

# The Knight Times

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October, 2009

# CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

In my message in 2008, I told you that this month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Remember how you received the Holy Rosary Beads at your First Degree. We (St. John's Council) started last month (September 9) to honor Our Queen by praying the Holy Rosary each month.

This prayer doesn't only help You but also The Council and Our Country. Why????? Because Our Lady is Patroness of the United States, and Her prayer is said by and in a K of C Council which is the #1 Lay Organization of the Mystical Body of Her Divine Son. Last year (2008), we thanked Our Lord at Holy Mass for making St. John's Council so great. Last October, we thanked all that helped St. John's Council #1345 be so great in the State of New Jersey. Please God this year, we will continue to Thank Our Lord and His Mother (Our Queen) by praying Her Rosary daily so instead of our Quote of the Month... "Let us pledge our fealty and devotion to Our Queen by praying Her Holy Rosary (the 15 minute prayer) each day".

Let us show our fellow Americans how good religion is for Patriotism.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. John F. Murray, SMA

Chaplain of St. John's Council #1345 (Senior Knights); Father Prior of St. Dominic Savio Circle #1622 (Junior Knights); Chaplain of the St. John's Columbiettes (Ladies Auxiliary); State Father Prior of the Columbian Squires (Junior Knights).

# GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires, & Scouts,

I can only hope that if I make it to 102 years old I have as much life in me as St John's Council #1345 does. As Grand Knight I get to see a good part of all the activities that transpire on a day to day basis. I have to tell you, it really is amazing to witness so many individuals pitching in to make up the rhythm that is the pulse of this Council.

There were many events that moved me during September but more than anything else it was the outpouring of love and support at the fund raiser for Kayla Rose Hannon. It's humbling to be able to help such a brave and beautiful young woman. Please keep her, and her family, in your prayers as they continue to fight for her full-recovery. There were far too many people that participated to thank them all by name but I do need to express my deepest gratitude to my brother Knights, and co-chairmen of this wonderful charitable event, John Graham and Chancellor Lou Pidi. Well done, brothers.

On Wednesday, September 16th, I was honored to be invited to participate in the Installation of the Columbiette Officers. Our Council is blessed to have our sisters at our sides, along with the Squires and Boy Scouts. They all do a tremendous amount to assist us in our goals and achieve their own admirable charitable aims.

October is shaping up to be another vibrant month. We will be doing membership drives at all three of our Churches starting with St John's on the weekend of October 17th, then St Mary's on the weekend of October 24th and finally at the SMA on the weekend of October 31st. It will only take you a few minutes after a Mass at your Parish but the positive impact these drives have on our Council is tremendous. I'd ask that all members consider helping out. On those days we'll also be taking the opportunity to raise money for our Pro-Life activities with the annual Rose Drive. The sale of these Rose Appliqués helps pay for the buses that take us down to the March for Life in Wash, DC. While I pray that someday we won't need a March to try and stop the slaughter of God's most innocent children, at this point in our Country's history we clearly do. Raise your voice in unison with ours to stop these atrocities.

On September 23rd a prayer vigil will begin at Women's Choice Medical Center in Hackensack. Volunteers are being sought so that someone will be outside the shelter, 24 hours a day, for 40 days. I plan on giving a few hours of my time. If you can't make it to Hackensack, maybe you can pray the Rosary during the 40 days. Or say a prayer to Our Blessed Lord at a set time each day. Pray for the souls of the children killed in abortion, pray for the women who make the mistake of viewing the baby that's growing inside of them as a punishment, and pray for the doctors and nurses who make their livings taking lives instead of saving them. My heart breaks for all involved.

Finally I hope to see you all at Italian Night...and come hungry!

Vivat Jesus,

Tom

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

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# Sick & Wake - October Report

To add or delete a name on this list, call PGK George Olszewski at 201-384-9524. *ITALIC* indicates new names or change in condition.

	Members	
Gabriel DiLorenzo	Ken Malesky	
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## Relatives & Friends

Ann Sanders, mother of Bob Sanders PGK, PCCP

Anne Taxter, wife of Al Taxter.

