



# The Knight Times

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Worthy Brothers, Columbiettes and friends,

I recently read an article where a priest was quoted as saying *God is good, God is always good*. If we stand back for a moment from our everyday routine and just look around, we can see God's goodness everywhere. I am reminded of it in so many ways.

First, I look at our Council home. We were unsure where to turn after Hurricane Ida swept in, but God provided. An amazing group of Brother Knights turned disaster into success, the uncertainty of whether Italian Night and other rentals could happen was put to ease, and the response to our financial appeal was overwhelming. While there is still much to be done (and gifts are still being accepted), we know that *God is good. God is always good*.

Second, my wife Rosemarie and I (along with several other Knights and their wives) were privileged to attend the annual Knights of Columbus Pride in Priests Dinner, honoring the clergy in our Archdiocese for their faithful service. We are blessed that our own parishes have such wonderful priests and deacons to shepherd us on our way to heaven, and especially our pastors - Msgr. Rich, Fr. Dermot and Fr. Stephen. Their presence is proof that *God is good. God is always good*.

Finally, it's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is upon us. The recent challenges of pandemics, natural disasters, and personal issues can make it seem like we are constantly being knocked down. But like the "footprints in the sand," the Holy Family is there to lift us up because *God is good. God is always good*.

On behalf of my officers and my family, I wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus,

*Gerry Flood*, Grand Knight

## **Chaplain's Reflection**

### **The Month of the Holy Souls**

One of the greatest acts of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the holy souls in purgatory. You see, God's merciful way of showing justice for the dead who are not yet fully perfect to enter heaven, is to remove from them the ability to pray for themselves while they remain in purgatory being "purged" or cleansed of 'unfinished business' caused by the effects of their sins. They are dependent on our charity.

According to Our Lady and many saints, the majority of us need to pass through Purgatory. That is how serious sin is on our souls. But the painful purification process is tempered and shortened for these souls only by our charitable acts of prayers. It is of the utmost importance that Masses be offered for them, Rosaries to be prayed with this intention, that we pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, that we offer up the reception of Holy Communion for them and even say simple prayers begging God's compassion on their souls. God will hear you and will help them.

Yes, God takes away from the holy souls in purgatory the ability for them to pray for themselves but He permits them to pray for us and even intercede and help us here on earth in difficult times. Yes, the Holy Souls in Purgatory can help you too! The Church dedicates November to the Holy Souls. It is our charitable duty to pray for them. As we also gather on November 12<sup>th</sup> for the Mass of Remembrance honoring our past Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes, let us implore the Mercy of God on their souls, give Him thanks for their presence and witness in our lives and ask them in a special way to pray for and help us here on earth. God bless you.

*F r. Dermot Roache, SMA*, Chaplain

### Council Officers 2021-2022

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Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-220-7127
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Inside Guard	Bob Knott	201-675-2802
Outside Guard I	Gino De Jesus	551-265-9813
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Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
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President:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
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President:	Laura Labetti	201-788-5971
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### Sick & Wake Report – as of October 25, 2021

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.  
To add a name, call JIM CALLAHAN, 201-655-2634.

### 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

### 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 Filipski, priest at St. John's Church  
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;  
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco  
-Pat Barclay, Columbiette  
-Diane Lang, wife of Dave Lang  
-Maryann Ragone, Columbiette  
-Nancy, wife of Ken Florio  
-Linda, daughter of Tony Tulli  
-Residents and staff of the Paramus Veterans Home  
-Elaine Perrotto & Marie Pugliese, sisters of Columbiette Nina Di Costanzo  
-Carmela Marti, mother of Anthony Marti  
-Louise Zucker, sister of Bob Knott, and her unborn grandchild Paisley Zuckerberg  
-Marie Piccione, mother-in-law of GK Gerry Flood  
**-Robert O'Donnell, friend of GK Gerry Flood**  
**-Margaret Flood, mother of GK Gerry Flood**

### Wake List

-Sandy Blanco, wife of Insurance Agent Enrique Blanco

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's Report**

Brothers,

We continue to plan for the future and look for your participation to make this year successful. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Memorial Mass for deceased members here at the Council with our Chaplain as the celebrant.

