



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

As we enter November, we pay homage and give thanks to the Beatification of the founder of our Order, now the Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. On October 31st At a Mass at St. Mary's in New Haven where he is interred he was elevated to this revered status. How fitting this occurs as we remember All Saints on Nov. 1st, and the Souls of those who have passed on Nov. 2. Please keep these thoughts in your prayers. We will celebrate the Council's Memorial Mass November 8th – details are inside the newsletter.

November is also the time to give thanks, which may not be an easy thing to do for many of us this year, but I am sure if you look deep you will find it. I am thankful for many things, among them the support and camaraderie you all give me and the Council. Please accept heartfelt Happy Thanksgiving wishes from me and my family to you and yours.

And remember, without your help our Council can't meet its basic mission, Charity. Thanks again for your support.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

November, the Month of the Holy Souls

The Catholic Church sets aside November as the *Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory* – those who died in grace but who failed in this life to make satisfaction for all their sins. The Holy Souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves. God removes that grace from them as justice for their unfinished business on earth. [I imagine this is just about all of us!] The holy souls in purgatory depend on the prayers of those here on earth as well as those already in heaven to get to paradise. They can pray for others while in purgatory, but not themselves. That is why every single Mass which is celebrated remembers the dead in a special way. It is a great act of charity.

The Roman Catholic teaching on purgatory reflects its understanding of the communion of saints. The month begins with *All Saints Day and All Souls Day*, connecting a triangular web (if you will) to the saints in heaven, the saints-in-waiting in purgatory and we believers here on earth.

In November we are encouraged to pray for those who have gone before us, family and friends, Knights and Columbiettes. However, it does not end there for we are asked also to pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. In this way we are joined to others in the Christian family and reminded that we are a wide community united in our belief in Jesus and his Resurrection. Pope St John XXIII wrote "The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit." How true it is. Let us be people of spiritual charity praying for the dead not just in November but every day of our lives.

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA

Chaplain

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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Oct. 29, 2020

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK	-John Graham
-Steven Petraglia	-Nick Albano
-Tom Formoso TBCC VP	-Angelo Gallo
-George Di Costanzo FS, PGK	-Frank Uvenio
- Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA	-Dan Taylor
-Jim Mc Entee	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Matt Connell	-Tony O'Hare
-Bill Horn	-Bill Connington, PGK
-Arthur Flynn	

Relatives & Friends

- Bernadette Mumm, daughter of Advocate Rich Oldfield.
- Billy Whelan, son of late 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
- Grace Benson, wife of late PGK Dave Benson.
- 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
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria & Stephanie, wife & niece of Jim Brooks;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Nancy De Salvo, cousin of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo**
- 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;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
- Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco

Wakes

Members: **Edward Reilly;**

Relatives/Friends: **Maureen Kostka, wife of late Ed Kostka and a founding member of the Columbiettes.**

-Catherine (Kay), mother of PGK Don Winant.

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

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in November. Special wishes to our Council friend and State Warden Russell Petrocelli.

Deputy Grand Knight Message Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

This year, we will remember our deceased Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes during the annual *Mass of Remembrance* on Sunday November 8th at the SMA in Tenafly. Mass will begin at 2PM. We hope that the new time and location will allow more people to attend since it's during the day and in a church, where we can maintain proper social distancing.

Family members or close friends of recently departed Knights and Columbiettes are invited to participate in the rose ceremony during the liturgy. Following mass, refreshments will be served at the Council. This past year has been a difficult one, and this special mass offers us an opportunity to gather as a group, unified in prayer.

Brian O'Dowd, DGK

Financial Secretary Report

Dues bills will be mailed late December and are payable by end of January. Please mark your January calendar and pay on time.

Due to the pandemic, we are adding a VOLUNARTY donation of \$5.00 for Covid-19 Relief to help support the Council.

George Di Costanzo, FS,PGK

Respect Life Report

It is November 2020- A presidential election year and one of the strangest 11 months in the history of our beloved country the US of A. I and my wife have voted 3 weeks ago, albeit by mail. I had previously served at my polling place for previous elections, not this time. I pray that we all vote for LIFE. There will be new things this Columbian year. Stay Tuned. Pray for the Unborn.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday November 16th at 8PM in person at the Council Hall. We will adjust our setup to allow for appropriate social distancing. We will also be doing a simultaneous online livestream available at <https://covanta.zoom.us/j/91310562556> for those that cannot attend.

Knight of the Month

This month I am honored to recognize a Knight who quietly spends quite a bit of time at the Council. Whether it is working in the kitchen, helping to do the mailing, or attending the events regularly his support is constant and appreciated. This month's Knight of the month is Joe DeNoia. Please congratulate him when you see him.

Virtual Rose Drive – PLEASE DONATE NOW!

We will conclude our Virtual Rose Drive on **November 15th**, so please go online and donate if you have not already. Thank you very much to those who have already. In case you have not realized it, due to the pandemic, we are unable to

sell Roses in person this year, so we are asking you to contribute \$10 (or any amount you would like for this important cause) online at

charity.gofundme.com/KofC1345RoseDrive and accept a Rose virtually. If you are in need of the actual Rose appliqué, let us know and we will mail you one. If you are unable to donate online, please send a check payable to St. John's Council #134, 61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ 07628.

