



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers, Columbiettes and friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you are aware, Hurricane Ida left a trail of destruction across the region -- many homes and businesses were impacted due to flooding, and my thoughts and prayers are with the members of our Knights' family that were affected.

Our own Council building, which many consider a second home, did not escape the force of the storm. The building is closed until further notice as we take steps to replace the flooring in the lounge and banquet hall, as well as other areas in need of repair. Our TBCC and Council officers are busy planning the necessary work to get us back up and running. This, of course, comes with a heavy price tag.

Steve Martin (TBCC chairman) and I have reached out to our membership for financial support. At the time of this writing, the initial response has been very positive, and I am sure we can meet our goals with your generosity for which we are profoundly grateful. I have said before that our Council has reason to be proud of our charitable contributions to others, and our building is truly a crucial part of how we generate those dollars.

We intend to be back in business for Italian Night, which so many of you look forward to! But for now, our Council work continues. Working with Dr. Geoffrey, we are involving our parishes more with our lectures, inviting guest speakers to share their expertise and personal testimony. We will share more events as we confirm them. One program already in the works is focused on the parish families but open to ALL members and friends -- renowned speaker Colleen Kelly-Rayner will present an Advent Family Retreat on December 16 at Conlon Hall. Stay tuned for more details.

Finally, I am reminded why I became a Knight as I continually witness the amazing outpouring of generosity and support of the Knights and Columbiettes in times of crisis.

A storm may slow us down, but it won't stop our mission.

Vivat Jesus,

Gerry Flood, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

October is Respect Life Month

I recently gave a weekend retreat in Massachusetts to 50 men who came from every walk of life, covered with many wounds, seeking healing and filled with life. It was wonderful. What was also beautiful to my ear during the weekend, was the melodious sound of 50 men in militant rhythm praying the holy Rosary. One can almost feel the presence of the Holy Spirit drawing down on them. Such power! October is the month of the Holy Rosary which is "the weapon" given by the Holy Trinity to the Universal Church by means of The Blessed Virgin Mary. The Rosary has more power than we will ever know, my brother Knights!

October is also Respect Life Month where the famous 40 days for Life national campaign kicks off across the USA. Sadly, for many, at the end of the month silence reigns until the next event comes along. This doesn't have to be. I just want to shout a word of encouragement to all our brother Knights to keep fighting for what is right -- the right to Life! Keep the militant and melodious rhythm of the Rosary which you pray (particularly) at St. Mary's but up the ante in these prayers! Like never before in history, we need prayerful and courageous Knights to pray for our great nation and its future. Let's get more men involved in praying it and using it as a great weapon to defend life. God bless you!

F r. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Sick & Wake Report – as of September 28, 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
-Sandy, wife of Insurance Agent Enrique Blanco
-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

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.

Prayer for Families

Almighty God and Father: Help all families to live as the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, unites 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, so that we may share in Your life forever. Amen.

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

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

As we work to recover from the recent storm, we continue to plan for the future and look for your participation to make this year successful. We will have our rose drives at the churches during the month of October, and our Memorial Mass for deceased members in November.

Please support our fund-raising effort to restore the Council home following the damage from Tropical Storm Ida. Whatever you can give will advance 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

All men and women are created equal. We all sin and make mistakes. We thank Jesus Christ for His Mercy and forgiveness through Holy Communion. The US Supreme Court sinned with the Dred Scott and Plessy v. Ferguson decisions which legalized slavery, and in the 1973 case of Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion. Let us all pray that the Supreme Court will correct the error (sin) of Roe v. Wade and make abortion illegal through its decisions in the upcoming cases before it. After 64 million babies have been murdered, it should be a priority to correct these decisions.

Until then, PLEASE PRAY for the Unborn.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held **IN PERSON** at the Council on Monday, October 18th at 8PM. Don't forget your membership cards. Remember to review the minutes prior to the meeting by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. Please contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for login credentials.

From the News Desk

Happy Birthday wishes to any member celebrating a birthday or special occasion in October. Birthday wishes to Nina Di Costanzo Oct. 7; PGK Steve Martin Oct. 13; Dolores O'Dowd Oct. 14; Brian O'Dowd Oct. 23; and a late birthday wish to Ann Panfile Sept. 23.

If you have not already done so, please make a donation to repair our Council home. It belongs to all of us, and when

completed, we can begin to gather again and socialize with each other.

