



The Knight Times



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Grand Knight's Message

The dark days of winter are fading and spring is around the corner - we look forward to new beginnings, both in our personal lives and here at the Council as we plan social activities and serve those in need. We are also entering parade season! Please join us at the Bergen County St. Patrick's Parade on March 12th, as our council proudly marches up Washington Avenue in Bergenfield. It will get you in the mood for our annual Irish Night on March 25th, hosted by DGK Chuck Hollis and myself. We promise a great night of food and music, Irish dancers and renowned piper Michael Harley. We look forward to seeing you there... bring a friend or neighbor! You have heard me ask for your support in recruiting new members, and I am grateful and honored to announce that our membership program is again active: some men have fully joined, some are transferring and others are going through the process. Please continue reaching out!

I pause here to remember our dear friend George DiCostanzo FDD, who has gone home to Jesus. I know I speak for all Brothers that if we ever needed guidance or advice about the Knights, he was our go-to person. His wisdom and straightforward approach were always welcome. Rest in peace, George.

Finally, many of you know that I have had two knee surgeries over the past few months, and I want to take this time to thank you for your kind messages, cards and prayers. We continue to pray for Fr. Dermot, who has a long road ahead after back surgery. Fr. Dermot, best wishes from all of us at the council!

Vivat Jesus,
Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message: The Stations of the Cross – A Lenten Reflection

The Stations of the Cross are a principal devotion in the Lenten Season. They recall 14 major moments that Jesus encountered on his way to His death on Calvary. They are illustrated both in the indifference and cruelty shown by those people who condemned Him, as well as in the kindness and compassion shown to Him by both loved ones and the stranger on the street.

For us, reflecting on the Stations of the Cross is also a very meaningful exercise in imaginative prayer. They call us to think of more than how Jesus sacrificed himself for our sins. He shows us what is really means to be human. In praying the stations, we imagine ourselves walking with Jesus on this brutal journey. Which character can you currently recognize in you this year walking this journey? The condemner? The mourner? The helper? The neutral observer? I assure you, in the various stages of our lives, we will be able to identify features of each character represented: we have all condemned someone, even behind their back; we have all reached out to help someone in need. We have also been "neutral" spectators of an event. Yes, we've often remained silent and apathetic when we should have been the voice of reason and justice. Despite ourselves, Jesus did this for us. His Mercy endures forever!

The Stations also corresponds to whatever is going on in our lives today and helps us focus on where and how we can become of reflection of Christ's love in it. As Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes, we constantly find ourselves in the roles of Simon and Veronica, stepping out of our comfort zones and taking risks to help someone in need. We stand united as a voice for the voiceless (the unborn), we anticipate a certain need(s) before it happens, and we take the risk to help, knowing sometimes that we will probably receive little support in return. However, we do it for Jesus. He did it for us first. That's what matters.

Throughout His Passion and these 14 stations, Jesus teaches us how to love in the most difficult times: He remained steadfast, charitable, forgiving and observant to the needs of others. We are called to do the same. I invite you to enter into the stations of the cross more deeply this Lent. And wherever you find yourselves on the road to Calvary, know that Jesus walked it before us and is leading us on the way.

Vivat Jesus!
F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Healing and Wake Report

As of February 27, 2023

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, please call Jim Callahan: 201-655-2634.

Notice: The Healing 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
-Dan Taylor	-Chuck Hollis, FDD
-Larry Rivera, PGK	-Fred Schuldt
-Emil Harris	-John Cleary
-Michael Siano	-Lou Sciarino
-John Cronin	-Andrew Mirto
-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain	-John McGill, PGK, PFN

Relatives & Friends

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
 -Fr. Pat Donohue, priest at St. Mary's Church
 -Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
 -Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
 -Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio
 -Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood
 -Nancy Hecker, wife of Paul Hecker
 -Janice Forlini, Columbiette
 -Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan
 -Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarino
 -Laura Hurley, niece of James Hurley
 -Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK
 -Herb Meyers, FSD and wife Ann
 -Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
 -Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
 -Maryjo Harris, wife of Emil Harris
 -Marlene Stoever, wife of Jim Stoever, State Deputy
 -**Robert Carney**, brother of Columbiette, Maureen Italiano
 -**Walter Mastison**, Brother-in-Law of Jim Callahan

Wake

- George DiCostanzo, FDD

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 or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

I would like to thank all of the Knights and Columbiettes who turned out to say goodbye to our dear friend, George DiCostanzo, FDD. George was an ardent supporter of the true meaning of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. He will truly be missed.

Thank you goes out to Steve Martin, DD and the entire Columbian Club crew for a great night with the Super Bowl party. A good time was had by all. Thank you Steve, John, Mike, Bob and all who helped. If I missed you, please do not take it to heart, it was an all-around great effort.

Thanks also go out to our Financial Secretary, Ken Armellino who again served as host for Poker Night. If you missed it you missed being back in Las Vegas.

Please join us for our next Friday Night Social as we present A Party of Five and the Ghost Rodents back to our council.

Please join us for our Fish Fry Social on Friday March 10, 2023. This social starts at 6:00 PM and runs until 8:00 PM. For more information, please contact Bob Feigle at bobfeigle@gmail.com. Please keep our Grand Knight, Gerry Flood in your prayers as he continues his recovery from knee surgery. As well as our Trustee, Brian O'Dowd as he continues on his road to complete recovery.

