



# The Knight Times



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

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, family and friends,

As we bid farewell to summer, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our council during our first two months of the year. The summer months brought about some changes to our home. We have our new air conditioning units installed and we are all cooler for it and I would like to thank our FS Ken Armellino for all his hard work in getting that project completed.

Hopefully you receive this before Dumont Day in which we will make an renewed appearance after being gone for a few years. .If you can, come on down and give us a hand, we'd love to see you! On Saturday September 23, 2023, we will be assisting with the Veterans Mass at the NJ Veterans Home in Paramus and we could use your help. Please contact Jim Callahan for more information. Also, please do not forget the Anniversary Dinner on September 30th (see the attached flyer for details).

Please make room on your schedules for the following events. On October 14, 2023, we will be holding our annual Italian Night. So, bring your appetite and come enjoy yourselves with some delicious Italian food. Our next Corporate Communion will be held on Sunday October 29, 2023 at the 9:00 mass at the SMA in Tenafly.

A special shout out to all our scholarship winners who will be starting their first year in their chosen college. Good luck and please know that your parents and especially St. John's Council 1345 are extremely proud of you and know that you all will do great things.

Please say a prayer for our fellow Knights who are sick and healing and may God continue his watchful eye over us all. Be well, Be safe. Vivat Jesus!

**Chuck Hollis**, Grand Knight, FDD

## **Chaplain's Message: The Triumph of the Cross**

Through Christ's action, (His death on the Cross) the symbol of what was known as humiliation and defeat was transformed into a symbol of liberation and triumph. Today that symbol — the Holy Cross — remains the universal image of Christian belief. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14<sup>th</sup> shows that through the Cross and its sufferings come victory! And, reconciliation is a sign of God's love freely given. It is an opportunity for us to share and become like Jesus Christ, whether it be something as simple as making the sign of the Cross or in the communion of our daily struggles and sufferings.

When we place a crucifix in churches and homes, in classrooms and other institutions or when we proudly wear the image on our person, we are constantly reminded of the witness of Christ's triumph — Jesus' victory over sin and death. The formation of the Knights was founded on the Cross. It is the central "signature gesture" brother knights use when greeting and identifying one another. Blessed Michael wanted it so in order for the Knights of Columbus to constantly express divine hope to those in despair through Jesus' triumph of the Cross.

I pray we will be ever more conscious of the power of the cross. I pray that we will be more grateful to Jesus for His Triumph on the Cross opening the doors for us to eternal life. I close with this Franciscan prayer: "We adore you O Christ and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world. Amen"

**Fr. Dermot Roache**, SMA, Chaplain

### **Council Officers 2023-2024**

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### **Healing and Wake Report**

*As of June 30, 2023*

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, please call Jim Callahan: 201-655-2634.

Notice: The Healing 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](mailto:jmc712@aol.com).

### **Members**

-Don Wuertz	-DGK Brian O'Dowd
-Dan Taylor	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Fred Schuldt	-Emil Harris
-Michael Siano	-Lou Sciarino
-John McGill, PGK, PFN	-Matt Connell
-Jeff Martin	-John Graham
-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain	-Mike Cremin
-Andrew Santulli	

### **Relatives & Friends**

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray
-Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio
-Nancy Hecker, wife of Paul Hecker
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan
-Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarino
-Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK
- Ann Meyer, wife Herb Meyer, FSD
-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
-Maryjo Harris, wife of Emil Harris
-Marlene Stoever, wife of Jim Stoever, State Deputy

### **Wake**

-Catherine DiFalco, mother-in-law of Frank Apablaza
-Joe Clerkin
-Emil Charlie Harris
-Thomas Ahearn

### **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) or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

### **Deputy Grand Knight's Report**

As Knights we are called to be Catholic gentlemen, ready to lead by example as we practice and grow in our Catholic faith. We are also called to serve the Church and our community in as many ways as we can. Being of service and growing in faith are activities that take time, energy, and sometimes money - not always easy! But that's who we are.