If you haven't yet made a donation to the drive to restore our Council's home following the damage from Tropical Storm Ida, there still time to do it. So far, we have replaced the dance floor, but there is much more that needs to be done. Whatever you can give will move us toward our goal.

Please support the Council and your church as much as you can . . . as a fraternity of brothers, we can accomplish great things and make a difference!

Vivat Jesus!

*Brian O'Dowd, DGK*

### **Respect Life Report**

Gentlemen and Columbiettes:

*From Fr. Stephen Carey's Pastor's Letter in St. Mary's Bulletin:*

In our nation today, as the legality of abortion is being debated in court houses, state legislatures and in the daily press, let us remember that changing laws is not enough. Abortion in this country did not start with a Supreme Court decision and it will not end simply because new laws are passed. Abortion will only end when hearts and mind[s] are changed. Abortion in this country will only end when each new life is seen as a child, not a choice; when each new child is seen as a precious gift from God; when all women who confront a crisis pregnancy are provided with the love and support they need to help bring a new life into this world. Let us pray that hearts and minds are changed.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### **Next Council Meeting**

Our next Council meeting will be held **IN PERSON** at the Council on Monday, November 15th at 8PM. Don't forget your membership cards. 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. Please contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for the login & password..

### **From the News Desk**

Best wishes to any member celebrating a Birthday or Special Occasion in November. A special Happy Birthday to our friend and State Advocate Russell Petrocelli on Nov. 2.

If you have not already made a donation to our Flood Damage Fund, please consider doing so. Any amount is acceptable. \$10 or more if you can afford it. Remember: This is our home, where we meet, socialize, pray, and attend dances and other

events. Mail your donation to: Ken Armellino, FS; Attn: Flood Damage, 60 Dance Blvd, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. Let each of us reflect on all of God's gifts to us.

George Di Costanzo, DD, FFS, PGK.

### **Christmas Party**

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11th from 7 pm to 11 pm and will feature Panorama Music. The Family Style sit-down dinner will consist of an egg nog welcome, assorted hors d'oeuvres, traditional holiday turkey meal with all the fixings, dessert, coffee, & tea. Cash bar. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing [kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com). The cost is \$40 per person.

### **Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament**

Join us for the Twin Boro Columbian Club's Premier Fundraiser Saturday, November 20th to help support the club's facilities and its charitable works. The \$100 buy-in includes hot buffet of sausage and peppers, chicken tenders, french fries, bread, and salad throughout the evening, as well as tap beer, wine, soda, coffee, and the tournament entry. Check In and buffet at 6PM, tournament starts at 7PM. Non-players \$30pp. **RSVP ONLINE** by November 13th and get a 500 Chip Bonus. To RSVP, go to <https://www.mikespokertables.com/event-info/dumont-knights-of-columbus-texas-holdem-2> Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 for details.

### **Blood Drive**

For 2021 we have coordinated with the Calvary Methodist United Church to host a drive every two months in Dumont. The next drive is Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 6 pm at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). An appointment is required to donate. You can schedule your appointment at [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/52720](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/52720) or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Social distancing practices will be followed. Don't forget your mask.

### **Memorial Mass for Deceased Members**

On Thursday November 11th, we will remember our deceased Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes during the annual Mass of Remembrance at 8PM at the Council. and recognize those who have passed away over the past year. Family members or close friends of recently departed Knights and Columbiettes are invited to participate in the rose ceremony during the liturgy. The evening is open to everyone and refreshments will be served after Mass. This is a perfect opportunity to foster fraternity and invite a friend to come.

Brian O'Dowd, Chairman

### **Welcome Back Special Friday Social Nov 12**

Thanks to all the donations and hard work of our members, the repairs have begun and the Council is open once again. Welcome Back! Come join us at our first Friday Social since the flood and damage on November 12 for a fun filled night of live entertainment by the Rhythm Brokers and light refreshment as we honor our veterans. Doors open at 7 PM.