*Ken Armellino, Grand Knight &
Matt Connell, Right to Life Chair*

Sick and Wake Reports – New Chairman

I am pleased to announce that our Brother Jim Callahan has agreed to accept the position as Sick and Wake Chairman. If you have someone you would like recognized in our prayer intentions, please call Jim at 201-655-2634 or email him at jmc712@aol.com. Funeral homes may continue to contact the Grand Knight to arrange a Wake Prayer Service at 516-220-9333.

School of Rock Grad School Double Feature

Friday November 20th at 8PM we will host the School of Rock from Cresskill for a Double Feature showcasing two of their premier bands: Summer of Love and NY vs. Boston. The cover charge of \$10 includes hot dogs and fries, and a cash bar will be available.

PLEASE RSVP BY calling or texting Mike Rowley at 201-280-8727 or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com. Due to capacity limits your RSVP is REQUIRED. Social distancing rules will be in effect. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards assisting the Council in its charitable work.

Knight Times Newsletter Editor Needed

Change is hard but is necessary at times. No words can express my thanks for the time, effort, and dedication George DiCostanzo has given to ensuring our Knight Times is a beacon for our Council. George has done his service with great distinction, and now has earned and deserves the excitement the rest of us enjoy of waiting by the mailbox for the Knight Times to come.

For this reason we are seeking a Brother Knight who is willing to step up and take the reigns as editor of the monthly newsletter. This should be someone who is good with Word and using a computer, capable of meeting regular deadlines every month, and skilled at working with varied groups of people to gather content.

Please contact me at 516-220-9333 if you are interested. We would like to begin the transition as soon as possible.

Council Decoration for Christmas

We ask everyone who would like to join us to please keep Saturday November 28th at 10am open to come down and assist decorating the Council for Christmas. Many hands will make this task move quickly and smoothly.

Lunch will be provided, as well as generous libations afterwards. We hope to see you there.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Sun, Nov. 8th

Memorial Mass for Deceased Members (SMA)

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is currently scheduled for Saturday December 5th at 7PM. While we are unable at this time to plan our usual Christmas Turkey feast with Panorama Music for entertainment due to capacity limits, food restrictions, and lack of attendance at previous events, it is my hope that we will still have a get together that evening to celebrate this joyous season as a Council. Please keep an eye on your emails and for calling post phone calls.

Columbiette Report

**"I'm sittin' in the railway station
Got a ticket to my destination
On a tour of one-night stands
My suitcase and guitar in hand
And every stop is neatly planned
For a poet and a one-man band
Homeward bound, I wish I was homeward bound"**

(Simon & Garfunkel, 1966)

November, a month to remember, reconnect and give thanks.

The Knights will be having a Memorial Mass where we remember our Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes who have passed during the current year. The mass will be on Sunday, November 8, at 2:00pm at the SMA in Tenafly, NJ. Following Mass a reception will be at the Council Hall.

November is also Columbiette Retention Month. The past few months we have all felt a little bit isolated from one another due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Our Social Welfare coordinator Lillian Holmes wants to remind us if we know of anyone who needs a card sent to them for, Get Well Wishes, Sympathy, or Congratulations, please e mail her at queenbap191@aol.com or call her at 201-342-5142 and she will be happy to send the card out to them. This is an excellent way of "keeping in touch" with our sister Columbiettes.

As things change day to day with this pandemic, we are uncertain at this time if we will have an in- house meeting for November or will have Zoom meeting. We will keep you updated on what we will do via calling post and e mail.

Our wonderful holiday of Thanksgiving comes at the end of this month. Now more than ever we should give thanks for what we have and pray for those who are in need.

*Lord, as we bow our heads to pray
We celebrate Thanksgiving Day.
Help us have the right attitude,
As we turn to you in gratitude.*

*Thank you for our festive mood,
Thank you, Lord for this good food.
Thanks for blessings great and small;
Thank you, thank you for it all.*

(Joanna Fuchs)

Wishing everyone a very happy & blessed Thanksgiving.

Peace, Roberta Elwell

Insurance Report

Happy Thanksgiving. No report this month.

Enrique Blanco, PGK, Insurance Field Agent

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, I ask that if you are a **member or friend** of St. John's Council #1345 you can visit 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 1 email a week. If you have any questions email us at KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Tenafly Fire Department to the Rescue

One of the casualties of Tropical Storm Isaias was the flag at the Society of African Missions in Tenafly. The strong winds from the storm broke the halyard and the flag fell and was tangled in the rope in a bush. The 30 foot flag pole, installed in 1967 as a donation from Fourth Degree Bishop O'Connor Assembly #647, is designed to tilt for repairs and maintenance. However, a number of large shrubs grew around the base and made this impossible. St. John's Council #1345 reached out and coordinated the repair with the assistance of the Tenafly Fire Department. Old Glory is now proudly back where she belongs.

Photo Gallery



Installation of Officers for 2020-2021.

**Remembering our Veteran's, Past & Present
and
Honoring our Glorious Flag.**

