



# The Knight Times

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**OCTOBER, 2019**

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## *Grand Knight's Message*

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

I have the distinct pleasure of starting off this month with a big welcome to our newly approved Chaplain Father Dermot Roache. Fr. Roache is the Vice Provincial of the Society of African Missions in Tenafly, as well as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight who is in the process of transferring into our Council. We are grateful to him for stepping up to this important role, and thank Provincial Fr. Anbu Kumar for supporting Fr. Roache in this role. We'll have an opportunity to introduce Fr. Roache to the Council in the near future, but already have him scheduled for a lecture on Nov. 18, so save the date.

There are also many thanks due. Since the last newsletter we successfully fed the homeless at the Family Promise Center in Hackensack, as well as had a very successful Dumont Day. Without the assistance of our Worthy Brothers, and Sister Columbiettes successful events like these would not be possible, so thank you. Particularly you will notice inside the newsletter, we have begun the Knight of the Month program, and made awards for August and September.

Finally, we have many events coming up in October. We have another special Friday Night Social scheduled – a Fish and Chips evening on Oct 11. We will also be having an Oktoberfest party on October 19. Of course also don't forget our Children's Halloween Party on October 27. Various weekends in October we will also be seeking assistance for recruiting drives and Roses for Life Sales. More details are inside, so please save these dates and volunteer to help if you can. Thank you.

**Knight of the Month:** At September's Council meeting we reinstated the Knight of the Month Program. It is my distinct honor to recognize John Scalice for the month of August for his tireless efforts in coordinating the Feeding the Homeless at the Family Promise Shelter. For September, I recognize Steve Martin, PGK who assembled and led a massive team across two days to make our Dumont Day activity a success. These Brothers are terrific examples of what the Knights are about.

**Volunteers Needed:** Many of those who we used to rely on to volunteer are no longer able to help, so we are in need of new volunteers to help with Council events and Columbian Club rentals. If you are able and interested to assist with bartending, cooking, dishwashing, serving, setups, or other various activities as they arise, please submit your name to [KofC1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345reservations@gmail.com). No experience is necessary for any of these positions, just an interest in volunteering. Thank you.

**Children's Halloween Party** - On Sunday October 27 from 2PM-5PM we will host our annual Children's Halloween Party. There will be music, games, and a costume contest for the children, as well as hot dogs, chicken nuggets, french fries, juice and soda for the kids. Cash bar will be available for the adults. A \$5 donation per person is suggested. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com).

Vivat Jesus,

*Kenneth Armellino*

Grand Knight

## *Chaplain Message*

Dear Brother Knights and families,

Peace and every good wish to you! For months now, behind the scenes, the word was out to the SMA Fathers that St. John's Council was in need of a chaplain. Around the same time, (October 2018) I had returned here to my native tri-state area to work at our Provincial house here in Tenafly. I was recently approached asking if I would be chaplain to St. John's #1345. Being an SMA Father, I was very conscious of the legacy that was left by the great Rev. Fr. John F. Murray, S.M.A. But as a fellow knight, I realized that the Lord was calling me.

I am Brooklyn born and raised, a former middle school teacher and 12 years ordained with the Society of African Missions (SMA). I have served the mission Church both in Kenya as well as in the Republic of South Africa and returned to Tenafly, New Jersey after an assignment in the archdiocese of Boston, where I was an interim chaplain for the Knights in the Dedham Council, #234 for one year.

St. John's Council has done great things for the Church, the local community, the parishes of St. John and St. Mary and the SMA Fathers. You continue to bring God's loving presence to the people you have encountered. God is always good to us. Give Him thanks!

I am honored to get on board and accompany you in your work and hopefully new endeavors for the Lord! I look forward to meeting you all and pray we continue to commit ourselves to serve God and to make Him present in our world and in the heart of his children.

