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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and friends all,

This past Holy Week I had the privilege of joining ASCPG -- the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group -- at the Marian Shrine Retreat House in Stony Point, NY. Since 1998, ASCPG has been traveling to Lourdes during Easter Week, but the pandemic has put that trip on hold until 2023. Instead, they offered a 4-day stateside pilgrimage for 17 young adults with special needs, accompanied by volunteer caregivers, medical professionals, and a high school youth group. Words cannot describe the love and friendship that shone through every minute of that experience.

It reassured me once again of why I became a Knight. Our Council has contributed to this and so many worthwhile community organizations year after year. And there is something special in knowing that as a Council we had a hand in making a child laugh, or sharing a hug that tells him or her "you are special." It's so important that we continue our charitable works, and better yet to witness them in action.

As our faith is renewed knowing that Christ has risen, let us together renew our financial commitment to help those in our community. Your support at each and every Council event will ensure that it continues, and I know that I speak for all of the organizations we have supported down the years when I say "thank you" one and all! As our Columbian Year enters its final months, I ask for your continued support at our remaining events. "Let's finish strong!"

Vivat Jesus,
Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

An Excerpt from the Urbi Et Orbi Message of His Holiness, Pope Francis – Easter 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen! He stands in the midst of those who mourned him, locked behind closed doors and full of fear and anguish. He comes to them and says: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19). He shows the wounds in his hands and feet, and the wound in his side. He is no ghost; it is truly Jesus, the same Jesus who died on the cross and was laid in the tomb. Before the incredulous eyes of the disciples, he repeats: "Peace be with you!" (v. 21).

Our eyes, too, are incredulous on this Easter of war. We have seen all too much blood, all too much violence. Our hearts, too, have been filled with fear and anguish, as so many of our brothers and sisters have had to lock themselves away in order to be safe from bombing. We struggle to believe that Jesus is truly risen, that he has truly triumphed over death. Could it be an illusion? A figment of our imagination?

No, it is not an illusion! Today, more than ever, we hear echoing the Easter proclamation so dear to the Christian East: "Christ is risen! He is truly risen!" Today, more than ever, we need him, at the end of a Lent that has seemed endless. We emerged from two years of pandemic, which took a heavy toll. It was time to come out of the tunnel together, hand in hand, pooling our strengths and resources... Instead, we are showing that we do not yet have within us the spirit of Jesus but the spirit of Cain, who saw Abel not as a brother, but as a rival, and thought about how to eliminate him. We need the crucified and risen Lord so that we can believe in the victory of love, and hope for reconciliation.

Today, more than ever, we need him to stand in our midst and repeat to us: "Peace be with you!"

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Sick & Wake Report

as of April 25, 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
-Bob Dondero, FDD, PGK	-Frank Uvenio
-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD	-Tony O'Hare
-Dan Taylor	-Bill Horn
-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	-Chuck Hollis, FDD, PGK
-Larry Rivera, PGK	-Eli DeFalco
-Fred Schuldt	-Emil Harris
-James Hughes	-John Person
-John Cleary	-Michael Siano
-Michael Joseph Daly	-Matt Connell
-John Cronin	-John McGill, PGK, PFN

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;
- Nancy, wife of Ken Florio
- Elaine Perrotto, sister of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo
- Carmela Marti, mother of Anthony Marti
- Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood
- Nancy, wife of Paul Hecker
- Carolyn, wife of Albert Burton
- Great Niece of Fr. Ray Filipiski
- Janice Forlini, 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, S.M.A.
- Eleanor Romanelli, sister of Chancellor John McHugh
- Maryanne Ragone, Columbiette
- Jill, daughter of Joe Verga
- Joyce Tyson, Mother of Michelle Sciarrino, Columbiette
- Laura Hurley, daughter of James Hurley
- Patsy Graham, wife of John Graham

Wake

-John Maguire

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 approach the end of the Columbian year, elections for next year's officers will be held at the June meeting. The slate of officers is in this issue of the Knight Times, and you are encouraged to participate in the election as we elect the men who will lead us into the future.

Every month we lead the Rosary during Eucharistic Adoration as part of the first Friday Holy Hour at St. Mary's. We start at 6:05PM and it only takes about 25 minutes. Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's begins at 8:30 and extends overnight.

On Sunday, June 11th, we will celebrate the 114th anniversary of the founding of St. John's Council, recognize our Past Grand Knights and our Grand Knight Gerry Flood for his past year leading the Council. 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

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee - Steven Martin PGK, Ken Armellino PGK and Advocate Rich Oldfield - appointed by GK Gerry Flood, has completed its interviews and is proud to announce **St. John's Council 1345** slate of officers for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year:

Grand Knight	Gerry Flood
Deputy Grand Knight	Chuck Hollis, PGK
Chancellor	Bob Knott
Warden	Justin Miller
Recorder	Jim Callahan
Inside Guard	William Flores
Outside Guard I	Frank Apablaza
Trustee 3 Year	Brian O'Dowd

As required, the **Twin Boro Columbian Club** has proposed the following slate for 2022-23 Columbian Year:

President	Steve Martin, PGK
Vice President	Mike Rowley
Treasurer	Adrian Miller
Secretary	Thomas Formoso
Trustee	Bob Feigle
Trustee	Paul Hecker
Trustee	Anthony Marti

Elections for both slates will take place at the June 20th Council meeting.

