



The Knight Times



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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers, Columbiettes and friends,

Spring is in the air! Spring is in the air! We are thankfully leaving the dark and challenging days of winter and the pandemic behind. Now we look forward to new beginnings, not just in our personal lives but also at the Council -- planning social activities and reaching out to help those in need. I would like to share just some of the ways we will be helping others.

While we usually cook and serve dinner at the Hackensack shelter twice a year, the pandemic has left the shelter in need of additional volunteers and resources. They reached out to us for assistance, and we are happy to join with our sister council St. Therese in Cresskill to provide a meal there this spring. Knights working together from neighboring parishes to help those in need is amazing! The Knights and Columbiettes will also be working together to help the Office of Concern in Englewood. After reaching out to the office and learning that their greatest need is diapers, I contacted Columbiette president Laura Labetti and together we are planning a diaper drive at our churches to serve young mothers and their precious babies. Knights and Columbiettes working together to help those in need is amazing! More information on both of these events to come.

Spring also kicks off the parade season. We are again proud to march in the Bergen County St. Patrick's Parade in Bergenfield on Sunday, March 13, especially with two past Grand Marshalls in our membership: Mike Cremin (2010) and yours truly (2012). March with us, or cheer us on. And don't forget our St. Patrick's Dance at the Council on Saturday, March 19 (flyer is enclosed). My good friend Brother John Graham and I are chairing this event, and promise a wonderful evening for all. And you never know, John may even sing a song or two! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Vivat Jesus,
Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you." *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

Wise words to ponder at the start of the Holy Season. Lent is a time through which we more directly look at the sacrificial love of God. That's exactly what God wills from us. We ponder the Sacrifice of the Cross and all that Jesus suffered so as to set us free. So, by gazing on His Cross and praying before it daily, we discover just how far God is willing to go to enter into a relationship of love with each one of us. He held nothing back and did not even spare His own life. We must learn to open ourselves up fully to this love, and Lent is the ideal time to do so.

Though the central focus of Lent is the Cross, the end of the story is the Resurrection. We know that our Divine Lord conquered sin and death through His suffering and rose victorious on the third day. Thus, the Cross must always be seen in the light of this final victory and must allow us to be filled with hope as we walk through our own suffering in life. And since these days are heavy with sufferings let us not drag our crosses like defeatists, but carry them with dignity as victors!

As the great Venerable Fulton J Sheen said, "change the focus...", I invite you all to try a few exercises this Lent. Commit yourself to a daily reading of the Sacred Scripture, it is life changing. Seriously fast on something that you would find most difficult, that's where real change is felt. And, I implore you to make peace with God, yourself and others in the sacrament of confession, for it is here that you will find a "new center." May the good Lord Jesus pour out abundant graces on you this Blessed Lenten Season.

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Sick & Wake Report

as of March 23, 2022

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, call JIM CALLAHAN, 201-655-2634.

Notice: The Sick 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	-DGK Brian O'Dowd
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-James Hughes	-John Person
-John Cleary	-Michael Siano
-Michael Joseph Daly	

Relatives & Friends

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-Tim O'Hare, son of Tony O'Hare
-Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
-Fr. Ray Filipiski, priest at St. John's Church
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
-Nancy, wife of Ken Florio
-Linda, daughter of Tony Tulli
-Elaine Perrotto, sister of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo
-Carmela Marti, mother of Anthony Marti
-Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood
-Margaret Flood, mother of GK Gerry Flood
-Nancy, wife of Paul Hecker
-Carolyn, wife of Albert Burton
-Great Niece of Fr. Ray Filipiski
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Marie Castoro, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan, Wife of Gerald McGowan
-Mary B. Roache, mother of Chaplain, Fr. Dermot Roche, S.M.A.
-John Roache, father of Chaplain Fr. Dermot Roache
-Eleanor Romanelli, sister of Chancellor John McHugh
-Maryanne Ragone, Columbiette
-Jill, daughter of Joe Verga

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.

Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

As we move into the spring, our calendar of events continues to expand.

One particular event that we encourage you to attend is our sponsored talk by **Gerry Cooney** here at the Council on March 27th. Many of you know of him as a famous boxer, but his life story includes a chapter on the man who rode close to the abyss, but was able to step back and save himself. Our special Sunday afternoon presentation will include some question & answer time and light refreshments will follow. This is an opportunity that you won't want to miss. It is open to all, so please bring a friend.

. . . as a fraternity of brothers, we can accomplish great things and make a difference! Vivat Jesus!

Brian O'Dowd, DGK

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen and Columbiettes:

Governor Murphy has signed an Extreme Expansion Abortion bill into law. The bill allows full term abortions and other late term abortion procedures for those in our state including non-residents at taxpayers' expense. It prevents any future legislation from any common-sense laws like parental notification of a minor's abortion. It allows non doctors to perform abortions.

GOD help us. Pray for the UNBORN

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 21st, at 8PM. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. Contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for the login to access the minutes.

From the News Desk

Congratulations to anyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion in March.

George Di Costanzo, DD, FFS, PGK.

