



# The Knight Times

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes and my friends all,

As August draws to a close (and hopefully the Covid-19 pandemic will do the same soon!), we turn our attention to the return of school, football and all the other good things about fall.

It's also the time when Council activities step up a notch. Just this past week, we prepared and delivered 140 hot meals to the Hackensack shelter -- much thanks to Jim Kelly, John Orsino, John Scalise and Gerry Kennedy.

As Knights and Columbiettes, THIS is what we do. Charitable works are a core element of the Knights of Columbus, and we have reason to be proud of our many contributions to the communities we serve. But in order to continue, we need to enrich our team with new members, especially younger men.

I am asking each of you to reach out to family members, neighbors, friends, co-workers and fellow parishioners. Tell them who we are, what we do and what we stand for, and then invite them to learn more. Dr. John McHugh (Chancellor) or any of the officers, including myself, are very happy to help with this, so do not hesitate to reach out.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped with and attended the recent Installation of Officers. It was a wonderful occasion, and a great way to get our year off to an amazing start.

Vivat Jesus,

*Gerry Flood*, Grand Knight

## **Chaplain's Reflection**

The wisdom of Holy Mother Church allows us to constantly be in connection with devotions, traditions and customs which all connect to a time in history. In the month of September, we focus on a beautiful creation of God: angels.

Angels are for real. They are beyond beautiful. There are 9 choirs or groups of angels organized in a hierarchal way in accord with their function and purpose: Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones; Dominions, Virtues and Powers; and Principalities, Archangels and Angels (Guardian Angels).

At the end of September, the Church honors the Archangels of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael who were created solely for the purpose of surrounding the Throne of God in perpetual worship, adoration and to bring messages of great importance to us and to accomplish tasks of the highest importance in our lives.

We also honor the Guardian Angels, created for the purpose of caring for us. Yes, God created for each of us have a personal "buddy", a personal mediator to watch and help us in every need. Their primary purpose is to get us to heaven! We pray to them because we believe that God has entrusted them with a mission to help us bring healing, fight evil and proclaim the Word of God. Their power comes from God, but God has chosen to use the archangels, and all celestial beings, to accomplish His plan and purpose.

Do you pray to your guardian angel? Reflect, today, upon the gift of your own guardian angel. This celestial being was created for the sole purpose of caring for you and getting you to Heaven. Speak to your angel, today. Rely upon your angel's intercession and allow this holy angel to communicate to you God's abundant grace.

*F r. Dermot Roache, SMA*, Chaplain

### Council Officers 2021-2022

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Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
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### Sick & Wake Report – as of August 25, 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, PGK	-George DiCostanzo, PGK, DD
-Frank Uvenio	-Dan Taylor
-Tony O'Hare	-Bill Horn
-Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	-Chuck Hollis, PGK, PDD
-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

### Wakes

Renzo Rosica

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](mailto: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 life, 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](http://www.registerme.org/knights).

Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

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

Brothers,

During these continuing uncertain times, we continue to plan for the future of your Council. Coming up on September 18th is Dumont Day, which will need a lot of your assistance to be a success for us. If you can give us just an hour or two, it would be a big help.

Join us every first Friday as we lead the rosary at St. Mary's during Eucharistic Adoration. 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.

Please continue to support the Council and your church as much as you can . . . as a fraternity of brothers, we can accomplish a lot together and make a difference!

Vivat Jesus!

*Brian O'Dowd, DGK*

### **Respect Life Report**

Gentlemen and Columbiettes

Next month (October) we will have our Roses for LIFE drive. St. Mary's on October 2 & 3; St. John's on October 9 & 10 and SMA Fathers October 24. We will need help. There are 4 masses at St. Mary's; 5 at St. John's and 3 at SMA Fathers. Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187. Please leave a message (if we are not available) with your name, number and where and what mass you can be available. I will call you back to confirm. All the money raised will help pay for the bus going to The March for Life in DC in January 2022. By the Grace of God, the pandemic will be history by then.

Besides the prayers for the UNBORN, Saint Mother Teresa has another prayer:

"If peace and love are not allowed to take their rightful place at the table of negotiation, then hatred and anger will produce conflict that will continue for many years to come. It will solve nothing, and thousands of innocent lives will be lost. I ask you to pray for peace. It is such an urgent priority." Mother Teresa

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### **Next Council Meeting**

Our next Council meeting will be held **IN PERSON** at the Council on Monday, August 16th at 8PM. Don't forget your membership cards. Remember to review the minutes prior to the meeting by going to [KofC1345.org](http://KofC1345.org) and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. Contact the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for login information.

### **We Need Your Email Address**

If you have **not** been receiving emails from us over the past year, we need you to sign up. Therefore, 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 have any questions or need information, please send an email to us at [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com).

### **From the News Desk**

Happy Birthday to members celebrating a birthday in September, and Best Wishes to members celebrating a special occasion in August.

