



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

One quarter of the Columbian year has come and gone. What a rollercoaster it has been so far. On the positive side, we have begun getting back to our monthly Rosary during Adoration at St. Mary's. We have also been able to begin some limited activity indoors and had a very successful Oktoberfest event headlined by Julian and Dominique. We were also fortunate the Columbian Club received a long term low interest Federal loan to help meet the Club's expenses during this dormant period, as they still cannot host rentals. Sadly, we had also planned an Italian Fest and it was very disappointing that we didn't receive enough reservations to go forward with it.

Normally the October message would be talking about Italian Night and the Children's Halloween Party. It's going to be a very different year; with the current governmental restrictions, getting back to fundraising and these events is proving to be challenging. We do have some alternate ideas in the works, however. To start, this month we will be kicking off our Virtual Rose Drive to support Right to Life and we will hold an Installation of Officers on Friday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Look inside and watch your email for information on these and all upcoming activities. If you aren't receiving our emails, see the note inside to learn how to get on our mailing list.

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,

### **THE ROSARY SOLVES ALL PROBLEMS - A Profound Message of Hope**

October is the month of the Rosary. In fact, October 7<sup>th</sup> is the day that the Church celebrates this great feast. This date is significant. October 7<sup>th</sup> used to be celebrated as *Our Lady of Victories* until it was renamed *Our Lady of the Rosary* by Pius XII in the 1950's. Although the name is different the origin remains the same.

Pope Saint Pius V established this feast of *Our Lady of Victories* in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. This is one of the great historical events that prevented Europe from succumbing to Islamic takeover. I encourage all to read this event that was surely an act of God.

Sadly, people look down on the Rosary as if it were an old lady's prayer. Well if that is the case, there are a lot of militant old ladies out there! The Rosary which was simply designed by the Holy Trinity and given to the Church by Our Lady, was called "*a weapon*" by Our Lady from the beginning. It has enormous power because it is the prayer of Scripture/Gospel. Each prayer is from Scripture. The 150 Hail Mary's represent the 150 Psalms that David prayed - 50 in Joyful times, 50 in struggling/war times 50 in Triumphant glory times. Now fuse that with 15 (now 20) Gospel reflections, prayed from the heart and there is power unleashed!

The Rosary remains heaven's weapon in today's world designed to bring peace to the heart, decrease sin and increase virtue and bestow abundant miracles. In these very difficult times, do not fear. Turn to your Mother, Mary. Turn to the Rosary, you will not regret it! Sr. Lucia dos Santos, the seer of Fatima, in an interview many years ago with Fr. Fuentes, once encouraged all of us saying, "*The Most Holy Virgin, in these last times in which we live, has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, temporal or especially spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families, of the families of the world or of the religious communities, or even of the life of peoples and nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary.*"

***There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary we will save ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls."***

If you haven't yet, rediscover the Rosary. If you pray it daily, pray it all the more! Live these encouraging words from Our Blessed Mother. God bless you.

*F r. Dermot Roache, SMA*

Chaplain

### Council Officers 2020-2021

|                    |                                |                           |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chaplain Emeritus: | Rev. John F. Murray (deceased) |                           |
| Chaplain:          | Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA         | 201-567-0450              |
| Grand Knight       | Ken Armellino                  | 516-220-9333              |
| Deputy GK:         | Brian O'Dowd                   | 201-385-2859              |
| Chancellor         | John McHugh                    | 201-647-7729              |
| Warden             | Kevin Sheridan                 | 201-844-3180              |
| Recorder           | Gino De Jesus                  | 551-265-9813              |
| Treasurer          | Arturo Ilano                   | 917-288-8407              |
| Advocate           | Rich Oldfield                  | <b>201-220-7127 (new)</b> |
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| Inside Guard       | Jim Callahan                   | 201-655-2634              |
| Outside Guard I    | Don Apolito                    | 973-715-4449              |
| Outside Guard II   | (open)                         |                           |
| Trustee 1 yr.      | Matthew Connell                | 201-387-7187              |
| Trustee 2 yr.      | Steve Martin, PGK II           | 201-669-8236              |
| Trustee 3 yr       | Frank Gallacher, PGK           | 201-957-2683              |
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| Insurance Agent    | Enrique Blanco                 | 201-745-2723              |
| District Deputy    | George Thompson, Jr.           | 201-445-9835              |