Chuck Hollis, FDD, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

This month I address real financial issues facing our Council home. The TBCC is charged with the responsibility of the upkeep, maintenance and repair of our home. We replaced the dance floor, the carpet in the hall and were able to make long overdue repairs in the men's bathroom thanks to everyone's generosity in 2021. Long overdue work to the roof was completed in 2022. This year presents us with the next challenge. The AC units on the roof of the Council have to be replaced and, as you can imagine, that is no small cost. The units in place are 27 years old. The officers and trustees of the TBCC along with Gerry, Chuck and Ken are looking at several options to attempt to keep that expenditure at a manageable cost. I will report to everyone as we move forward, but we will be moving ahead quickly, because we cannot run the risk of losing rental income due to the failure of the AC system. If anyone has any questions about any issue relating to the building, I am always available to discuss.

Steve Martin TBCC President, DD, PGK

Register Your Email Address for the Digital "Knight Times"

As of July 1, 2023 the "Knight Times" will be distributed solely online. We will spend the next 6 months doing our best to collect members' email addresses, and for those few who do not have access to an email, we will work with you to ensure we have a mechanism to keep you involved and informed. Questions may be directed to Deputy Grand Knight Chuck Hollis. **Be sure to include an email address with your 2023 dues payment where indicated.** If you are **NOT** a member but still wish to continue receiving the "Knight Times" send an email to KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com with your request.

Respect for Life Report

The pro-abortionists mistakenly believe that pro-lifers don't care about women. WE DO! According to David C Reardon, Ph. D., the author of peer-reviewed studies on adverse psychological effects of abortion, abortions can bring about increased risks of suicide, drug abuse, exacerbation of pre-existing mental illness and post-traumatic stress disorder. Pro-life people care about babies, mothers and fathers.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Columbiette Report

"Uno, dos, one, two, tres quarto
Here it comes...here it comes"
(Sam the Sham & The Pharaohs, 1965)

Mark your calendars for April 28, the Columbiettes will be having a **SPRING-BINGO EVENT!**

We will be having our first ever Bingo fundraiser. It will be on April 28 at the council hall from 7:00pm till 11:00pm. Also with the Bingo, we will have a "small" Tricky Tray. The cost will be \$20.00 and **reservations are a must!** No walk-ins will be permitted. You may bring snacks for your table; we will provide the dessert along with coffee or tea and a cash bar will also be available. More information will follow within the next few weeks.

Wishing everyone a Happy St Patrick's & St Joseph's Day this month!

Peace, Roberta Elwell, Past President

From the Newsdesk

"Remember, there is always room for pizza."

- George DiCostanzo

Dues Reminder – SECOND NOTICE COMING

Dues notices went out in January and unfortunately about 40% of the membership has not paid which means the time and expense of another mailing in the next week. Please help keep the costs down by returning your dues ASAP. For your convenience we provided an option to pay by credit card this year (there will be a slight fee to cover the associated costs). **As stated previously, it is important for you to provide a valid email address with your dues, so that we may continue to provide the "Knight Times" this July.**



FRIDAY NIGHT FRIARS IS BACK!

Join us on Friday, March 24th at 7:30 pm to hear Fr. Luke talk about Lent and its meaning.

Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

- Friday, Mar. 3rd Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 PM**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **8:30 PM**
- Friday, Mar. 10th Fish Fry – **6:00 PM**
- Sunday, Mar. 12th St. Patrick's Day Parade (meeting time and location for marchers – TBD)
- Wed, Mar. 15th Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 PM**
- Monday, Mar. 20th Council Meeting – **8:00 PM**
- Friday, Mar. 24th Friday Night Friars – **7:30 PM**
- Sat, Feb 25th Irish Night – **7:00 PM**
- Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.*

Eucharistic Adoration

Brother Bob Knott asks that you contact him at 201-675-2802 or email him at knottrj@optimum.net if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

Next Council Meeting - Monday, March 20th

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 20th at 8PM. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter "1345" for the user and "armour" (case sensitive) for the password.

Fish Fry Social - Friday March 10th

Join us for a Lenten Fish Fry dinner on March 10th from 6 PM to 8 PM. We're serving Pub style cod served over steak fries with sides of coleslaw, salad and tartar sauce. Includes coffee, tea, and cake for dessert. Cost is \$13.00 For Adults \$10 for children 10 & up. Under 10 free. Chicken nuggets available for the little ones upon request. **RSVP required!** Contact: bobfeigle@gmail.com

Join us at the Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 41st Annual Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 12, 2023**, at 2:00 PM in Bergenfield. We will be marching and will send out more details on the location and time to gather pre-parade. Post-parade social at the Council with corned beef sandwiches.

Scholarship Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Sunday, April 16

On Sunday, April 16 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Please come support this fundraiser which will support the Scholarship Program of our Council. Breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs, and coffee/tea will be served. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, family maximum \$30. To RSVP call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

Lenten Prayer Chain

In addition to our Wednesday Prayer Chain at noon, join brother Knights, sister Columbiettes, family and friends every Friday at 6 PM during Lent. Come together in spirit and prayer to pray the following Lenten Prayer: "God, may your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. May my sacrifice today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on you for all my blessings I enjoy. Amen."



Knight of the Month – Dr. Geoffrey Sadock

Comedy Night a Success!



MC Rich Carucci and Headliner Frank Vignola entertain the Council Hall crowd on Saturday, February 25th.