We especially want to wish Nina and George DiCostanzo, DD, a Happy 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary on September 19!

### **Calls to the Sick and in Need**

Since February 2020, Jim Callahan has been making calls to offer condolences and support during times of bereavement, and to check on the members on the sick list during the Pandemic. The calls are very much appreciated and prayers always work. Several members and family members have expressed their gratitude for the contact with our Council and gratitude for the prayers of all the readers of the Knight Times

### **Italian Night Returns**

Join us for one of our most popular events on **Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 7PM-11PM**. The evening will consist of an authentic Italian menu including fresh baked Italian bread, as well as 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!**

Email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) or call or text Ken at 516-220-9333 to RSVP.

### **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **Dates to Remember**

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6PM.

<i>Friday, September 3</i>	<i>Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church— 6:05PM</i>
<i>Monday, September 6</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>
<i>Saturday, September 11</i>	<i>20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Attack on US</i>
<i>Monday, September 13</i>	<i>Officers' Meeting 7:30PM</i>
<i>Saturday, September 18</i>	<i>Dumont Day</i>
<i>Monday, September 20</i>	<i>Regular Council Meeting, 8:00PM (In Person)</i>
<i>Wednesday, Sept. 29</i>	<i>Feast of the Archangels</i>
<i>Saturday, October 16</i>	<i>Italian Night</i>

### **Columbiette Report**

*"Ain't it funny how the night moves  
When you just don't seem to have as much to lose  
Strange how the night moves  
With autumn closing in"  
(Bob Seger 1976)*

The month of September has always meant that it's time for...Dumont Day! As we slowly get back to a sense of normalcy, somewhat, Dumont Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 18. The Knights and Columbiettes will once again "share the booth" with the Knights doing the barbequing and the Columbiettes helping with the serving. Of course, volunteers are needed! If you could spare 2 hours that day to help us in the booth, it would be appreciated! Also, as in previous years we are asking our Sister Columbiettes to donate a few cases of either water, soda, ice tea, etc. for this event.

As much as we want everything to be back to "normal" (as mentioned above) we still have the Covid virus with us and new cases, unfortunately, have been on the rise. It is for this reason that we have decided, once again, to postpone our anniversary celebration. No new date has been decided yet but we are looking toward the spring of 2022.

We will begin our new year 2021-2022 with our first Columbiette meeting on September 16 at 7:30 at the council hall. For those who can't make it to the hall in person, we will continue to zoom our meetings. Let us continue to stay safe, be well and continue to pray for one another.

*Peace,  
Roberta Elwell, Past President*

### **Insurance Corner**

My Brother Knights,  
I pray you have all enjoyed a pleasant, peaceful summer. I have had the privilege of attending a few meetings over the last couple months and it dawned on me that we may be missing the mark on our recruitment efforts. Right now, you're probably wondering: Why is the field agent bringing up membership? The

two items are inseparable! In fact, agents are responsible to recruit at least one new member a month! That isn't why I brought it up, though.

In my own efforts to invite new members I am often confronted with what would seem to many like a valid objection: I already do too many things for the Church. I hear it so often that it got me thinking about all the ministries in which I participate at my own parish. Then I think about Blessed Father McGivney's mission for the Order: To Protect Catholic Families from Financial Ruin.

It is true that the Knights of Columbus are an incredible source of charitable works around the globe. That cannot be disputed. If a man wants to do more for his Church, his family or his community, there is no better organization through which he could accomplish that goal. When we invite men to join our ranks, we are not ASKING them for something; we are OFFERING them the opportunity to protect the people they love. We have a powerful benefit to offer every Catholic man and his family. Knights of Columbus Insurance is the strongest insurance company in the country and its protection is only available to its members and their families. That's an awesome benefit! Protect your family from the unknown and serve Christ while you do it.

I am available to conduct a benefits night for your council in September. Think of 1 family, friend or relative you'd want to see protected, and call or text me at (201) 745-2723 or email me at [Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org](mailto:Enrique.Blanco@KofC.org) to set up date.

I know you're busy, but that will be little consolation to the ones you love if you aren't prepared.

Yours in Christ,  
Enrique Blanco, PGK  
Your Field Agent

### **Columbian Club Report**

We now need to look ahead. Our rental business is finally returning. We need people to answer my call/text/email. I will be contacting you to help at these rentals and the set up for these rentals. Our business model has changed -for the most part we rent out the hall to a client who provides their own food and all supplies for their party. The client is also responsible for the clean up after the party. We need a few hours of your time and I note that we haven't sought your help for the past sixteen months. We now need your help again. I humbly request that you respond to my call/text/email and offer a few hours of your time. As I mentioned, we need to start paying back loans we needed to survive. Also, please feel free to call or text me, Steve Martin, anytime to volunteer 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.