



# The Knight Times

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and friends all,

In my last message, I was anticipating my return to Lourdes with the ASCPG (American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group) after a 3-year pandemic break. With 16 special guests at the center of the action, our group of almost 90 included volunteer caregivers, medical staff, high school students and clergy (including Bishop Manny Criuz and Bishop Greg Studerus). Among the volunteers were 14 brother Knights. And it was amazing.

The week was filled with beautiful moments big and small, but one stands out for me: our Wednesday morning Mass at the Grotto, the exact spot where Mary appeared to a young sickly girl named Bernadette. After almost 30 years, I find that there is still something so special about this place. It continues to draw millions of pilgrims to come and pray, and I am always intrigued to simply stand back and watch people from all walks of life, from all over the world come with their prayers and petitions. It's Holy Ground for sure.

As we approach the month of May - Our Lady's month - we should continue to bring our prayers and petitions to her. We know she is always there with us, especially when our journeys become a little hard. She knows what to do... she's a mother!

In a special way, I ask you to pray for our Council, that we may continue our works of charity, that our membership continues to grow and that our ailing brothers and sisters are restored to health.

Finally, let's pray for each other. You remain in mine.

Vivat Jesus,

**Gerry Flood**, Grand Knight

## **Chaplain's Message: More Mother than Queen**

Venerable Fulton Sheen, a much-loved brother Knight, often spoke on and delved into the mysteries surrounding the Virgin Mary as a Holy Mother, an ideal woman, and as he called her "the Woman I love." He had such a devoted love and respect for The Blessed Virgin that he wrote one of his most noted books about her called "The World's First Love."

Venerable Michael McGivney also had a tender and devoted love to Our Lady so much so that he made it a point that every brother knight would call upon her to be his guide and protection in their work. Each receive a rosary in their initiation and are encouraged to pray it daily for their salvation.

The Blessed Mother is truly our mother who takes a vested personal interest in everything we do. Whether we are ASCPG pilgrims to Lourdes or pilgrims on our daily grind working for our conversion, Mary wants to be a part of our Christian life. She wants to lead us in a deeper way to Jesus. Invite Her in!

In this month of May, (the month of Mary) I invite you brother knights and sister Columbiettes to honor Our Lady, consecrate yourselves and most especially your families to her protection.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

**F r. Dermot Roache**, SMA, Chaplain

### **Council Officers 2022-2023**

Chaplain:	Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA	201-567-0450
Grand Knight	Gerry Flood	914-343-5508
Deputy GK:	Chuck Hollis	201-314-8599
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Warden	Justin Miller	201-421-8916
Recorder	Jim Callahan	201-655-2634
Treasurer	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-220-7127
Financial Sec	Ken Armellino, PGK	516-220-9333
Inside Guard	William Flores	917-544-2322
Outside Guard I	Frank Apablaza	201-362-0770
Outside Guard II	(open)	
Trustee 1 yr.	Frank Gallacher, PGK	201-957-2683
Trustee 2 yr.	Steve Martin, DD, PGK II	201-669-8236
Trustee 3 yr.	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	Enrique Blanco	201-745-2723
District Deputy	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236

### **Council Chairmen 2022-2023**

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
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Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Family Activities:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Feeding Homeless:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Murray Scholarship:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
Mail Committee:		
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Newsletter Editor:	Mike Rowley	201-280-8727
Parish Roundtable:	Ken Armellino, PGK	516-220-9333
Program Director:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
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Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Jim Callahan	201-655-2634
SMA Mission Rep:	Innocent Amaefule	973-449-2808
St. John Church Rep:	Bob Knott	201-675-2802
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Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859

### **Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2022-2023**

President:	Steve Martin, DD, PGK	201-669-8236
Vice President:	Mike Rowley	201-280-8727
Secretary:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Treasurer:	Adrian Miller	201-803-0388
Trustee:	Bob Feigle	551-265-9747
Trustee:	Anthony Marti	917-602-3797
Trustee:	Paul Hecker	201-207-1051