Praise be Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA*

Chaplain

### Council Officers 2019-2020

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA</b>	<b>201-567-0450</b>
Grand Knight	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
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Outside Guard I	Jim Callahan	201-655-2634
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Trustee 3 yr	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
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Insurance Agent	Carl Schmidhauser	201-286-2928
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### Council Chairmen 2019-2020

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:		
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Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Family Activities:		
Feeding Homeless:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
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Mail Committee:	Frank Uvenio	201-385-0990
Membership:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Newsletter Editor:	G. Di Costanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
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### Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2019-2020

President:	Tom Formoso	201-707-9890
Vice President:	John Orsino	201-280-7759
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Treasurer:	George Prevete	201-870-2927
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Trustee:	Steve Martin, PGK II	201-669-8236
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### Columbiette's Officer's 2019-2020

President:	Laura Labetti	201-788-5971
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### BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2019-2020

Scoutmaster –	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
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Asst. Scoutmaster –	Billy Cook	201-566-5036
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### Knight Times Newsletter

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### Sick & Wake Report – as of Sept 20, 2019

*Bold Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.*

To add a name, call **Bob DeWald at 201-384-2259.**

#### Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK	-John McGill
<b>-Steven Petraglia</b>	<b>-Dave Benson, PGK</b>
-William Borrows	-Nick Albano
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
<b>-Jim Mc Entee</b>	<b>-Larry Rivera, PGK</b>
-Brendan Thornton	-Matt Connell
<b>-Bill Horn</b>	-Bill Connington, PGK
-John P. Mc Hugh	-Antonio Fundaro
<b>-Al Taxter</b>	<b>-Dan Taylor</b>
-Jim Whelan	<b>-Frank Uvenio</b>

#### Relatives & Friends

- Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan
- Catherine Kelly, wife of Late Jim Kelly, Sr.
- Donna, Sister of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
- Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church**
- Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church**
- 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 Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Marie, mother of State Warden Russ Petrocelli.
- Maritza Melendez, daughter of Juan Melendez
- Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
- Pauline Scalice, Columbiette, sister of John Scalice.**
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- Rose Lotteman, relative of James Mc Carthy
- 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;
- Stephanie, niece of Jim Brooks;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
- Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
- William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows

#### Wakes

Members: **Jack Marsigliano;**

Relatives/Friends:

**Joseph, brother of Maureen Italiano, Columbiette.**

### Oktoberfest

We will be hosting an authentic **German Style Oktoberfest** from 7PM to 11PM Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>. Our dining room will be transformed into a German Fest Hall featuring **traditional German Food and Music**. We will be serving a traditional **Oktoberfest Buffet Meal** featuring Pretzels, Knockwurst and Bratwurst with Sauerkraut and Relish, Chicken with Red Cabbage, Potatoes, and Apple Strudel. Tap beer, wine, and soda included. Special Oktoberfest brews will be available. **Advance Reservations Required - \$25 per person. Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com).**

### ***From the News Desk***

**Birthday** wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in October. Al Moriarty Oct. 1; Nina Di Costanzo Oct. 7; Steve Martin, PGK II Oct. 13; Dolores O'Dowd Oct. 14; Brian O'Dowd Oct. 23; Carl Pinsdorf on Oct. 11.

**4th Degree First NJ District:** Communion Breakfast on Sun, Oct 13. 9 am Mass at St. Leo's in Elmwood Park; Breakfast at La Neve's in Haledon immediately after.

**Knight's of the Month:** Awards were presented to John Scalice for August for Feeding the Homeless at Shelter; Steve Martin, PGK II for Sept. for coordinating Dumont Day Food Booth. Congratulations to both members.

**First Friday Rosary:** next Rosary on Oct. 4, 6pm, at St. Mary's Church in Dumont. Try to attend.

**ASCPG:** Their 25th anniversary dinner dance will be held on Nov 9th at the Florentine Gardens from 12:30 pm-4:30pm. Call AnnMarie Sacco 201-838-2439 for reservations & details.

### ***Chancellor-Membership Report***

As we move into the new Columbian year, recruitment times have been scheduled for St. Mary's, the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, St. John's, the weekend of October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and the SMA on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our goal this year was thirty-two new members and with one new brother recently taking his first degree – we are on our way! Congratulations and Welcome to **Gino De Jesus**, who took his Admission Degree last month.

We need about ten minutes of your time after the mass you attend to help spread the message that the Knights of Columbus is a great organization that supports the church and the community. Please contact me if you can help, either by phone or email – 201-385-2859 or recruiting@oncontact.net.

