



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy, and please know you are all in my prayers. As you are keenly aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented impacts to the operation of St. John's Council and its fundraising abilities, which means it has severely impacted our ability to do charitable works and help others. Without events like Irish Night, Shake the Can, Special Children's Dance, Friday Night Socials, etc. the Council's fiscal condition is precarious. It appears we are nearing a point where we are turning a corner towards recovering our normal routines or adjusting to a "new" normal. The fact remains that there are many people less fortunate than us who benefit from the generosity of St. John's Council's members, families, and friends and who still need our help. Therefore, for the month of May we are kicking off a virtual **Bridge to Recovery Fundraising Drive**.

What can you do? I am asking you to do two things. **First**, please **donate** whatever you can by visiting www.charity.gofundme.com/KofC1345. I am asking all who read this to please consider making a donation that at a minimum would be equivalent to attending one of our events (\$35-\$50), but even \$5 or \$10 helps. **Secondly**, please **share** the flyer and link for the Bridge to Recovery Drive with your friends and family, and explain to them all the good the Knights of Columbus do and what we mean to you, and ask them to contribute whatever they can as well. Think of it like shaking a can for the Knights. If we all do this, our Council will emerge from this pandemic as strong and healthy as possible.

What is a fundraising drive without a **goal**? I am setting a goal of collecting \$5,000 by May 31. This figure while daunting, represents half of what we would typically collect during our Shake the Can Drive which we had to cancel. Now I ask, what is a goal without a **reward**? I hereby commit that if we meet our goal of \$5,000 by the end of May, **I WILL COMPLETELY SHAVE MY HEAD** live on Zoom for all to see. Now, if that isn't an incentive, I don't know what is.

Please join in me in making the end of this very challenging Columbian Year a successful, generous, and hairless one.
Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

In April 2014, Pope Francis gave a beautiful catechesis on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. He reminded us that the Holy Spirit constitutes the soul, the life blood of the Church and of every individual Christian: He is the Love of God who makes of our hearts his dwelling place and enters into communion with us. He is a gift of God. The Holy Spirit gave us all 7 gifts at Baptism: *wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord*.

More than ever, we should pray for the gift of wisdom. It is not simply human wisdom, that comes from experience and education. Wisdom in the spiritual sense is the grace of being able *to see everything with the eyes of God*: to see the world, all situations, circumstances, problems, yes even the global pandemic COVID, the shutting down of daily living, celebrations of public Mass and the infamous "lockdowns." Yes, even this must be seen through God's eyes. This is wisdom.

It comes from an intimacy with God, really seeing Him as a father. This requires a more deepening prayer life which deepens our relationship with God. For all of us, Knights and Columbiettes, our families and friends, this is the key to living the Gospel fully. Pray more; pray better. And when we have begun to this relationship, the Holy Spirit endows us with the gift of wisdom. Now, more than ever we need the gift of Wisdom. This gift will help us see with the eyes of God, not only this situation and future decisions in this crisis, but everything we are faced with.

As we journey towards an Easter Pentecost, let us beg God for this gift of extraordinary wisdom. Let it be so in Jesus' name!
Praise be Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Chaplain

Council Officers 2019-2020

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Chaplain:	Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA	201-567-0450
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Inside Guard	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
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Insurance Agent	Enrique Blanco	201-745-2723
District Deputy	George Thompson, Jr.	201-445-9835

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Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
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Newsletter Editor:	G. Di Costanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
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Treasurer:	George Prevete	201-870-2927
Trustee:	(open)	
Trustee:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Trustee:	Paul Hecker	201-207-1051

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Crew Advisor – Ray Ziembra	201-410-0897
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Knights Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Apr. 27, 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
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
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-Jim Whelan	-Joe Woska
-Jim Mc Entee	-Larry Rivera, PGK
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-Bill Horn	-Bill Connington, PGK
-Antonio Fundaro	-Dan Taylor
-Arthur Flynn	-John Orsino
-Tony O'Hare	-James Verdino
-Frank Fundaro	-Jeffrey Meeks
-Angelo Gallo	

Relatives & Friends

-Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan
-Donna & Rocky, Sister & Granddaughter of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
-Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
-Jill, daughter of Joseph Verga
-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;
-Maria & Stephanie, wife & niece of Jim Brooks;
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
-Lis Cadmus, mother of Makenzie, Columbiette Charity.
-Rev. Beale & NJ Veteran's Home

Wakes

Members: John P. McHugh; Louis Luca; Dick Dorozynski;
-John Dudas;
Relatives/Friends: Larry Kaine, brother of Warren Kaine;
-Catherine Kelly, mother of Jim Kelly & wife of late Jim Kelly;
-Betty Duffy, wife of late Tom Duffy.
-Frank Martin, father of PGK Steve Martin.
-Josephine Di Costanzo, neice of PGK G. Di Costanzo
-Father & Brother of Bill Mascitello, St. Mary's CCD leader.