Respect Life Report

According to "Live Action," Planned Parenthood has produced a video promoting abortion to a 10-year-old girl. The group that made the video runs sex-ed programs for 2 to 3 million children. The video is full of lies, that abortion is a very safe medical procedure, including medication abortion and surgical abortion. They can lead to hospitalization and death of the mother. They interviewed hundreds of women and they were told it should be done in the first trimester before the baby becomes a BABY with the heart beating and arms formed.

Pray for the UNBORN.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 16th, 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 the Deputy Grand Knight for the password.

From the News Desk

Happy Birthday to members celebrating a birthday in May, including Roberta Elwell (May 13) and Juan Melendez (May 24). Late birthday wishes to Sheila Tulli and Susan Rowley who celebrated their birthdays in April.

Congratulations to Tom Formoso, Anthony Marti, and Jeffrey Meeks who took their 4th Degree, the "Patriotism Degree," in April. Welcome "Sir Knights" and to your "Lady" spouses to the 4th Degree and the Bishop O'Connor Assembly #647.

Finally, a word about our Scholarship Fund and fundraising Brunch on Sunday, May 22 beginning at 11am. One of my accomplishments during my term as Grand Knight in 2006-2007 was to re-start the Scholarship Program- my "legacy" achievement, and the gift "that keeps on giving". In our first year we donated \$3000; it has since grown to \$8000. This is a Member Benefit for children and grandchildren of any member, alive or deceased. Attendance has dropped these last few years, and Covid was part of the reason. I encourage you to make an effort and attend the brunch on May 22. May God continue to bless our Council and our Country.

George Di Costanzo, DD, FFS, PGK

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

It's been a challenging year, but thanks to the generosity and hard work of so many, we met those challenges, survived and continue to thrive. With that said, I am thrilled to announce that all of the Columbian Club officers will return next year. We have a solid, talented and committed team leading the Columbian Club: myself, Mike Rowley, Tom Formoso, Adrian Miller, Bob Feigle, Anthony Marti and Paul Hecker. A tip of the hat to Gerry Flood, Ken Armellino, Jeff Meeks and John Orsino for all their help this year; and to Jim Kelly, John Graham and Tony Schiralli for everything they do behind the scenes, and all the bartenders and servers who we rely on greatly.

The Council cleanup will be done in June. Details on the date and time will follow - please come down and help. As always, if anyone wishes to help us in any capacity, or has any questions about the Twin Boro Columbian Club, call me directly at 201-669-8236.

Steve Martin, TBCC President

New Faith Based Discussion/Prayer Group

Come be a part of a new Faith-based discussion/prayer group we are starting at the Council. Join us and share your input on the formation of this group. Today, there are so many issues to pray for and discuss, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the pandemic, and many other local and worldly concerns. Our Chaplain, Fr. Dermot Roache, has been providing guidance as we seek direction to develop this new discussion/prayer group and we are interested in members' feedback as well. Email Jim Callahan at jmc712@aol.com if you are interested. Thank you. Jim Callahan

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

Thursday, May 5th TBCC Meeting – **7:30 PM**
Friday, May 6th Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— **6:05 PM**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's, **8:30 PM-11:00 PM**
Friday, May 13th 126th Annual NJ State Council KofC Convention, Wildwood Crest – thru Saturday, May 14th
Monday, May 16th Council Meeting - **8:00 PM**
Wed, May 18th Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 PM**
Sunday, May 22nd Council Brunch – **11:00 AM**
Sunday June 5th Columbiettes Anniversary Party - **1:00 PM**
Saturday, June 11th Council Anniversary Dinner – **7:00 PM**

Columbiette Report

"Hey, life, look at me I can see the reality,
'Cause when you shook me, took me out of my world I woke up,
Suddenly I just woke up to the happening"
(The Supremes, 1967)

The lovely month of May is here and we want to wish all Columbiettes who are Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and Aunts a very Happy Mother's Day!

The Central Chapter of Columbiettes, of which we are part, and whose President is our very own Joan Winant, is having a day trip to Lancaster, PA to Sight and Sound Theatre for a live performance of "David." It will be on Saturday, July 9, 2022. Cost is \$195.00 per person. The package includes, the performance, smorgasbord meal, shopping as time allows, taxes and meal gratuities and motorcoach transportation. Space is limited and reservations need to be in by May 7. If you are interested, please call Joan Winant at 201-696-1159.

Just a reminder that at our May meeting, we will be voting for our new officers for the upcoming new year, 2022-2023. The slate of officers 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!

Wishing everyone a beautiful Spring & Mother's Day!

Peace,
Roberta Elwell, Past President

Boy Scout Troop 1345 News

Throughout the COVID period, the Troop did whatever it could to remain as active as possible, including camping on a regular basis. Now that we are emerging from that pandemic, we are starting to see some of the scouts being able to earn their rank of Eagle Scout:

Brody Davis – January 2022
Esteban Aldana – February 2022
Costas Krassos – February 2022
Don Wagner – March 2022
Leo Park – March 2022
Akshay Nair – April 2022

Congratulations to these fine young men!

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Rich Oldfield who is the Knight of the Month for May 2022. Rich is an active member of the Council, currently serving as Advocate and just stepped down as the Newsletter Editor after many years. Rich also helps out as a waiter/caretaker and with setting up for many of our council and TBCC big events. Congratulations Rich!



New Sir Knights!

Congratulations to Tom Formoso, Anthony Marti, and Jeffrey Meeks who took their 4th Degree, the "Patriotism Degree," on April 24th, joining Bishop O'Connor Assembly #647. Pictured with the new Sir Knights are Frank Gallacher PGK, Ken Armellino PGK, and GK Gerry Flood.

