



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

May is a month where we honor many people who are important to us. In the Church we honor the Blessed Mother, at home we honor and remember our own mothers, and in the United States we honor our fallen heroes. I ask you all to be thoughtful and prayerful this month honoring all of them.

As a Council, May has us looking forward to a new Columbian Year. You will see the Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of officers for the election next month. The Committee spent some deep thought putting together a group that it feels strongly will carry on the tradition of St. John's Council, and we hope you show them support in next month's election, and whoever is elected for next year.

Finally, looking forward to ending the year on a high note, we have two events in June – our Anniversary and PGK Dinner on Sunday June 13 and an Open Mic Night on June 26. Details are enclosed for both. I ask you to please save the dates and plan on attending.

Ken Armellino, Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus,

*Kenneth Armellino*

Grand Knight

## **Chaplain's Reflection**

**(Our Chaplain, Fr. Dermot, is preparing for upcoming surgery. We are reprinting an earlier Chaplain's Reflection. Please keep him in your prayers.)**

The Holy Spirit, the third person in the Blessed Trinity, is the most unknown and often forgotten person of God. Yet, He is everything we need for He is the breath of God constantly being blown into us. It is the same Holy Spirit in the story of creation that divided land from sea, the sky from the earth, the stars of night from the light of the day. He is the same spirit that split the Red Sea in order to complete the Exodus. He is the same Spirit that spoke through the great prophets preparing the world for the Messiah. It is the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary upon her "yes" in order for the "Word" to become flesh. That Spirit was surrendered to the Father upon Jesus' last breath and was returned to the world and new Church in an extraordinary way at the Pentecost (50 days later).

It is this same Holy Spirit I speak about that you and I have received at our Baptism. On that day we also received all the gifts of the Holy Spirit that God's wishes to equip us with in our lives. Confirmation affirms these gifts; the Eucharist sustains us in them. The Holy Spirit is the creative action of God, constantly at work in new and beautiful ways. He is never stagnant; he never stops moving. The Church is preparing for a New Pentecost. This means that a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit will come on the Church and world with even more than we can imagine! There is a major change coming. We can sense it. It will be on God's terms. But we need to ask for our portion! Our participation in personal prayer, sacrifice and reparation makes this outpouring greater. Let's face it – we haven't even delved deep into our own spiritual gifts that are waiting to be opened and used! He wants to work wonders in you and me!

Now is the time. Pentecost (50 days) is celebrated by both Jew and Christian. It has great power. Be not afraid to ask the Almighty God for more! Beg Him to pour out on this world an explosion of new gifts. A new day is dawning for us all. God bless you.

Remember, that if you remain faithful until the end, our Lord will bring forth greater joys in your life than you could ever think possible. It may not happen according to your schedule or your wishes, but it will happen in accord with His perfect Divine Will. Do not doubt. Do not be afraid. Have hope and trust, and anticipate the moments when the power of the Resurrection brings forth the greatest joys you could ever imagine. He is truly Risen, Alleluia!!

*Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain*

### Council Officers 2020-2021

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President:	John Orsino	201-280-7759
Vice President:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Secretary:	Mike Rowley	201-280-8727
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Trustee:	Anthony Marti	917-602-3797
Trustee:	Paul Hecker	201-207-1051

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### Sick & Wake Report – as of May 1, 2021

**Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.**

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

#### Members

<b>-Fr. Dermot Roache, Chaplain</b>	-Bob Dondero, PGK
-Steven Petraglia	-Nick Albano
-Angelo Gallo	-George DiCostanzo FS, PGK
-Frank Uvenio	-Dan Taylor
-Matt Connell	-Tony O'Hare
-Arthur Flynn	-Bill Horn
-John Mc Gill	-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock
-Chuck Hollis, PGK, PDD	-Larry Rivera, PGK
<b>-Gino De Jesus</b>	<b>-Michael Alcock</b>

#### Relatives & Friends

<b>-Sandy, wife of Insurance Agent Enrique Blanco</b>
-Rocky, Granddaughter of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
-Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
-Janet Trawinski, wife of Brother Ed Trawinski
-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
-Maria, wife of Jim Brooks;
-Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
-Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
-Tom Moriarty, father of Al Moriarty