Anthony Matarazzo, son of PGK Jos. Matarazzo;

Anthony Perrotto, brother-in-law of PGK G. DiCostanzo;

Anthony Zally, PSD

Barbara, wife of Frank Fawcett;

Benjamin, nephew of Dom Panfile;

Bill, son-in-law of PGK Tom Trank;

Diane Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;

Donna Fredericks, wife of PGK Phil Fredericks.

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Jonathan, grandson of PGK Frank Messina.

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Niece of Bob Wrightington

Norma, widow of late Jim Campbell.

Pauline Scalice, sister of John Scalice.

Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.

Rose O'Shea, friend at St. Mary's parish.

Rose Rush, widow of James J. Rush, PGK.

Sister Andre, sister of Fr. John Murray

## Wakes

Mary Pazzano, mother of Jerry Pazzano; Connie Kelly, widow of PGK George Kelly. Agnes Mertens, sister-in-law of PGK Jim McFadden;

# Upcoming Degree Dates Tues, Oct. 13 at Westwood:

First Degree: Tues, Oct. 13 at Westwood;
Second Degree: Thurs, Oct. 29 at Westwood;
Third Degree: Friday, Nov. 13 at Fair Lawn;
Fourth Degree: Sun, Oct. 18, 2009 Clifton;

# Columbus Day Parade

In honor of our namesake, Sunday, October 4 at 10:30am at the Court House in Hackensack. Try to come out to march or watch.

# From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to members celebrating a birthday in October. And to Charles Dietz 91 years old Oct 6; Nina DiCostanzo Oct 7; Donna Hannibal Oct. 9; Daina Hannibal (daughter) Oct. 18.

Anniversary wishes to John & Madeleine Kerner celebrating 60 years on Oct 22; Michael & Mary Cremin marking 40 years on Oct. 11, and to all couples celebrating their anniversary in October.

Religious & Civil Rights: check out the Catholic League website at www.catholicleague.org and get all the latest information on Catholic challenges we face....and there are many.

Council reservations...this year, all council reservations will be handled by Charles Hollis. To make reservations for any event, call Chuck at 201-265-6012 or email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

Rally for Traditional Marriage...Sunday, Oct. 25 at the State House in Trenton from 2pm to 3:30pm. The state Bishops and the State Council K of C welcome all Catholics to this rally.

#### Recruitment Drives

In the next few weeks there will be a lot of activities going on at the council. Saturday, October 17 and Sunday October 18, we will have our 1st recruitment drive at St. John's Church.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> recruitment drive will be on Saturday, October 24, and Sunday October 25 at St. Mary's Church.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> recruitment drive will be Saturday October 31, and Sunday November 1 at the SMA Church in Tenafly.

I need your help at all masses. The more Brothers that come out to the drives, the better chances we have at recruiting new members. Always remember, we do not have to have a drive to bring in a new member. Ask your friends and neighbors. If they are practicing Catholic gentlemen, tell them about our council and bring them to a Friday night social. There is always an officer or PGK attending and we will be glad to answer any questions that they might have in becoming a Knight. If you have a prospective member, contact me Home 201-439-1985 – Work 201-384-9126 – Cell 201-707-7253.

Lou Pidi, Chancellor/Membership

# Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, November 1, St. John's Council 1345 along with the Dumont Lion's Club will be sponsoring a Special Pancake Breakfast Benefit for Kayla Rose Hannon. Kayla is 19 years old and is undergoing treatment for cancer.

The breakfast will be held at the Dumont High School Cafeteria from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The donation is \$6.00 per person. We will set up the cafeteria on Saturday morning October 31 at 9:00 a.m.

A lot of help will be needed in all areas from cooking to cleanup. Please come out for this worthy cause. For tickets and information contact Lou Pidi, Chairman, at 201 707-7253.

Lou Pidi, Chancellor/Chairman

# Novena & Prayer Services

Public Rosary Crusade: Saturday, Oct. 10 at 12 noon, at the vacant lot just past the Sunoco gas station. Questions or for a ride, call George or Francine Corbo, 201-384-0972 or 201-450-1205.