And don't forget to ask your friends and acquaintances – are you a Knight?

*Brian O'Dowd, Membership*

### ***Financial Secretary Report***

In order to maintain our charitable works, amidst a declining membership, an increase of our Council dues is necessary.

The new rate is \$37.00/year, an increase of \$2.00. Students \$20.00/year. Honorary members remain the same. See the By-Laws revision within this newsletter.

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*

### ***Fish & Chips Night***

Friday, October 11 from 6-8pm. This is a Council fundraiser, so mark the date and try to attend.

Menu includes: baked beer batter cod fillets, french fries, macaroni/cheese, fresh homemade cole slaw, salad, bread, coffee/tea, soda, and dessert. **Cost is \$17.00/per person.**

**Reservations a MUST.** Call George or Nina at 201-338-2617. Hope to see many of you in attendance.

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*

### ***Friday Night Socials***

If you haven't been to a Friday night social lately, you are missing out. We have had great snacks, 50/50 drawings, and drink specials.

We had a very successful special Karaoke social, and are looking at doing more special socials, including trivia, bingo, maybe even paint 'n sip – so keep your eyes open.

The doors open at 7, and we aim to have the snack out as early as possible. Hope to see you there.

*Ken Armellino, Grand Knight*

### ***Respect Life Report***

I just read in the Wall Street Journal that abortion has fallen to historic lows according to the Guttmacher Institute, which is an organization supportive of abortion rights. These stats do not consider abortions using Plan B which is a pill you can purchase in a Pharmacy without a prescription and abort the baby at home.

The Guttmacher Institute was founded in 1968 by the president of Planned Parenthood. Abortion is still murder whether surgical or chemical; abortion still kills a human being; abortion is used as birth control.

The birth rate in the USA is now below the replacement level. Fewer babies means fewer Einsteins, Edisons, Joe Jobs, fewer Salks, fewer PEOPLE. What next, all Robots and no people?? Pray for the unborn.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### ***San Alfonso Retreat***

**LAST CALL** for the Statewide K of C Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House on October 18-20. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, Oct. 8th.

The theme is: *The Call to Holiness: Journeying with Christ and Others towards the fullness of life.*

Cost is \$25 deposit for reservation, and balance of \$215 payable after you arrive to our Team Captain. If interested, call PGK George DiCostanzo, 201-338-2617.

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK. Team Captain.*

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

Tis the season! Thank you to everyone who donates their valuable time in helping in so many ways down at the council. I found it to be personally rewarding and a great way to make life-long friendships.

I ask every able member to please invest their time and volunteer for rentals/events as a bartender, waiter, kitchen help, set ups etc this Colombian year but especially through the rest of this calendar year. We have invested in the upgrades and upkeep of the building over the past two years (many were long overdue and required by law/code).

We are reaping the rewards of this by getting more rentals and donating money to charity while paying off our loan simultaneously. Please call me at 201-707-9890 or Steve Martin at 201-669-8236 and let us know how you want to help us all be more charitable and demonstrate our faith through our Catholic Fraternity.

*Tom Formoso, President, 201-540-7950*

### ***Fly the Flag***

The State Council K of C encourages all Councils and their members to fly our flag year round to increase the knowledge, understanding of, and promotion of the proper displaying, respect and care of our national flag.

By displaying our flag at these troubled times, will help renew and increase every American to show their patriotic feelings.

And help keep us, **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**  
**Special days in October to fly the flag:** Navy Birthday Oct 13; Columbus Day Oct 14; United Nations Day Oct 24.