Some of us serve our parishes as CCD teachers, lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers. One brother instructs newly arrived immigrants in learning English. Other Brothers work to feed the needy folks in our community. There are two upcoming opportunities for service: Dumont Day on Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> (contact Anthony Marti if you can help) and the Saturday mass at the New Jersey Veterans Home on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> (contact Jim Callahan if you can help that day).

In the area of faith development, The Friars of the Renewal at Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark, are hosting their Men's Day on Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Several of us have attended this day of reflection with talks by the friars, worship, fellowship, and the chance to go to confession. It is a day well spent. St. John's Men's Cornerstone retreat is scheduled at the parish for October 27-28<sup>th</sup>. It starts Friday evening and resumes Saturday morning - witness talks by laymen, chance for confession, fellowship, and good food, culminating with mass on Saturday evening with a celebration - family and friends are welcome. Vivat Jesus!

*Bob Knott, DGK*

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

The Officers and Trustees continue to work diligently (and feverishly) to maintain the Council home and to meet the enormous monthly financial cost of keeping the Council in a condition we all want and deserve. Please thank them when you see them (their names are in this newsletter) because believe me what we do is both a burden and a blessing. Add to that list Brothers Ken Armellino, John Orsino, Jeff Meeks, John McHugh, Mike Reidy, Jim Hurley, Juan Melendez, Jim Kelly, Don Morrell, George Preverte, Brian Sullivan, Mike Ilano, Arturo Ilano, Neil Best, Rich Oldfield, Jim Brooks, Frank Fundaro, Frank Gallacher, Joe DeNoia, Jason Reeves, Anthony Schiralli, Rich Merkovsky, Pat Booth, Jim Boyhen, Jim Giordano, Al Moriarty, Ken Hudes. These Brothers all are part of what we do! Thanks to all!

*Steve Martin, TBCC President, DD, PGK*

### **Blood Drive on September 25<sup>th</sup>**

The next blood drive is Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 8 pm at the Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). This is an easy way to save multiple lives. An appointment is encouraged to donate. You can schedule your appointment by going to [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/56652](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/56652) or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

### **Columbiette Report**

*"After six hours of school I've had enough for the day,  
I hit the radio dial and turn it up all the way,  
I gotta dance, dance dance".*

*(The Beach Boys, 1965)*

September is once again upon us (how quickly the summer goes!) We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer because now it's time to "get back to business", it's time for Dumont Day!

Dumont Day takes place in Memorial Park, on September 9, starting at 10 am and ends at 6 pm. We are asking our Sister Columbiettes donate 2 packs of Cola such as Pepsi or Coke and/or Spirte/7up (regular & diet) or a case of 24 bottles of water. We will again be working side by side with our Brother Knights serving, taking orders and selling raffles. We ask each of you if possible to donate 1-2 hours of your time to help out. Please contact Anthony Marti at 917-602-3797 for the times you can volunteer.

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30pm. Looking forward to seeing all of our Columbiette sisters at our first meeting. Peace!

*Roberta Elwell, Past President*

### **St. John's Council 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

It's time to celebrate our 115th year as a Council! Join us on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> for an evening of fun, great music and a few reminisces from 7-11 pm. We will honor our past Grand Knights, and recognize those who have been members of our council for more than 25 years. For dinner, we will have a great buffet from World of Food consisting of chicken francese, sausage & peppers, linguine & clams with white clam sauce, eggplant rolatini, roasted vegetables, penne with vodka sauce and roasted potatoes. Salad, bread, coffee, tea, dessert, tap beer, wine & soda are included. The Party of Five will doo-wop the night away as our entertainment. The cost is \$35 per person and reservations are required. Call Brian @ 201-385-2859 or email [brian@oncontact.net](mailto:brian@oncontact.net).

### **Italian Night Returns!**

Join us for one of our most popular events on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-11 pm. The evening will consist of an authentic Italian menu served family style including fresh baked Italian bread, authentic antipasto, caprese platter appetizer, salad, and Frank F.'s homemade sauce with stuffed shells and meatballs. We will conclude with dessert and a cordial bar with ESPRESSO. Tap Beer, Wine and soda included. Cash Bar all else. 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! \$50 per person. Email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) or call or text Ken at 516-220-9333 to RSVP.