#### Wakes

-Charles Oakley, P.G.K.
-Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Joseph Kujawa, Member
-Gregory M. Taylor, Member
-William Borrows-Member

**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](mailto:jmc712@aol.com).**

### 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](http://www.registerme.org/knights).

Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

## **Deputy Grand Knight Report**

Brothers,

Join us for our next Council meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8PM via Zoom. The Zoom link can be found in this edition of the *Knight Times*. Prior to the meeting, you can review the minutes of the last meeting on the Council web site. Just click on the *minutes* link on the main page and enter the ID and password.

Every month we recite the rosary during Eucharistic Adoration as part of the First Friday Holy Hour at St. Mary's. We start at 6:05 PM and it only takes about 25 minutes. Spend some time with the Lord and be a part of our *Faith in Action* initiative. The next opportunity is on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the 113<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. John's Council, recognize our past Grand Knights and thank our outgoing Grand Knight Ken Armellino for successfully leading us through these difficult times. It will be a relaxed social affair with hors d'oeuvres, a family style Italian dinner with dessert and will run from 2-5PM. The flier is included with this mailing of the Knight Times and can be found on the Council website. Please join us and show your support for the men who have led this Council to continued greatness.

Enjoy the Spring!

*Brian O'Dowd, DGK*

## **Respect Life Report**

Gentlemen and Columbiettes,

Mother Teresa Against Roe v. Wade:

Quotes from Mother Teresa:

1. "Life is a gift that God has given us. That life is present even in the unborn. A human hand should never end a life. I am concerned that the screams of the children whose lives have been terminated before their birth will reach God's ears."
2. "We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other."
3. "For me, life is the most beautiful gift of God to mankind, therefore people and nations who destroy life by abortion and euthanasia are the poorest."

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

## **Next Council Meeting**

Our next Council meeting will be held virtually on Monday May 17th at 8PM via Zoom. The meeting will be available at <https://covanta.zoom.us/j/92428844591> Remember to review the minutes prior to the meeting by going to [kofC1345.org](http://kofC1345.org) and selecting "Minutes" from the left hand

side. Contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for the password.

Please be aware the June Council meeting will be held **IN PERSON** at the Council on Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 8PM. Don't forget your membership cards.

## **Knight of the Month**

If you have been around the Council recently, you know we have been trying many new things to try and have fun, robust, and successful events. Our Knight of the Month had a vision for an Open Mic event, and kept pursuing to bring it fruition. On top of this, our Knight of the month is a voice of consolation and comfort to many of those on our Sick list, as well as their families. He takes time to check in on everyone listed, and for these reasons I ask you to please congratulate May's Knight of the Month: Jim Callahan.

## **We Need Your Email Address**

As you have seen throughout the past few months, St. John's Council must be able to get in touch with you in ways other than this newsletter. If you **have not** been receiving emails from us over the past year, we need you to sign up. Therefore, if you are a **member or friend** of St. John's Council #1345, you can visit [www.StJohns1345.org](http://www.StJohns1345.org) and sign up for our emails so that we may be able to contact you with invitations for virtual meetings, and other important notices. **If you do not have email, have a family member or friend sign up.** We try to only send one email a week. If you have any questions or need information, please send an email to us at [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com).

## **Open Mic Comedy/Talent Night Dinner/Fundraiser**

Join us Saturday night, June 26<sup>th</sup>, for live entertainment of comics, music, comedy skits and great food. Some of your fellow brothers will be performing. The doors open at 6 pm and dinner is at 7 pm. The show starts at 8 pm. All this for \$35.00 per person. Cash bar available.

A table of eight is discounted at \$240. All social distancing and safety rules will be strictly followed. Due to capacity limits and restrictions, RSVP is required. To RSVP, send checks payable to St. John's Council #1345, 61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ 07628

## **Memorial Day Parade**

Bergenfield is hosting a Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 31, 2021. It is a new route so we will be meeting at COOPER'S POND in Bergenfield at 1:30PM. Please come and march with your Council to show the strength of the Knights, and to honor our fallen heroes. We are awaiting word regarding a parade in Dumont.