Family Rosary Rally: sponsored by the NJ State Council K of C, at Our Lady of Fatima Monastery, 564 Walton Ave, Mr. Laurel, NJ on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 3:00pm.

At the Council: Rosary service every second Wednesday of the month at 8pm. The next Rosary will be on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Refreshments afterwards.

George Corbo, Church Activities Chairman

#### Hungry & Homeless

The long awaited opening of the new Health & Human Service Center, which will be the site of the shelter and walk-in dinner program in Hackensack, is finally opening on October 1, 2009.

Our date for serving will be October 7. There are a few changes to note. We are allowed to come in to set up at 4:30pm and start serving at 5:00pm. Dinners will be served from 5:00pm to 6:30pm, in two shifts. All other rules apply.

Help will be needed on October 5 to clean turkeys; on October 6 to cook and prepare foods; on October 7 to cut turkeys, yams, veggies, package up and bring all the usual stuff needed to serve. Servers will be needed as well. Please save some time to help.

Anyone who would care to donate a turkey, please call Bob Dondero 201-387-2368 or me at 201-385-7652.

Bill Horn, Chairman

# Honorary & Honorary Life Member

To become an honorary member you must have 25 consecutive years of service in our Order and be at least 65 years of age. The benefits of honorary membership are a reduction in dues from \$25.00 per year to \$10.00 per year.

Qualification for Honorary Life membership is similar, 25 years of consecutive service and at least <u>70</u> years of age. A member with 50 years of consecutive service, regardless of age, also qualifies for Honorary Life membership. With the attainment of Honorary Life membership yearly dues are no longer required.

For both Honorary and Honorary Life members a plastic membership card identifies you as a truly special Knight.

To get the ball rolling just complete section #1&2 of Form 100, get it to me and I'll take it from there. If you don't have a Form 100, call me at 201-384-2259 or stop by the Council and pick one up.

Robert DeWald, Financial Secretary

# Children's Halloween Party

Sunday, Oct. 25-2pm to 5pm. Free admission; All children 10 & under will receive a gift-bag. Call Chuck 201-265-6012 for reservations......A MUST to make sure each child receives a gift. Complimentary hotdogs and refreshments will be served.

Tony Tulli, Chairman

Council Knights in Action

Saturday Sept. 12 was a soggy day, but members were out there serving hamburgers at the annual Dumont Day.



Members preparing Spaghetti & Meatball dinners for the Kayla Rose Hannon Cancer Fund benefit hosted by St. John's Council on Saturday, Sept. 19. The benefit raised \$14,706.

#### Dates to Remember

Note: setups for rentals & council events are on Thursday's at 7:00pm, unless otherwise specified.

Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Fri, Oct. 2 Sat, Oct. 3 Mon, Oct. 5 Wed, Oct. 7 Mon, Oct. 12 Wed, Oct. 14	Friday Social – <i>Pizza 9pm</i> ; Rental - 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree PFN Dinner 7pm; Council meeting, 8pm; Feeding Homeless Officer meeting 8pm; Columbus Day; Rosary service 8pm;
Thurs, Oct. 15	Newsletter deadline for articles;
Fri, Oct. 16	Friday Social - Karaoke Night 9pm;
Sat, Oct. 17	Italian Night 7pm;
Oct. 17-18	Rental 1:30pm; Recruitment & Rose Drive SJC all masses;
Mon, Oct. 19	Council meeting 8pm; Lecturer Program 8:45pm;
Wed, Oct. 21	Columbiettes meeting 7:30pm;
Oct. 24-25	Recruitment & Rose Drive SMC all masses;
Sun, Oct. 25	Children's Halloween Party 2pm;
	Rally for Marriage 2pm Trenton;
Mon, Oct. 26	Columbian Club meeting 8pm;
Tues, Oct. 29	Newsletter mailing 10am;
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Recruitment & Rose Drive SMA all masses;
Sun, Nov. 1	All Saints Day;
Mon, Nov. 2	All Souls Day; Memorial Mass at Council 8pm;

# Boy Scouts - Troop 1345

Boy Scout Troop 1345 will be selling Trails-End popcorn from Sept 26th thru Oct 25th. Trails-End offers microwave popcom and popcorn in tins. They also have a program that sends popcorn to our military service men and women and their families.