### **Columbiette Officers 2022-2023**

President:	Laura Labetti	201-788-5971
Vice-President:	Jill Moriarty	201-280-6667
Secretary:	Janet Maniscalco	201-417-0999
Financial Sec:	Genine Armellino	917-992-2011
Treasurer:	Michele Sciarino	201-387-2916
Sentinel:	Maureen Italiano	201-916-1404
Immed Past Pres:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617

### **Boy Scouts – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2021-2022**

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Asst. Scoutmaster – Mike Davis	
Crew Advisor – Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897
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### **Knight Times Newsletter**

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### **Healing and Wake Report**

*As of March 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](mailto:jmc712@aol.com).

### **Members**

-Don Wuertz  
-Dan Taylor  
-Larry Rivera, PGK  
-Emil Harris  
-Lou Sciarino  
-John McGill, PGK, PFK  
-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain  
-DGK Brian O'Dowd  
-Chuck Hollis, FDD  
-Fred Schuldt  
-Michael Siano  
-John Cronin  
-Matt Connell

### **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  
-Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK  
-Herb Meyer, FSD and wife Ann  
-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette  
-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette  
-Maryjo Harris, wife of Emil Harris  
-Marlene Stoeber, wife of Jim Stoeber, State Deputy  
-Robert Carney, brother of Columbiette, Maureen Italiano  
-Walter Mastison, Brother-in-Law of Jim Callahan  
-Jeff Martin, brother of Steve Martin

### **Wake**

-Andrew Mirto  
-Sgt. David Solinas Jr.

### **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) or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

### **Deputy Grand Knight's Report**

To begin, I would like to thank each member of the Council that assisted with the repast held for Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. David is the young Army Ranger who tragically died in the helicopter crash at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He lived in Oradell with his parents and three brothers. I've known David through his work with the ASCPG Youth Group. He was a caring and giving young man who thought more of others than he did of himself. We were called and we delivered as only Knights could do. On behalf of the family, thank you from the bottom of my heart for a job well done. Please keep in your prayers all in our military, and especially the heroes who perished in Kentucky.



Membership dues letter have been sent out by our Worthy Financial Secretary, Ken Armellino, PGK. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so now. The retention committee will be calling on you soon if you do not submit your dues now.

Thank you Dr. Saddock for the wonderful breakfast that was served to benefit our scholarship program. All in attendance left with full bellies and are looking forward to the next one.

Congratulations to Robert Armellino, father of our FS Ken Armellino, PGK who has recently taken his Fourth Degree. Congratulations Sir Knight!

As a reminder, the June issue of Knight Times will be the last hard copy mailed to you. Beginning July 1, Knight Times will be sent via email only. Please make sure that your email is up to date so that you can continue keeping up with the Council and our events. If you would still like a hard (paper) copy, please let me know. There is a limit of 25 hard (paper) copies per month. May God continue to watch over you and our great Council.

*Chuck Hollis, FDD, Deputy Grand Knight*

### **Twin Boro Columbian Club Report**

The work of the TBCC never stops. As I have previously reported, we have ongoing financial, maintenance, repair and structural issues that need to be addressed; and with the work of our proposed TBCC Officers, I am confident we will work through them and resolve them.

As always, we need volunteers. Our rental income keeps the Council building open and operational. I urge any Brother to call me to discuss how you can help us.

