



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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**Meets every third Monday of the month at 8:00pm**  
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MAY, 2019

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## *Grand Knight's Message*

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Scouts & Friends,

A busy two months ahead for our Council. My officers, the Columbian Club officers and I really need your help as we continue our charitable works to assist our churches and communities.

Our Special Children's Dance is May 4th from 7-11pm. We have lined up new, fresh and great entertainment - Julian and Dominique - The Show of 1,000 Voices. Just another example of the new and creative ideas our Council has come up with to help raise money for our physically and mentally challenged citizens and friends. Every dollar we raise goes to assist these people who count on Council 1345 for help. How can you help? Buy a ticket to the dance! Buy two tickets! Buy four tickets and come down to the Council and enjoy a night of great entertainment, food, and friendship.

While I am on the subject of helping our physically and mentally challenged citizens, our Council, with your help raised \$7,486.00 at our Shake the Can Drive. A big thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated. A special thank you to John Graham, Mike Cremin and George and Nina Di Costanzo who coordinated the Drive. If anyone asks you about where the collection money goes, please tell them the Knights of Columbus donates every dollar collected to our physically and mentally challenged citizens in our community. Every Dollar!

Our Council's Wine, Spirits, and Beer Tasting will be held on May 11, 2019 from 7-10 pm. This is our second Wine Tasting (and we have added craft beers to the event) and I'm sure we'll have a great night. Every dollar we raise at this event benefits the Council Scholarship Fund. Why not buy a ticket? Two tickets? Four tickets? How about getting a table? The cost is only \$25 which includes a pasta dinner with salad.

We are marching in the Dumont Memorial Day Parade at 9:30 am and the Bergenfield Memorial Day Parade at 2 pm. Please join us in either (or both) marches. Remember, the fourth principle of our Order is patriotism. What better way to pay homage to all who served and all who died defending the United States of America by marching in their honor?

I ask that everyone hear and respond to the call of our Columbian Club who needs our assistance. Simply stated, we rent our hall to pay our bills. We need waitresses, servers, dishwashers, bartenders, Brothers to set up the hall on Thursday night (and on a few weekends) so we can staff these events. Please answer a text, email, or phone call you may receive. A rental runs 5 hours. Surely, you can help at one event. Call me on my cell to volunteer. Honestly, they are fun to work.

I want to welcome the newest members to our Council, Don Apolito, James Castillo, and Solomon Holder. We are doing a great job in recruiting new members but we need more devoted Catholic gentlemen to join our Council. Think about talking to your son, your son's friend, your father, your father-in-law, your friend about joining the Knights of Columbus. You joined the Knights of Columbus for a reason. Impart the reason to a prospective member. When you recruit that member, call me, Ken Armellino our Deputy Grand Knight or George Di Costanzo our Financial Secretary to get the process started.

*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
Warden	Kevin Sheridan	201-844-3180
Recorder	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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	Carl Schmidhauser	201-286-2928

**Council Chairmen 2018-2019**

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Council Activities:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Family Activities:	Steve Martin, PGK	201-669-8236
Feeding Homeless:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Mail Committee:	Frank Uvenio	201-385-0990
Membership:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
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
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
SMA Mission Rep	Innocent Amaefule	973-449-2808
St. John Church Rep	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
St. Mary Church Rep	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859

**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 Prevete	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 Sciarrino	201-387-2916
Sentinel:	Maureen Italiano	201-916-1404
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
Assoc Crew Advisor –	Tim Bright	201-803-5602

**Knight Times Newsletter**

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**Sick & Wake Report – as of May 20, 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
- Steven Petraglia
- William Borrows
- Dick Dorozynski
- Jim Mc Entee**
- Brendan Thornton
- Bill Horn
- Bill Connington, PGK
- Jack Marsigliano**
- Antonio Fundaro
- Dan Taylor
- Rich O'Connor, PGK**
- Michael Curran**
- John McGill
- Dave Benson, PGK
- Nick Albano
- Scott Manno, PGK
- Larry Rivera, PGK**
- Matt Connell**
- Bob Feigle
- John P. Mc Hugh
- James Verdino**
- Al Taxter**
- Jim Whelan**