BSA and Trails-End have sent over 450,000 packages of popcorn to those serving our country. Military donations can be in any amount including a \$25 silver level donation or a \$40 gold donation. Please contact Keith Hilcken 201-993-4476 to place an order or make a donation. Thank you for your continued support of BSA Troop 1345.

Anyone interested in information about Troop 1345, contact Keith Hilcken at 201-993-4476 or by cmail at Scoutmaster 1345@aol.com.

Keith Hilcken, Scoutmaster

# Friday Night Socials

Friday evenings at the Council are great already. There's an active card game in one room, some of our sister Columbiettes play a dice game in another, there's always some kind of ball game on at the bar, and the Friday Night snack is high quality food for free. It really is a terrific way to spend an evening but we want to try to make it even better.

Beginning in October we will be adding activities to our Friday nights at the Council. The first Friday of the month, already famously known as Pizza night, will be an open house for prospective members followed by a movie.

The third Friday of the month will be Karaoke night hosted by our worthy Outside Guard Carmine Grillo. We're still working on the themes for the 2nd and 4th Fridays but are wide open to suggestions.

In addition to these new activities we are also going to start selling cappuccino and espresso at the bar. If you can come down and spend the entire evening with us that's wonderful but the Council is also a perfect spot to start or end a night out. Stop in for a cappuccino, catch up with friends and then hit the town.

We're trying something new. If you think it sounds like a good idea please come down and join in the fun.

Grand Knight Tom Ciotti

# Lecturer's Program

Please join us, directly after the Council meeting on October, 19th, as we welcome Shifu Raymond Ahles of the Blue Dragon Kung-Fu School in Bergenfield. Shifu Ahles has over 25 years experience in martial arts and traditional Chinese medicine. He will be discussing and demonstrating the health benefits of Kung-Fu for people of all

ages. The talk will begin at approximately 8:45pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Lecturer

# Religious and Civil Rights

There are times when it can seem that every view not in absolute line with the Church is an attack on our Catholic faith. There are also times when our reaction to an issue is based more on our political affiliations than on our attempt to live a life aligned to the teachings of our Lord. I catch myself doing this often and sincerely try (most times unsuccessfully) to keep my feet closely following in the footprints of Jesus. When an issue comes up that requires a response I do a great deal of praying before providing my opinion. I also like to check the Catechism of the Catholic Church to get the clearest picture possible as to what our Faith say's about the issues we are confronted with on a daily basis. If you don't own a copy you can go to one of the free ones posted on the internet. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has one that is very easy to use: http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/

On the topic of actual attacks on our Church, the entertainers (?) Penn & Teller produced a show that was so blatant in its intent to harm the Church that they didn't even try to infuse their lame brand of humor into the piece. It was hateful, base Catholic bashing....and that is not an accusation I throw lightly. A friend mentioned that it's just their brand of satire but I replied that satire is very often a tool used for political ends. If you have the stomach for it you can find a link to it on the Catholie League's website.

While we, as a Catholic community, cannot get outraged at every barb thrown our way there are times when we must stand up and defend our Church....without hatred or fear of our enemies. We are a billion strong worldwide. It's time we let our voice be heard.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

### Columbiettes News

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30pm. At the last meeting, the Officers were installed for 09-10 (see list on pg. 2). Marian Tallia was welcomed back as District Deputy. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Nina DiCostanzo, Treasurer/ Publicity

Knight of the Month



John Graham, chairman of the Kayla Rose Hannon Benefit, receiving the Knight of the Month Certificate from Grand Knight Tom Ciotti. Each month, a Knight & a family will be honored.

# Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

On "All Souls Day", Monday, Nov. 2, at 8:00 PM at the Council, our special "Mass of Remembrance" for our deceased Brothers & Sisters of the past year. Try to attend; mark your calendar now.

John McGill, Chairman.