*Steve Martin, TBCC President, DD, PGK*

### **Blood Drive – June 15<sup>th</sup>**

The next drive is Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 8PM at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). An appointment is highly recommended. You can schedule your appointment at: [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/56294](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/56294) or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

### **Respect for Life Report**

When will we learn? Abortion is taking a human life, i.e., murder. I pray that women and men think what abortion is. But how can we change their minds to recognize a LIVING HUMAN BEING is in their body? This present government does not help by allowing the pill mifepristone to be on the market without an RX. Let us all continue to pray for pregnant women to come to term naturally and give birth to a human being.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### **Nominating Committee Proposes Slate for 2023-24 Columbian Year**

As required, the Nominating Committee of Ken Armellino, Steve Martin, and Rich Oldfield has agreed to propose the following slate of Officers:

Grand Knight	Chuck Hollis, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Knott
Chancellor	Justin Miller
Warden	William Flores
Recorder	Jim Callahan
Inside Guard	Frank Apablaza
Outside Guard I	Anthony Marti
Trustee 3 Year	Steven Martin

The Twin Boro Columbian Club proposes the following slate of Officers for 2023-24 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 19th Council meeting.

### **Columbiette Report**

*"All the world over, so easy to see  
People everywhere just wanna be free...  
Peace in the valley, people got to be free"  
(The Rascals, 1968)*

Our meeting on May 17 is an important one, **VOTING** for our NEW OFFICERS! The nominations were made at our April meeting and the slate presented is as follows:

President - Genine Armellino,  
Vice President - Maureen Italiano,  
Secretary - Janet Maniscalco,  
Financial Secretary - Nancy Hecker,  
Treasurer - Michele Sciarrino  
Sentinel - Beatrice D'Souza

Please attend this very important meeting. Meetings start at 7:30pm at the Council hall.

As we are in the month of May we want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all our Columbiettes who are Mothers, Grandmothers, Stepmothers, Godmothers and Aunts. Wishing everyone a lovely month of May!

*Peace, Roberta Elwell, Past President*

### **Dates to Remember**

*(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)*

- Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 PM**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **8:30 PM**
- Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> Special Needs Guest Speaker – **7:00 PM**
- Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – **8:00 PM**
- Wed, May 17<sup>th</sup> Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 PM**
- NJ State Convention – May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Wildwood, NJ  
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](mailto:knottrj@optimum.net) if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

### **Next Council Meeting – Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8PM. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to [KofC1345.org](http://KofC1345.org) and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter "1345" for the user and "armour" (case sensitive) for the password.

### **4th Degree Report**

Congratulations to Brother Robert Armellino, our newest Sir Knight! Robert was inducted into the 4th Degree on Sunday, April 23rd during the Exemplification Ceremony. Robert is the father of our Financial Secretary Ken Armellino. The ceremony was attended by our Financial Secretary Ken Armellino and Trustee Frank Gallacher. Well done Sir Knight!!!



**Frank Gallacher, Robert Armellino and Ken Armellino**

### **Past Grand Knights to be Honored on June 25<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, June 25th, we will celebrate the 115th anniversary of the founding of St. John's Council, recognize our Past Grand Knights and honor Grand Knight Gerry Flood for his years leading our Council. Details will be in our June Knight Times.

### **Insurance Report**

It is with a heavy heart that I prepare this newsletter column. Over the past month, I have visited with the widows and children of 5 deceased members. These members, thank God were all insured. I was able to help the families process the claims, and when asked, aid them in making other arrangements and claims. As your agent, it scares me to think how few of you have the protection Fr. McGivney wanted to give all our members. Give me 30 minutes of your time to ensure your loved ones don't have to start a GoFundMe page to finance your final expenses. I saw that happen last month as well! As always, you can reach me by phone or text at (201) 745-2723; or by email at [Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org](mailto:Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org). God Bless you and keep you safe this Easter Season. Vivat Jesus!

*Enrique Blanco, Insurance Agent*

### **Friday, May 12: Finding Joy on the Journey: Trusting God's Plan for Your Life**

There will be a special presentation at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont) on Friday, May 12, 7:30 PM (doors open at 7 PM). St. John's Council #1345 and our parish CCD are sponsoring a presentation and discussion by Kelly Mantoan, wife, mother, home schooler, caregiver and author of Better Than OK: Finding Joy as a Special Needs Parent and founder of Accepting the Gift, a ministry for special needs families that provides resources for parents. All are welcome!



**The Knights of Lourdes**



**Knight of the Month: Jim Callaghan**

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