### **Dates to Remember**

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

- Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)*
- Tuesday, November 2 Election Day. Be sure to Vote!  
All Souls Day*
- Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— 6:05PM;  
Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's, 8:30 PM-Overnight*
- Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Mass-8:00 PM at Council;  
Veteran's Day*
- Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> N.J. Devil's Hockey Game*
- Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting, 8:00PM  
(In Person)*
- Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament*
- Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party*

### **Columbiette Report**

*"Are you going to Scarborough Fair?  
Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme  
Remember me to one who lives there  
She once was a true love of mine."  
(Simon & Garfunkel, 1967)*

The month of November is once again upon us. A time for us to remember, reconnect and give thanks.

On Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will remember our deceased Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes during the Annual Mass of Remembrance at 8:00PM at the Council Hall.

It is also Columbiette Retention Month, where we hope many of our Sister Columbiettes who we have not seen for a while, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, will be able to attend our November 17 meeting in person!

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.

Wishing everyone a very Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving.

*Peace,*

*Roberta Elwell, Past President*

### **Insurance Corner**

Please keep Insurance Agent Enrique Blanco and his family in your prayers during a very difficult time.

### **Columbian Club Report**

It's been a hectic few weeks cleaning up after Ida and I am so proud to report to our members, Columbiettes and friends that as of October 22, 2021 we have received \$22,105 in donations. What an incredible response! These donations will go a long way to making necessary and vital repairs to our Council home. We have already replaced the dance floor which got its first full workout on Italian Night. We will be replacing the carpet in the main hall and making some repairs in the men's room which are long overdue. After that, we'll assess what our next step will be. The TBCC officers, Mike Rowley, Adrian Miller, Tom Formoso, Anthony Marti, Bob Feigle and Paul Hecker, our past TBCC

President John Orsino and I are committed to keeping everyone up to date on our progress. In the interim, I will be in contact with our membership to assist at our upcoming rentals. It's apparent to me that people want to "start getting out-start getting back to normal" because our rentals are picking up, so we need everyone's help. We really need people to assist as bartenders. Our TBCC Vice President Mike Rowley is willing to train any member who wants to assist us in serving our clients from behind the bar. Call me or Mike anytime-our numbers are in the newsletter. It's really not hard and you know what? it's fun!  
Steve Martin, TBCC President

### **New Year's Eve Celebration**

I want to invite everyone to a New Year's Eve celebration at our Council. We missed last year's celebration because of Covid. So, this year we want to get together to celebrate the New Year from 6:30PM-10:30pm at the Council Hall. We will have appetizers, a salad and a simple pasta meal with meatballs and sausage. We will pipe in some holiday music. Because of the great response we received to our plea for donations to repair/rehabilitate our Council Home, I am humbly requesting a \$10 donation per person to attend this event. We will have a cash bar available -soda and water will be free. I need a firm head count by December 17,2021. There will be no reservations taken after December 17. I need at least 50 attendees to confirm their attendance by December 17,2021. If you want to attend, email me at [smmartin1013@gmail.com](mailto:smmartin1013@gmail.com)

### **NJ Devils Hockey!**

Attention! Calling all hockey fans! On Saturday, November 13, 2021, St. John's Knights of Columbus Council #1345 (Bergenfield/Dumont) is sponsoring a day of hockey with the New Jersey Devils at the Prudential Center in Newark. The Devils will play the Boston Bruins at 1 pm. Tickets (not nosebleed seats!) will be \$60, and will include a group photo at center-ice after the game! From each ticket sold, \$5.00 will go to the charities that the Knights of Columbus support. So, grab your favorite jersey and come join us for an afternoon of fun, excitement, and hopefully, a Devils win! For tickets, contact John McHugh at 201-647-7729 or [DrJAM88973@aol.com](mailto:DrJAM88973@aol.com). See you at the rink!

### **Charity in Action**



Grand Knight Gerry Flood presents a donation check to Donna Faulborn from the Dumont Food Pantry at the recent Italian night.