## Dates to Remember

### Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Fri, Oct 4	Rosary at St. Mary's, 6pm.
Oct 5-6	Roses for Life sale at St. Mary's church.
Sun, Oct 6	<i>Respect Life Sunday</i>
Tues, Oct 8	Admission Degree - Westwood
Wed, Oct 9	Formation Degree - Wallington <i>Yom Kippur</i>
Fri, Oct 11	Fish & Chips Night 6pm
Oct 12-13	Roses for Life sale at St. John's church. Rental - 7pm
Sun, Oct 13	Pancake Breakfast 8am. Boy Scouts. 4th Degree Communion Breakfast
Mon, Oct 14	<i>Columbus Day - Fly the Flag</i> AARP meeting 10am Council Officer meeting 8pm
Wed, Oct 16	Columbiette's meeting 7:30pm
Oct 18-20	<i>K of C Retreat - San Alfonso</i>
Oct 19-20	Recruitment Drive - St. Mary's
Mon, Oct 21	Council meeting 8pm. Admission Degree - No. Arlington
Wed, Oct 23	TBCC meeting 8pm.
Fri, Oct 25	Spud-tacular by Columbiettes 6pm.
Oct 26-27	Recruiting Drive - St. John's
Sat, Oct 26	Rental - 6pm.
Sun, Oct 27	Roses for Life sale at SMA Father's Children's Halloween party - 2-5pm
Thurs, Oct 31	<i>Halloween</i>
Fri, Nov 1	<i>All Saints Day - holy day of obligation</i> Rosary at St. Mary's 6pm
Sat, Nov 2	<i>All Souls Day</i> Rental - 5pm Gooney Birds

### Columbiettes Report

*I saw a werewolf walking with a Chinese menu in his hand  
Through the streets of Soho in the rain  
He was looking for a place called Lee Ho Fook's  
For to get a big dish of beef chow mein.  
(Warren Zevon, 1978)*

Calling all Mr & Mrs Potato Heads! The Columbiettes will be hosting a Halloween Themed "Spud-Tacular on Friday, October 25 at the council hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Dinner will consist of a hot, piping baked potato with all the fixings along with salad, dessert and coffee included. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 10 years and under. Reservations are a must! Please contact Laura Labetti at 201-788-5971 or email her at [labetti250@optonline.net](mailto:labetti250@optonline.net), or call Nina D at 201-338-2617 or email [ninad70@aol.com](mailto:ninad70@aol.com) to get your reservation in.

We're going to have a Smashing Good Time! *Peace,*  
*Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity*

### 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*

### Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 is proud to announce that Ryan Hanley and Colin Merkovsky have passed their Eagle Scout Boards of Review, becoming the thirty first and thirty second Eagle Scouts in Troop 1345, respectively.

Ryan's leadership project was to work with Dumont Little League to paint the dugouts and install astro-turf bullpens for the pitchers to warm up during games.

Colin's leadership project was to collect food supplies for cats and dogs for the CLAWS program based in Bergenfield.

Eagle Scout Kevin Reissner left home on September 11 to join the United States Navy. He will be going to boot camp in the Great Lakes area, after which it is believed he will be deployed in the Pensacola area. We wish him well and thank him for his service to our country.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Troop 1345 will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 13th from 8am until 12 noon. Come on down to the K of C hall and support the troop. Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for kids.

*Ray Ziembra, Crew 1345 Advisor*

### Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

On **Monday November 11th**, we will remember our deceased Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes during the annual *Mass of Remembrance* at 8PM at the Council. We'll also recognize those who have passed away over the last year.

Family members or close friends of recently departed Knights and Columbiettes are invited to participate in the rose ceremony during the liturgy. This evening is open to everyone and coffee & cake will be served after mass.

If you're planning to attend, this is a perfect opportunity to foster fraternity and invite a friend to come along.

*Brian O'Dowd, Chairman*

### Seminarian Support

Remember our seminarian's Moris Montoya and John March in your prayers.

Contact info for Moris: Immaculate Conception Seminary, Att: Moris Montoya, 400 So. Orange Ave, So. Orange, NJ 07079. For John March, change Att: name.

Sunday, Oct. 27 is Priesthood Sunday. Send them a note of encouragement. These special young men need support to achieve their goal of PRIESTHOOD.

*G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

### Photo Gallery

#### Dumont Day, Sept. 7, 2019



*from left: Grand Knight Ken Armellino; center: our Sister Columbiettes and members serving customers; on the right: Mike Rowley on the grille cooking.*

### Prayer for Health

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I come to ask you for the gift of restored health, that I may serve you more faithfully and love you more sincerely than in the past. I want to be well and strong if it is your will and rebound to your glory.*

*If in your divine wisdom I am to be restored to health and strength, I will strive to show my gratitude by a constant and faithful service rendered to you. Amen.*