**Relatives & Friends**

- Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan**
- Catherine Kelly, wife of Late Jim Kelly, Sr.**
- 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
- 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 Rudolph, wife of the late Art Rudolph, PP, TBCC
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Nancy Myers, friend of the council
- Pat Barclay, Columbiette**
- 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: **Robert Skok;**
- Relatives/Friends: none

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 May.

Collection Drive for Disabled: Thanks to the many volunteers who worked the stores and streets for the Collection Drive, we collected \$7486.00. Thank you. Special thanks for the Money Room staff who worked each day counting the monies: Ken Armellino, Mike Cremin, Nina Di Costanzo, and John Graham. Thank you.

### *Chancellor-Membership Report*

We welcome the following members to our Council who have taken their Admission, Formation, and Knighthood Degrees in the past two months.

Admission Degree: **Donald Apolito, Solomon Holder, and James Castillo.**

Formation Degree: **Matthew Michelsen, J. Gordon Beattie, and James McCarthy, Jr.**

Knighthood Degree: **Christopher Fanelli, James McCarthy, Jr., Robert Quigley, Matthew Michelsen.**

Congratulations to each of these men for joining our Order and for their initiative to serve God, Church, & Community.

Let us continue to increase our membership as "*The strong Right Arm of the Catholic Church*".

*Matt Connell, Membership*

### *Financial Secretary Report*

The final notice for dues collection-Intent to Retain- was sent out to the remaining 8 delinquents members. Unless these members pay they will be suspended.

Thanks to those members who paid their dues, and to those who made a donation to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you.

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*

### *Respect Life Report*

The USA is a country based on LAW. Well the Constitution of the USA is the greatest set of laws since the Magna Carter but better. The Declaration of Independence says the Creator gives us LIFE, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

First is LIFE without which we have absolutely nothing. No Life, no Country, no world. Roe Vs Wade was a mistake made by the Supreme Court in 1973. It made abortion a Right?? We have a right to life given to us by our creator (God). All conceived babies have that right. That 1973 decision is truly anti-American. Pray for the unborn

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### *Friday Night Socials*

The Lenten Season is over. Therefore when we re-open on Friday, May 3, we shall return to our regular complimentary snack menu, along with our bar specials. So come on down for an hour or more of friendship, and relaxation.

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*

### *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 - to 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](mailto:KofC1345reservations@gmail.com), or text/call Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333.

*Ken Armellino, DGK, Chairman*

### *Seminarian Support*

Remember our seminarian Moris Montoya in your prayers.

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 joined our Council.

*G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

### *Wine Tasting*

Our next Wine Tasting to benefit the St. John's Council #1345 Scholarship Fund, will be held on **Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM** at the Council Hall. RSVP required by email to: [KofC1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345reservations@gmail.com), or text/call Ken A at 1-516-220-9333.

*Rich Oldfield, Advocate, Chairman*

### *A Special Event for Our Senior Members*

**Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00pm**

Lisa Ege, Dir of Operations of Senior Helpers Bergen County, will address our members, Columbiettes, friends, and the general community, on the subject, "**Senior Helpers: Supporting Independence at Home and Navigating Care Options,**" on Monday night, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 o'clock, in our council hall.

This is a topic that touches all our lives and families whether they be our parents or siblings or they be a friend who counts on you for help.