**Dates to Remember**

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6 pm.

- Sunday, May 9*                    *Mother's Day*
- Monday, May 10*            *Officers' Meeting 7:30 pm*
- Thursday, May 13*         *Ascension Thursday*
- Monday, May 17*            *Regular Council Meeting, 8:00 pm*
- Monday, May 31*            *Memorial Day – Fly the US Flag!*
- Sunday, June 13*            *113<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/PGK Dinner*
- Saturday, June 26*         *Open Mic Night*

**Nominating Committee Proposed Slate for 2021-22 Columbian Year**

As required, the Nominating Committee of Ken Armellino, Brian O'Dowd, Steve Martin, and Rich Oldfield has agreed to propose the following slate for the Council:

- Grand Knight:                    Gerry Flood
- Deputy Grand Knight:         Brian O'Dowd
- Chancellor:                     John McHugh
- Warden:                         Donald Apolito
- Recorder:                       Jim Callahan
- Treasurer:                      Arturo Ilano
- Advocate:                       Richard Oldfield
- Financial Secretary:         Kenneth Armellino
- Inside Guard:                 Justin Miller
- Outside Guard I:               Gino DeJesus
- Outside Guard II:              Bob Knott
- Trustee 3 Year:                 Matt Connell

In addition, the committee recommends the following as the slate for the Twin-Boro Columbian Club:

- President:                         Steve Martin
- Vice President:                 Mike Rowley
- Treasurer:                      Gerry Flood
- Secretary:                       Tom Formoso
- Trustee:                         Bob Feigle
- Trustee:                         Paul Hecker
- Trustee:                         Anthony Marti

The elections will be held at the June Regular Meeting.

**From the News Desk**

Best wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion in May.

**Columbiette Report**

*"Did you ever know that you're my hero?  
And everything I would like to be  
I can fly higher than an eagle  
For you are the wind beneath my wings"*

We remember, in love and sympathy, our sister Columbiette Lillian Holmes, who's sudden passing last month has left us all still in shock. Lillian was currently serving as our Financial Secretary. She had previously served as Chapter President of Central Chapter and had served as District Deputy to Regina Mundi Council in Clifton. She was looking forward to being

the new District Deputy to our newest Columbiette auxiliary, Sacred Heart in Rochelle Park. Lillian was the "queen of the raffle sales", always selling hundreds of our charity raffle tickets each year. In fact, she had already sold 150 books this year. In recognition of this achievement the state charity raffle will be renamed, this year, to the Lillian Holmes Memorial Charity Raffle. Her lovely smile, infectious laugh, joyful spirit and personality will be missed. Her life may have been taken suddenly, but this is heaven's gain. ..."Well done good and faithful servant."



Our shoe drive was a big SUCCESS! We collected over 550 pairs of shoes! Thank you to all who participated in this drive, either by donating or helping out with the bundling and bagging of the shoes. Special thanks go to Genine Armellino, who researched this charity for us and handled this event, Brother Knight Anthony Marti who offered his van and time to deliver the shoes and to all our brother Knights who helped load the van.



**Insurance Corner**

My Brother Knights,  
We take many things in life for granted: our health, our families, our jobs. Sometimes, something happens to make you step back and take inventory of those things and realize they are things we should appreciate, even give thanks for each and every day. I recently learned that one of our brother Knights is in a home dealing with one of the maladies of old age: dementia. It's shocking how whimsical and frail our human condition really is. Our Order was founded to protect and support Catholic families! Fr. McGivney wanted to ensure that no Catholic family would suffer from the loss or illness of a loved one. Please ask yourself: how many members of the council do you know well? How many members have you never met? How many of your Brother Knights and their wives have never met you? These questions should alarm you. If you don't know where to start, call me: (201) 745-2723. That's my cell number. I'm Enrique Blanco, your Field Agent. It's my job to show you how the Knights of Columbus can help you when you need it most! Vivat Jesus.