### Council Chairmen 2020-2021

|                      |                       |              |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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 |
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| Membership:          | John McHugh           | 201-647-7729 |
| Newsletter Editor:   | G. Di Costanzo, PGK   | 201-338-2617 |
| Parish Roundtable:   | Ken Armellino, GK     | 516-220-9333 |
| Program Director:    | Brian O'Dowd          | 201-385-2859 |
| Publicity:           | Ken Armellino         | 516-220-9333 |
| Respect for Life:    | Matthew Connell       | 201-387-7187 |
| Retention:           | Brian O'Dowd          | 201-385-2859 |
| Retreat:             | Tony Tulli            | 732-608-0784 |
| Scholarship:         | Dr. Geoffrey Sadock   | 201-387-0240 |
| Sick & Wake:         | George DiCostanzo, FS | 201-338-2617 |
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| Webmaster:           | Brian O'Dowd          | 201-385-2859 |

### Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2020-2021

|                 |               |              |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| President:      | John Orsino   | 201-280-7759 |
| Vice President: | Tom Formoso   | 201-707-9890 |
| Secretary:      | Mike Rowley   | 201-280-8727 |
| 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's Officer's 2020-2021

|                  |                    |              |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| President:       | Laura Labetti      | 201-788-5971 |
| Vice-President:  | Jill Moriarty      | 201-280-6667 |
| Secretary:       | Janet Maniscalco   | 201-417-0999 |
| Financial Sec:   | Lillian Holmes     | 201-342-5142 |
| Treasurer:       | Michele Sciarrino  | 201-387-2916 |
| Sentinel:        | Maureen Italiano   | 201-916-1404 |
| Immed Past Pres: | A. Nina DiCostanzo | 201-338-2617 |

### BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2020-2021

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Scoutmaster – Art Rosenberger   |              |
| Asst. Scoutmaster – Mike Davis  |              |
| Crew Advisor – Ray Ziembra      | 201-410-0897 |
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### Knight Times Newsletter

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### Sick & Wake Report – as of Sept 27, 2020

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

To add a name, call George Di Costanzo, 201-338-2617.

### Members

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| -Bob Dondero, PGK           | -John Graham          |
| -Steven Petraglia           | -Nick Albano          |
| <b>-Tom Formoso TBCC VP</b> | -Angelo Gallo         |
| -George Di Costanzo FS, PGK | <b>-Frank Uvenio</b>  |
| - Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA    | <b>-Dan Taylor</b>    |
| <b>-Jim Mc Entee</b>        | -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: -Dave Benson, PGK;**

**Relatives/Friends: - Jerry Di Girolamo, father of Brother John Di Girolamo;**

### 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

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

**Birthday** wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in October. Especially, **Nina Di Costanzo Oct 7; PGK Steve Martin Oct 13; Dolores O'Dowd Oct 14; Brian O'Dowd Oct. 23.** A belated birthday wish to **Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Sept. 30.**

And a belated but special birthday wish for **Bill Horn** who turned 97 years old on Sept. 10

We gratefully acknowledge the service of our late **Brother August Triola.** August was in the landing at Normandy in World War II. He would have been 100 years old this Oct 7. We thank the Triola family for their generous donation to the Council.

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

Very late congratulations to Robert Armellino, who took all his degrees in July with the new CUF online process. Welcome.

*John McHugh, Chairman*

### ***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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

*George Di Costanzo, FS,PGK*

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

Gentlemen And Columbiettes- October is the month for LIFE. We usually have a Roses for Life fund raiser for the March for LIFE in Washington DC in January. The funds are used to pay for 2 buses to go to DC. The March will be on January 29th, 2021 Friday. It's theme is "TOGETHER STRONG LIFE MATTERS."

With the current situation regarding the Pandemic, we cannot have our usual Roses for Life campaign at the 3 parishes SO we will have a Go Fund Me page where you can donate \$5.00 or more and we will send a virtual Rose or mail you a real Rose for life. We will determine 1 or 2 buses as we get closer to the event. We will have at least 1 bus. Let us know if you will attend the march. Call Matt Connell 201-387-7187 or the Grand Knight or Gerry Flood at 914-343-5508.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### ***Next Council Meeting***

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday October 19th 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***

Finding help to volunteer is even harder than ever these days, but when we needed someone to lead the cook team for Oktoberfest, our Knight of the Month graciously said yes when asked. He was also slated to assist for Italian Fest, and has historically always stepped up for our Children's Parties. For that reason October's Knight of the Month is **Ken Hudes.**

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

The NJ State Council retreat is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 23-25. Depending on Covid-19 and restrictions, it's still on, but more details to come.