This talk will assist us in navigating the complicated laws and rules that govern home care, including the impact of Medicare and your own personal insurance on the cost of home care "AFTER". **FREE ADMISSION, PLEASE JOIN US. TELL YOUR FRIENDS, EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

A brief question-and-answer period and refreshments will follow. **RSVP required. Call 516-220-9333 or email Ken at [KofC1345reservations](mailto:KofC1345reservations@gmail.com) if you're coming.**

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman*

### *San Alfonso Retreat*

**July 12 - 14, 2019**

Brothers, it's time to think about spending 3 days at the peaceful Retreat house of San Alfonso. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. But, sometimes we fall behind, and need to catch up.

The retreat does just that. It provides an opportunity to reconnect with Jesus in the serenity of San Alfonso in quiet meditation to close the gap between Jesus and you.

Save the dates, mark your calendar. More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

*Tony Tulli, Chairman*

### Dates to Remember

**Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.**

Thurs, May 2	Setup 7pm
Sat, May 4	Spec Children's Dance 7pm.
Wed, May 8	TBCC meeting 8pm
Thurs, May 9	Setup 7pm
Sat, May 11	Wine Tasting 7pm.
Sun, May 12	Mother's Day
Mon, May 13	AARP meeting 10am Officer meeting 8pm.
Tues, May 14	Pride in Priests Night 6pm.
Wed, May 15	Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.
Fri, May 17	DHS Forensics Night 6pm.
Sat, May 18	Rental 2pm.
May 17-18	NJ State Convention, Wildwood
Mon, May 20	Lecture Program - Senior Helpers 7pm. Council meeting 8pm.
Mon, May 27	Memorial Day - Fly Your Flag Dumont Parade 9:30am Bergenfield Parade 2pm.
Sat, June 1	Rental 6pm.

### Columbiettes Report

"There will be children with robins and flowers  
Sunshine caresses each new waking hour."  
(The Rascals, 1968)

Spring is in full bloom with the arrival of the "Lovely Month of May!"

We wish all Columbiettes who are Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, and Aunts a very Happy Mother's Day!

Other special days in May to enjoy are, Cinco De Mayo Day, First Holy Communions, May Crowning and May Day Celebrations.

We welcome new members **Patricia Taylor, Nellie McHale, and Kimberly Pesce** who took their First Degree last month.

Just a reminder, at our May 15 meeting we will be voting for our new officers for the upcoming new year, 2019-2020. The slate of officer's was presented at the April meeting, however, nominations can be made from the floor at the May meeting before the voting takes place. Please try to attend this very important meeting as every vote does count! Meetings start at 7:30.

*Roberta Elwell, Past Pres.*

### Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 is proud to announce that Justin Karach and Collin Cook have both passed their Eagle Scout Board of Reviews, becoming the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth Eagle Scouts in Troop 1345. Justin's leadership project was to collect school supplies for hurricane ravaged Puerto Rico, and Collin's leadership project was to enhance the kitchen that helps the homeless at St. Anastasia Church in Teaneck by building additional storage cabinets for them.

Venture Crew 1345 now has 12 active members in it and 8 adult leaders, mostly from the Troop's Eagle Scout ranks. The majority of the Venture Crew is currently away at college, but is gearing up for a busy summer schedule.

*Ray Ziembra, Crew 1345 Advisor*

### Preliminary Council Slate of Officers 2019-2020

-Grand Knight:	Ken Armellino
-Deputy Grand Knight:	Lauro Rivera, PGK
-Chancellor:	Brian O'Dowd
-Warden:	Kevin Sheridan
-Recorder:	James McCarthy
-Inside Guard:	Matthew Connell
-Outside Guard 1:	Jim Callahan
-Outside Guard 2:	Jim Hurley
-Trustee 3 year:	Steve Martin, PGK

**TBCC Slate (to be advised)**

### Photo Gallery



*Good Friday Service at St. Mary's Church. Mike Cremin and his wife Mary prepare to receive parishioners for the Veneration of the Cross. From left: Mike Cremin, Deacon John Sylvester, Mary Cremin, Liturgy Associate Kathy Sylvester, and Pastor Fr. Stephen Carey.*