Oct 22-24 Friday to Sunday, is the K of C State Council weekend retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House. A time for meditation and reflection of ourselves and a renewal of our Faith and Religion. To improve attendance, the State Council is paying \$100 per attendee. So the cost per member is \$160. If interested, call the Grand Knight at 914-343-5508 for details how to register.

We also want to congratulate Colin Graham, grandson of John Graham, who took 1st place in the Junior Olympics Speedwalking Contest!

George Di Costanzo, DD, FFS, PGK.

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. Please RSVP at <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.

ITALIAN NIGHT RETURNS!

LAST CHANCE! RSVP by Oct. 10th. Join us for one of our most popular events on **Saturday October 16th from 7PM-11PM**. The evening will consist of an authentic Italian menu including fresh baked Italian bread, as well as a menu consisting of Roasted Peppers, Olives, and Provolone Antipasto, Mozzarella Caprese with Prosciutto appetizer, Salad, Meatballs with Stuffed Shells entree. We will conclude with Cannoli Dip and Chips for dessert, and a Cordial Bar with **ESPRESSO**. Cash Bar. And of course let's not forget featuring **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT** by **PANORAMA MUSIC**. Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early! **RSVP REQUIRED!** To attend, please Email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com or call or text Ken at 516-220-9333 to RSVP.

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 28th 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 or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Social distancing practices will be followed. Don't forget your mask.

Dates to Remember

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

Friday, October 1st Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— 6:05PM
Holy Hour at St. John's, 8:30 PM
100th Anniversary Mass, SMA, 11:45AM

October 2nd and 3rd Roses for Life, St. Mary's
October 9th and 10th Roses for Life, St. John's
Monday, October 11 Columbus Day
Thursday, October 14th Officers' Meeting 7:30PM
Saturday, October 16th Italian Night
Monday, October 18th Regular Council Meeting, 8:00PM
(In Person)

Tuesday, October 19th Pride in Priests Dinner
Thursday, October 28th Blood Drive, Council Hall, 12-6PM
Thursday, November 11th Annual Memorial Mass

Columbiette Report

"I Am No Better and Neither Are You
We're All The Same Whatever We Do
You Love Me You Hate Me
You Know Me And Then
Still Can't Figure Out The Scene I'm In
I Am Everyday People"
(Sly & The Family Stone, 1969)

We are reminded many times that our Columbiette organization is one of Charity. In following this principle of Charity, I am pleased to list the donations we made to the following organizations for the past year of 2020-2021. They are:

SMA: \$250
McKenzie Cadmus: \$250
St Mary's Food Pantry: \$100
St John's Food Pantry: \$100
Marble Jam: \$250
St John's Knights of Columbus: \$250
Twin-Borough Columbian Club: \$250
All in for Miles: \$100

If anyone has a Charity they would like to submit for consideration, please let us know at our next Columbiette meeting. This month's meeting is Wednesday, October 20 at 7:30pm. We will advise you (per calling post and email) if the hall will be back open then for our meeting or if it will be a Zoom event.

Let us continue to stay safe, be well and continue to pray for one another.

Peace,
Roberta Elwell, Past President

Insurance Corner

Please keep Sandy, the wife of our Insurance Agent Enrique Blanco, and their family in your prayers during a very difficult time.

Columbian Club Report

Everyone should have received the letter from GK Gerry Flood and me regarding the damage sustained by our Council Hall due to Hurricane Ida. I ask everyone to consider a \$100 donation - checks should be made payable to TBCC. If your means do not allow for that amount, please consider a donation within your personal budget. We did not have flood insurance because the cost of such insurance was and is prohibitive. That's why we need everyone's help. If you did not receive our letter, you can mail your donation to St. Johns Council, 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628 or use the QR code below. We have already taken steps to replace the dance floor immediately. It's our hope to reopen after the floor is replaced and then to replace the carpet in the coming months. We had to pull up the carpet in the Murray room and several other areas around the perimeter of the building require repair. We also need to "clean up" the kitchen, the back room and the area behind the bar. Much work needs to be done. I want everyone to know that we are doing our best to remediate and repair the hall as quickly as possible. If anyone has any questions, I invite you to contact me, Steve Martin, Columbian Club President, directly at 201-669-8236.



Benefit for our Members

St. John's Council #1345 maintains a Council Relief Fund for any member who may find themselves in financial distress due to health or other reasons.

The entire process is completely confidential. If you have any questions, please contact Grand Knight Gerry Flood at 914-343-5508.

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. We'll also 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. 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