Financial Secretary Report

Our dues letters were mailed January 14th – so if you have not received it, please let me know. Remember, by paying during the first round you save the Council the additional postage (and volunteer manpower) to collect delinquencies. As always, if this is a difficult time for you, please contact me at 516-220-9333 and we can address the issue. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Ken Armellino, FS, PGK

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

Unfortunately, there was a printing error when the list of donors was generated by our printer. We sent out an email list of those names on February 15 and I want to list them here-Tom Ciotti; Joe Clerkin; John Cleary; Geraldine Coberg; Matt Connell; Barbara Connington; George Corbo; Charles Syby; Mike Cremin; Martin Curran; Carol Feigle; Bob Feigle; Bob Gallione; Merle Gellerman; John Giordano; Ray Glover; Tom Gorman; John Gorman; Ray Gorman; John Graham; Paul Grayner; Dennis Griffin; Madonna Council. Again, my apologies. We are beginning to get more rentals as we, hopefully, put the pandemic behind us. We need servers, bartenders and caretakers for each event. Please answer our call when we reach out to you by phone, email or text. If you want to help us as a bartender, please call Mike Rowley at 201-280-8727. If you want to help us in any capacity, call me directly at 201-669-8236. Our rentals are our lifeline. Again, as I have done in the past, I offer everyone full disclosure-our required monthly expenses to keep the building open run from \$2500 to \$3000. We need everyone's help. Thanks for everyone's support.

Steve Martin TBCC President

Council Scholarship Program

The program rules and applications are available to be downloaded from our website at KofC1345.org or by request at the Council bar. The scholarships are available to the children and grandchildren of all members in good standing as well as deceased members. All applications must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30th (NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE)**. Good luck to all those who apply.

SECOND NOTICE - 2022 Dues

The second dues letter goes out this month to those of you who have not paid. Dues are \$37 for Regular members and \$12 for Honorary members. All members are asked to voluntarily contribute \$15 to the Council Scholarship Program as well. If your dues and the letter have crossed in the mail, we appreciate your contributions. If you are waiting, please get the dues submitted as soon as possible. If you lost your dues bill, you can mail the check directly to Kenneth Armellino, PGK, 60 Dance Blvd., Dumont, NJ 07628. If you are unable to pay your dues, please call the Financial Secretary or Grand Knight and we will address the situation. All discussions are kept confidential. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayer for World Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

— *St. John XXIII*

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

Wednesday, March 2nd Ash Wednesday (Fast and Abstain)
Friday, March 4th Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— 6:05PM;
Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's, 8:30 PM-11:00 PM
Sunday, March 13th 10:00 AM - Cdl. Tobin to celebrate Mass at St. Mary's before Parade
St. Patrick's Day Parade – Bergenfield
Saturday, March 19th Irish Night at Council – 7:00 PM
Monday, March 21st Regular Council Meeting, 8:00 PM
Sunday, March 27th Conversation with Gerry Cooney, 1:00 PM at Council Hall

Columbiette Report

*"Cause he gets up in the morning
And he goes to work at nine
And he comes back home at five-thirty
Gets the same train every time
Cause his world is built round punctuality...He's a well
respected man about town
Doing the best things so conservatively"
(The Kinks, 1965)*

UPDATES:

A tentative date of Sunday, June 5 has been set for our Columbiette anniversary, now celebrating 17 years. As always, we will keep you updated on all of the details as they develop.

For our charity, Hope Scarves, you can bring the scarves you wish to donate at our meeting. We have a box for donations set up at the Council so you can bring them anytime you're coming to the hall. We will be accepting donations until the end of March.

The month of March also starts the season of Lent as Ash Wednesday is on March 2, and please enjoy the feast days of our two favorite saints, St Patrick on March 17 and St Joseph on March 19.

Enjoy these feast days and have a prayerful Lenten Journey.

Peace,
Roberta Elwell
Past President

Points to Ponder

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. [Ephesians 4:32](#)

"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people."
G. K. Chesterton

Insurance Corner

Brothers,

I want to share a story with you that saddened me deeply. A couple of weeks ago, I received a voicemail from a Knight's wife asking me to call her for information. When I called, she asked about her husband's policy and its status. I informed her that it had lapsed, but it was recent enough that we could reinstate it as long as his health was comparable to its status at the time he took the policy. She informed me that he had just passed. My heart sank. I quickly checked the member's history and saw that I'd reached out a few times to advise him of the lapse. I'd also noted that he'd assured me he didn't need it. While I was looking at that, I overheard the widow's daughter asking her mom, "What does lapsed mean, Mommy?" "It means we don't have anything," she replied. I wanted so desperately to turn back time for her and her mom - to make her husband realize how important this benefit of the Order is to our families and to the people we love and leave behind. It wasn't possible to do that in that case. All I could do was offer to guide her through the steps she'll need to take to continue her and her daughter's lives.

Brothers, sisters, I beg you, don't wait till it's too late. That is a conversation I never want to repeat. It is always sad when I learn of a brother that passed, but it's even worse when I there's nothing I can offer your family other than prayers.

As always, you can phone or text me at (201) 745-2723 or by email at Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org. I hope you will schedule time with me to make sure your family is protected.

Yours in Christ,

Enrique Blanco, PGK, Field Agent

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Tony Schiralli on being named Knight of the Month for March, 2022. If you have been to an event recently, whether Italian Knight, Installation, the Christmas Party, or the recent Poker Tournament, you have tasted Anthony's handiwork in the kitchen. And in his spare time, he volunteers to work some of our rentals as well. The time, effort, and pleasant attitude he presents has earned him the gratitude of the Council and Columbian Club, as well as the title Knight of the Month. Congratulations, Tony!!



Grand Knight Gerry Flood presents the January Knight of the Month Award to Tony Schiralli at the January General Meeting.