



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

As September approaches we are working hard to continue our works of Charity, but for them to happen we need help from all of you. You can obviously imagine that as time goes on, with the pandemic restrictions in place our ability to viably continue becomes more difficult. All we ask of you is to do your best to come to our events. While we make every attempt to make them fun and recreational, the real purpose is to support the Council and those in need. I am asking everyone who reads this to set aside as many of the upcoming event dates as possible. We have done our part and planned what we believe to be a SAFE fun filled September (details inside), despite the many restrictions placed on us at this time. If you missed some of our past events recently, we have a ton of fun, and we do it safely.

Thanks again for your support.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Reflection

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

September is the month of the Holy Angels. We recognize and celebrate these beautiful creatures of God. Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means 'servant' or 'messenger' of God. Angels are celestial so they are on a higher order than human beings. They have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which human beings can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim. Angels however, lack something we have – the privilege of receiving Holy Communion! Ponder that.

We are familiar with guardian angels. God assigns each person a guardian angel. He assigns each priest an extra one. He assigns a separate guardian angel for every nation and their cities including their elected leaders! Isn't that an awesome reality! Call on your guardian angel, as he is assigned to take care of you. Utilize your guardian angel! Pray to him!

We are also familiar with the archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel. The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael fights against Satan for us, Gabriel helps us to proclaim Christ in word and deed and Raphael intercedes for our healing. Utilize them! Pray to them!

May the angels protect and guard the work of the Knights our families and this great nation! Amen.

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Chaplain

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Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of August 26, 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
- Steven Petraglia
- Nick Albano
- George Di Costanzo FS, PGK
- Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA
- Jim Mc Entee**
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- Bill Horn
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- Dave Benson, PGK**
- Tom Formoso TBCC VP**
- Frank Uvenio**
- Dan Taylor**
- Larry Rivera, PGK
- Bill Connington, PGK
- Tony O'Hare

Relatives & Friends

- Bernadette, 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 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 Hurlley, niece of James Hurlley;
- 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;
- 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: Brendan Thornton;**
- Relatives/Friends: -Lawrence Magni, brother of Columbiette Joan Winant.**
- Clare Mackin, daughter of Brother Richard & Eileen Maloney.**

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

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday or special occasion in September. And to Ann Panfile, wife of Dom Panfile, on Sept. 23.

Congratulations to FS, PGK George & Nina Di Costanzo celebrating 61 years of marriage on Sept. 19. And, Jim & Marge McEntee with 64 years married on Sept. 27.

Congratulations to Rich & Mary Oldfield on birth of their 3rd grandchild, Jack Arthur Galvez.

Chancellor-Membership Report

Congratulations to **Leonard Vadala**, who took his three degrees in Sept. Welcome to St. John's Council

John McHugh, Chairman

Deputy Grand Knight Message

Brothers, During these uncertain times, there are limitations on what we can do together. But that doesn't mean that we can't continue with our charitable and faithful missions in life. We ask that you support the Council and the church as much as you can . . .

Stop in to one of our Friday night socials. They're held outdoors, weather permitting, and help to support us financially. We're also working on scheduling events that can be held outdoors until the indoor limitations are lifted.

Join us at a Council meeting, even if you need to attend via Zoom and find out first-hand what we're accomplishing as we move forward.

Join us as we recite the rosary at St. Mary's Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of each month. We start at 6:05PM and it only takes about 25 minutes. Spend some time with the Lord and be a part of our *faith in action* initiative.

As a fraternity of brothers, we can accomplish our charitable works together and make a difference!

Brian O'Dowd, DGK.

Financial Secretary Report

No report. Try to attend our Friday Socials and events in Sept. We need your help with attendance and with some revenue.

George Di Costanzo, FS,PGK

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen- The Knights of Columbus is a charitable Catholic mens organization with 2 million members and NO POLITICAL affiliation. The Knights are under attack by Democratic Senators i.e. Kamala Harris D-CA and Mazie Hirono D-HI who questioned a federal jurist nominee about belonging to the K of C which opposes a woman's "right to choose".

They said that adherence to "Orthodox Catholic views is incompatible with public service". This has been taken from an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal August 21 2020.

Keep Praying for the UNBORN.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday September 21st 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.

Details will follow via email on the login.

Knight of the Month

We recently received word of an elderly member and wife struggling and in need of some basic household tools and assistance. One of our Council members, Bob Knott answered a call and jumped right into action to provide assistance. Bob's selfless and immediate response was very much needed and appreciated by the family. This is why for the month of September I am recognizing **Bob Knott** as Knight of the Month.

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:

As mentioned in the Grand Knight's message, we desperately need our members to come out in big numbers for these events. We don't have too much warm weather left to take advantage of outdoor events. PLEASE RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS BY calling or texting 516-220-9333, or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com. All events are outdoors therefore subject to change due to weather, so giving your RSVP is very important.

