish to continue volunteering, that you want to try and start volunteering, or if your interests may have changed.

Alternately you can always reach out to our Volunteer Chair Steve Martin (201-669-8236) and let him know you are willing to help.

Areas to help include **Bartending, Dishwashing, Kitchen Assistant, Setup, Waiter/Server, Sick and Wake Calls, and Envelope Stuffing.**

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Columbiettes Report

*Drop your silver in my tambourine
Help a poor man fill a little dream
Give me pennies, I'll take anything
Now listen while I play my green tambourine*
(The Lemon Pipers, 1968)

Let's make a DEAL...or NO DEAL!... Get your tickets for our very first fundraiser (and new event for us!) for this year. We are excited about doing this new event, DEAL, OR NO DEAL. This will take place at the council hall on March 27, 2020 at 7:00pm.

The raffle tickets for this event are \$50.00 each. This raffle is an elimination of tickets pulled until the final two tickets where you have a chance to win \$5000. This is where you DEAL, and hope your ticket is pulled, or NO DEAL (decided between the last 2 tickets holders) to win \$2500....Either way, it's a lot of MONEY & FUN! We will also have prizes awarded after every 25th ticket is pulled.

The night will also feature a pasta dinner (separate from the cost of the raffle ticket) for \$20.00.

A cash bar will be available, soda is included in the price of dinner.

Please get your tickets and reservations in as soon as possible! Call or e mail Laura Labetti at 201-788-

5971, labetti250@optonline.net, or Nina DiCostanzo, 201-338-2617, ninad70@aol.com.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at this exciting event....DEAL or NO DEAL...What would you choose?

Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity

Columbian Club Report

We were able to donate another \$1000 worth of Stop N Shop [gift cards](#) to 4 local food pantries this month. St Mary's church, St John's church, and the Dumont and Bergenfield food pantries received \$250.00 each to distribute in our immediate area.

Thank you to everyone for volunteering their time as we continue to help those in need. As we move through the rest of the Columbian year, we look to donate another \$1000.00 before the end of the Columbian year as well as assisting in other fundraising events. Thank you for your continued commitment of giving.

Tom Formoso, TBCC President