**Dates to Remember**

*(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)*

- Fri., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **8:30 pm**
  - Mon, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Officers Meeting – **7:30 pm**
  - Wed, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Columbiettes Meeting – **7:00 pm**
  - Mon, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – **8:00 pm**
  - Sat, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Mass at the Veterans Home in Paramus – **10:30 am**
  - Sat, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> St. John's Council #1345 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – **7:00 pm**
- Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6 pm.*

**Eucharistic Adoration**

DGK Bob Knott asks that you contact him at 201-675-2802 or email him at [knotrj@optimum.net](mailto:knotrj@optimum.net) if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

**Next Council Meeting – Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to [KofC1345.org](http://KofC1345.org) and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter "1345" for the user and "armour" (case sensitive) for the password.

**Mass at the Veterans Home in Paramus - September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

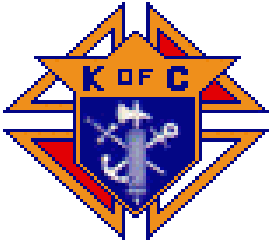
The Bergen Federation is working to bring back Mass at the Veterans Home in Paramus. Brother Knight Jim Callahan is responsible for scheduling the Masses and will need help to get it started. Father Dermot has committed to celebrating the return of the first Mass on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am and we will need volunteers to help transport residents to Mass from their rooms to the cafeteria. The Veterans Home no longer tests volunteers for Covid and masks are optional; but you need to have been vaccinated (but not boosted). We plan on one Mass to start and thereafter, other Councils in the Federation will be expected to volunteer each month. Please call Jim Callahan at 201-655-2634 to volunteer on September 23 to help the Bergen Veterans attend Mass. Time TBD.



***Knight of the Month – Jim Callahan***

**Save the Date! – Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Our Chaplin, Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA will give a talk at the Council on his new book, "I Am the Mother of God - And Yours."



# Knights of Columbus

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL No. 1345  
61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

PRESENTS ITS

## 115<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1908 - 2023

Saturday September 30, 2023 from 7-11 PM

### Entertainment by the Party of Five



### Buffet

Prepared by WORLD OF FOOD

Salad

Chicken Francese

Sausage & peppers

Linguine & clams with white clam sauce

Roasted Vegetables & Roasted Potatoes

Eggplant Rolatini

Penne with Vodka Sauce

Tap beer, Wine & Soda

Coffee, Tea and Dessert

Join us as the Council celebrates 115 years of performing charitable works in our community, and recognizes our current and all past Grand Knights who have helped make everything that we do possible.

We will also recognize those who have been members of the Council for 25 years or more. The proceeds of this event will go to our Scholarship Program and other charities.

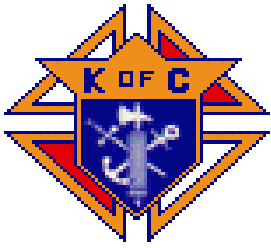
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**\$35 per person - Advance Reservations Required**

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- PRESENTS -

## ITALIAN NIGHT

On

**Saturday October 14th**

From

**7:00 pm – 11:00 pm**



Join us for one of our most popular events. 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, Frank F.'s homemade sauce with Meatballs with Stuffed Shells entree. We will conclude with dessert and a Cordial Bar with ESPRESSO. Tap Beer, Wine, and Soda included.

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!** Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**All this for only \$50 per person!**



# ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES



## SNEAKER COLLECTION

At the Council Hall located at 61 Armour Pl, Dumont, NJ

Accepting men, women or children gently worn, extremely loved sneakers and new sneakers.

**September 13<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm**

**Please tie or rubber band pairs together.**

**CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET FOR THE NEW SEASON.**

**GET YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN OLD SNEAKERS  
BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS.**

Sneakers are manufactured with materials that are not biodegradable, they remain in landfills or are incinerated which leads to toxic chemicals in our air and soil.

GOT Sneakers recycles all reusable sneakers from our sneaker drive to secondhand markets so people can access quality, pre-owned footwear at affordable prices. All heavily used and damage footwear is recycled to reuse materials or to covert waste into new energy.

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