- **Friday September 11th** - Oktoberfest with LIVE Concert by Julian and Dominique. From 7-11PM we will celebrate Oktoberfest with bratwurst sandwiches, steak fries, and salad. Julian and Dominique will be performing live from 8-10PM so come with an appetite and be ready to dance into the evening. We will have a cash bar and 50/50 raffle. \$20/per person. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR.

- **Friday September 18th** - KARAOKE SOCIAL with New World Karaoke. Doors open at 7PM, Karaoke begins at 8PM. We will be serving hot dogs as a snack, and have a cash bar and drink specials, and 50/50 raffle. \$5/per person. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR.

- **Saturday September 26th** - ITALIAN FESTIVAL with Panorama Music. This will be an authentic Italian Street Festival with Sausage and Pepper sandwiches, meatball heroes, zeppole, and espresso with cordials. We are still adding to the menu, so keep an eye on your emails. The best part is you can dance to your favorite Italian and American music with Panorama's full 4 piece band. This event will include tap beer, wine, and soda. **\$40/per person. (We will provide the chairs for this one).**

REMEMBER OUR LOCAL VENDORS.

During these tough times, we are not the only ones suffering, so are our local in town vendors. Please remember to patronize them as much as possible. In particular I want to thank **Dumont Hardware** for always working with us when we need supplies for maintenance, and **Foschini Pizza** who made a big contribution to supplying pizza for last month's karaoke night.

Dates to Remember
Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.

Columbiette Report

*“Sitting in the classroom, thinking it's a drag
Listening to the teacher rap, just ain't my bag
The noon bells rings, you know that's my cue
I'm gonna meet the boys on floor number two!...
Smokin' in the boys' room”*
(Brownsville Station, 1973)

Our first meeting of the new Columbiette Year, 2020-2021 would be on Wednesday, Sept. 16. At this time we do not know if we will have a regular in house meeting, or try a Zoom Meeting which many of us have done over the past few months. We will keep you updated on what we will do via calling post and e mails.

Also, as reported in the last issue, our 15th Anniversary celebration has a tentative date of October 4, 2020. We will keep you updated as we get closer to this date as things may change due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Please continue to pray for one another and hopefully...”See you September!”

A Message from Pres Laura Labetti

St John's recently participated in the NJ State backpack and can tab ministries on Saturday, August 22nd donating 33 backpacks to the Paterson Archdiocese and three large containers of can tabs to Ronald McDonald house.

Central Chapter received a total of 99 back packs from our chapter's auxiliaries along with various toiletry items and many bags of can tabs.

Due to the corona virus, the auxiliaries in New Jersey were unable to send these items to the dioceses during our virtual convention in June. Plans were made to spread out donations over the six chapters and we were instructed by the state which diocese to donate to. Rest assured that our Newark Arch Diocese was not left out but donations from the other chapters were designated to go to Newark as well as the other New Jersey dioceses.

I want to thank everyone who helped out with the backpack donations, putting together the backpacks and delivering them to St. Andrews Church in Clifton.

Peace, Roberta Elwell

Insurance Report

Lean on Me - As a son, husband and father, I have many responsibilities. My parents are aging and will need to be cared for some day (sooner, rather than later). My wife and I have a responsibility to each other to ensure each other's future no matter what occurs. We have bills, needs and plans that neither one of us could manage alone. We've raised a family together that is still growing and leans on us for guidance and support.

Ten years ago, my world came to a screeching halt. My wife couldn't breathe, her chest was pounding, and I was scared out of my wits! Four hours and seven stents later the cardiologist told me she would make it, but her recovery would be difficult. I was elated, prayerful and thoroughly concerned with what could have been.

What if she'd returned to the Father and I was left alone? Could I have supported our family? Could I have completed our dreams, alone?

At that moment I realized what blessing my Field Agent was to me. He had taken all those responsibilities off our shoulders and placed them squarely on the Order. The Knights of Columbus were bearing the brunt of that responsibility for us! Let me do the same for you. Call, text or email me at (201) 745-2723 or Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org to see how I can help with your burdens.

Enrique Blanco, PGK, Insurance Field Agent

Columbian Club Report

Thank you to everyone who continues to be involved in helping us as we struggle through the restrictions set by the state because of Covid-19. Volunteering for events and coming to events have been all we can do up until now.

Thank you to GK Ken Armellino for taking the initiative in submitting the paperwork for assistance through some of the programs and funds that have been made available to small businesses. From utility bill relief grants to very low interest/long term business loans, we pray that assistance is on the way. I look forward to hopefully seeing you all at one of our upcoming events. God Bless,

Tom Formoso, TBCC VP

Photo Gallery



Karaoke Night at our Friday Social. Top left: social distancing waiting for beverages; Top right: Bob Feigle with a display. Bottom left: GK K. Armellino welcoming guests; Center: a few of our guests; Bottom right: Vito Mazza, singing a song.



Group photo from one of our first Friday Night Socials in July.