However, in the meantime, mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend. It's a great weekend to energize our Faith, Spirituality, and exercise Fraternity with other Brother Knights from around the State.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS:***

**- Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> - Installation of Officers, 7:30PM.** Our Worthy District Deputy will lead us in the Installation Ceremony (inside) at the Council Hall. The Installation will be followed by light food and a cash bar. **PLEASE RSVP BY calling or texting 516-220-9333 or emailing [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com).** Due to capacity limits your RSVP is very important.

### ***Virtual Rose Drive – PLEASE DONATE NOW!***

St. John's Council hosts a drive to sell Roses for Life every year to support sending two buses to the March for Life in Washington DC. The past years' Marches have had historical implications with both the President and Vice President speaking at the march. Because of the Rose Drive, our members, friends, and families were there to support the cause. 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](https://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. While the details around the March for Life and how many buses will attend are still uncertain given the pandemic, it is scheduled for January 29th, 2021 at this time. If you are unable to donate online, please send a check payable to St. John's Council #1345, 61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ 07628.

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

### ***Happy Halloween***

To all the children & grandchildren of our members & friends who always enjoyed coming to the Council for the party, music games, and treats. Maybe next year.....Enjoy BUT be Safe.

### ***Prayer for Families***

Almighty God and Father, Help all families to live as the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph united in respect and love. Teach us through them the sanctity of human love, the value of family life, and the way to live at peace with all, that we may share in Your life forever. Amen

### Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Fri, Oct 9 Installation of Officers  
Mon, Oct 12 Officer meeting 7:30pm  
Mon, Oct 19 Council meeting 8pm.

### Columbiette Report

*. Just like an old time movie  
About a ghost from a wishing well  
In a castle dark or a fortress strong  
With chains upon my feet  
You know that ghost is me  
And I will never be set free  
As long as I'm a ghost you can see*  
(Gordon Lightfoot, 1970)

Our first meeting of the new Columbiette year, 2020-2021, will be October 21. The meeting will be at the council hall at 7:30pm. This meeting will also be available via Zoom for those who are uncomfortable attending in person. The details regarding this meeting will be sent to you via e mail and calling post.

Due to the pandemic we cancelled, (just for this year) our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We plan to have our Anniversary Celebration next year in the Spring as a, "Happy Anniversary, Sweet 16 Party!" .

Details of this party and other events for the new year will be discussed at our meeting.

We look forward to seeing you either way, stay safe, be well and please continue to pray for one another.

*Peace, Roberta Elwell*

### Insurance Report

#### The Things We Do for Our Kids

Before becoming a father, I couldn't imagine putting someone else's needs before my own. I wouldn't call myself a selfish person; I just couldn't see past the end of my nose. That all changed when I first held my son! Here was a little bundle that depended on me for everything. As the years progressed that bundle, still dependent on me, was less and less little. As he grew so did my concerns over how I would provide for him and his dreams.

Michael was almost 10 when I joined the Knights of Columbus. Like we were instructed at our First Degrees, I met with my Agent a couple weeks later. His knowledge and experience really opened my eyes to the power of the Order to truly ease many of our burdens. One way, which I purchased immediately, was buying my son a Whole Life Policy. With it he would build a nest egg he could use to start his own family on the path of success. This week, Michael started on that very path! He and Nicole moved to Massachusetts to begin their life together.

The responsibility is mine now to help you build your children's nest eggs. I am available to help you do the same for your kids. You can reach me by email,

[Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org](mailto:Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org), or on my cell (201) 745-2723.

*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](http://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](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com).

### Photo Gallery

As of now, retreat is still on, so there is still time to register. Call Tony Tulli at 732-608-0784. In this year of Covid-19, there is much to pray for, and connect with Jesus.



2019 October Retreat at San Alfonso.



2019 March for Life. Support our Rose Drive this month. Details on page 3.