K of C Organ Donor Program

Brothers & Sisters, 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.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in May.

Happy Mother's Day to all Grandmother's, Mother's and Daughters.

The Columbiette Convention status will be decided at the State meeting in May.

Chancellor-Membership Report

1st, 2nd, or 3rd Degree's are now done in one sitting from your home. The next VIRTUAL Degree date is May 7th. Those members eligible to advance 2nd or 3rd degree's, look to the Grand Knights instructions coming in the next few days.

Brian O'Dowd, Membership

Financial Secretary Report

Sad to say, but after 3 months of trying to collect dues, we still have a bunch of stragglers who ignore our letters/calls.

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen- What a CRAZY time we are living in. This Covid-19, Wuhan/China Virus has changed the world in a few months.

We cannot go to Mass anymore, so we watch it on TV or a computer. This means we cannot receive the sacraments.

Prayerfully this will change shortly. Businesses are closed except for the "essential" ones. I did not know that Liquor stores and lottery dealers were "essential" and of course Planned Parenthood and abortion mills are essential; but worshipping GOD **is not essential**. This is craziness. But we will survive and prosper with all of us cooperating and with God's GRACE.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Emails

As you have seen throughout this month's newsletter, St. John's Council at the direction of both the Supreme Council and State Council must be prepared and be able to continue its Council business virtually. If you **have not** been receiving emails from us over the past year, we need you to sign up. Therefore, I ask that if you are a member of St. John's Council #1345 you visit www.StJohns1345.org so that we may be able to contact you with invitations for virtual meetings, election information, and other important notices. If you have any questions email us at KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com. **IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR EMAIL, YOU MAY MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPORTANT COUNCIL BUSINESS, INCLUDING ELECTIONS FOR THE 2020-21 COLUMBIAN YEAR.**

Update on Council/Columbian Club Closure

Given that the State of NJ has extended school closures to May 15th, and many other orders remain in effect through the end of May, it appears our closure will be extended to at least June 1. When the time does arrive to reopen, I am expecting that it will be a new experience for us all possibly involving additional disinfection practices, social distancing, and seeing each other with masks. While we are anxious to get back to business, we will only do it when we feel we can do it safely for all involved.

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday May 18th at 8PM via Zoom, a videoconferencing platform. Approximately a week before the meeting I will email the invitation for our meeting. It is a new experience for us all, so I ask for your patience and cooperation.

2020-21 Columbian Year Elections

Because of the restrictions on in-person gatherings our elections will be very different this year. This is another direction coming from Supreme Council and State Council.

Our election process would typically involve a Nominating Committee, Announcement of the Slate, and an in-person election consisting of a call for nominations from the floor and then an election. Because we will not be able to gather in person, we cannot logistically have nominations from the floor followed by an electronic election. Therefore we will have a Nominating Committee that will recommend a slate, but we will also have a call for Nominations (described below). If there are any nominations submitted, those names will appear on the ballots along with the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee, and an election will be carried out electronically via email. I have appointed Trustee Steve Martin, PGK as Chair of this year's Nominating Committee.

Call for Nominations

If you wish to nominate someone, or nominate yourself for an Officer position for the 2020-21 Columbian year, please call or text Chair of the Nominating Committee Steve Martin, PGK at 201-669-8236. The requirement to be an Officer is you must be a 3rd Degree member, or have ben Exemplified with the new Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Degree. Deadline to receive Nominations is May 31, 2020.

Virtual Friday Night Social

Do you miss seeing your Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends on Friday Nights at the Council? If so, please join us as we host a Virtual Friday Night Social every Friday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. To join visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9217597829> from a cell phone, tablet or computer and follow the directions. If you have questions contact **Mike Rowley** at shelb234@optonline.net.

Knight of the Month

The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has caused extreme disruption in all our lives, but despite this, **Mike Rowley** sought a way to continue the Fraternity the Knights of Columbus and our Council are known for. Mike developed the concept and has begun hosting our virtual Friday Night Socials and enabled us to feel at home on Friday evenings. Our first virtual social included the Worthy State Warden and a Past State Deputy. Everyone praised Mike for putting it together, and for his efforts and Creativity I recognize him as May's **Knight of the Month**. Sign on this Friday to the Social and congratulate him.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight