



# The Knight Times

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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Friends,

This will be my last message to you as chaplain and as many of you from St. Mary's know I will be leaving St. Mary's in early June to begin a new assignment. I will be working in the seminary as a formator for future priests. At this time I will be stepping down as chaplain because I need to focus on the parish, transitioning in a new pastor and preparing myself to leave. Between the two parishes of St. John's and St. Mary's there are plenty of priests who can spiritually assist you in the next few months until you name a new chaplain.

It has been a pleasure to be pastor of St. Mary's and to serve you as chaplain over these last four years. I wish I could have been more available to you but it was challenging at times for me to fulfill my duties at a very active parish as pastor and to be present to you as chaplain but I did my best and enjoyed all the times I shared with you at various Knights of Columbus celebrations and festive dinners. Please be assured of my prayers for you and please pray for me.

**My hope is that as members of the Knights of Columbus you stay faithful to your constitutions. Be proud of your Catholic faith, stay active in your parishes, be good Christian role models, go to Sunday Mass and be faithful to the Catholic Church and the Holy Father. You do all this, then you truly are KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! It's what Fr. McGivney wanted and envisioned!!**

During this month of April we will be celebrating the Easter season. Let us find joy in the fact that Christ conquered death and through His resurrection we are given new life! This is our hope, this is our joy as Catholic Christians!

Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
May God bless you all!

*Fr. Dominic*

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

**GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:**

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Boy Scouts, Widows and Friends...

April is a big month for St. John's Council #1345, or at least for me personally, we have our Special children collection drive, as well as, the Special children's dinner and show on April 25. This is a cause close to my heart as I have a Niece who is autistic & this is our chance to help developmentally disabled charities in our community.

I urge you to first come out and help with the collection drive on 4/30, 5/1, 5/2 & 5/3, contact Steve Martin and give us an hour or two for charity. Second, I urge you to come to our Special children show and dinner where we promise not only a great meal but a terrific show by your council members.

Charity is our number one principal and we as members of St. John's council should always strive to set a higher standard for ourselves by assisting those in need, along with serving our parishes and community. Therefore I ask that you become more involved in your council's mission. Donate a few hours a year to help and I promise you will be glad you did. I am proud to serve you as Grand Knight this year at St. John's Council #1345. God Bless you all.

Vivat Jesus,

*Carmine Grillo, Jr.*

Carmine Grillo, Grand Knight

2014-2015 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries  
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345

<b>Council Officers (new)</b>		
Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray	201-567-0450
Chaplain:	Rev. Dominic Ciriaco	201-384-0557
Grand Knight	Carmine Grillo	201-244-6579
Deputy GK:	Lauro Rivera	201-315-0456
Chancellor	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Warden	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
Recorder	Frank Gallacher	
Treasurer	William Horn	201-385-7652
Advocate	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Financial Secy:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Outside Guard I	Kevin Sheridan	201-566-8194
Outside Guard II	Tim Hickey	201-417-7776
Trustee 1 yr.	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
Trustee 2 yr.	B. Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
Trustee 3 yr	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	John McAvinue	973-563-0120

<b>Council Chairmen &amp; Directors</b>		
Church Activities:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Community Affairs:	Lou Pidi, PGK	201-707-7253
Council Activities:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
Drug Awareness:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
Event Reservations:	Larry Rivera	201-315-0456
Family Activities:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2789
Loaves & Fishes:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Mail Committee:	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Membership:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Newsletter Editor:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Parish Liaison's:		
-St. John Church	Bill Horn	201-385-7652
-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo	201-244-6579
-SMA Mission	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Parish Roundtable:	Carmine Grillo, GK	201-244-6579
Program Director:	Lauro Rivera	201-315-0456
Publicity:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Rel & Civil Rgts:	Tom Ciotti, PGK	201-424-5472
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Lauro Rivera	201-315-0456
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Rosary Hour:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Bill Connington, PGK,	201-385-9697
Squires:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Youth Activities:	Ivan Hannibal, PGK	646-528-9592

<b>Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers(update in Sept.)</b>		
President:	Louis Pidi	201-707-7253
Vice President:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Secretary:	Randy Dunkin	201-800-2381
Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Bar:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Kitchen:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Dishwasher:	John Graham	201-387-0419
Purchasing:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Rentals:	Robert DeWald	201-264-6290
Servers/Waiters:	Timothy Hickey	201-417-7776

<b>Columbiette's Ladies Auxiliary (new)</b>		
President:	Joan Winant	201-696-1159
Vice-Pres:	Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Secretary:	Annette Roge	201-384-4260
Financial Secy:	Laura Labetti	201-387-7479
Treasurer:	Lillian Holmes	201-342-5142
Sentinel:	Pauline Scalice	201-338-2789
	<b>Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts</b>	
Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912

**Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)**

**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report – as of Mar. 19, 2015**

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

To add a name, contact PGK **Bill Connington, 201-385-9697.**

**Members**

-Fr. John F. Murray, SMA;	-Ed Orr
-Jack McHugh, Sr.	-John Scalice;
-Mike Mullarkey	-PGK Scott Manno
-Dick Dorozynski	-Jim McEntee
-John McGill, PGK;	-Bill Horn
-Tom Trank, PGK	-PGK Dave Benson
-Thomas Ahearn	-John P. Mcguire
-Bob Dondero, PGK	-Geo DiCostanzo, PGK

**Relatives & Friends**

- Andrew DiCostanzo, grandson of PGK G. DiCostanzo;
- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Barbara Dunkin, wife of Randy Dunkin;
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Nunzia, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Raymond Johnston (Tuck), cousin of Dr. Geoff Sadock.
- Robert Murphy, nephew of PGK Dave Benson;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barkley.

**Wakes**

Members: **Gerard Slattery; Joseph Johnson;**

Relatives & Friends: **George Braeske;**

**Prayer for Healing**

*"God, our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family and friends in God's name, Amen."*

**Reservations Procedure & Payment**

Advanced Payment and Reservations for all of our functions are a must.

--Email: lbrivera@optonline.net, OR,

-Call: DGK Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.

**\*\*Mail: your check when you make your reservation\*\*..**

**Scholarship Applications**

Applications are due in hand by April 30. Any received after April 30 will be disqualified.

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman*

### *From the News Desk*

**Birthday wishes** to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in March. Mattea Truppe on Mar. 14, Past Columbiette President; Bob Dondero on April 19; Ginny Dondero on May 10.

**Father Murray update:** Fr Murray has moved to a new facility ...Sunrise in Cresskill, an assisted living facility. If you wish to send him a card, the address is: 4 Tenakill Park East, Bldg #3, Room 220, Cresskill, NJ 07626.

**Pinocle or Poker players:** if you're interested in a Friday night game at the Council, call Nick Albano at 201-967-1181.

### *Deputy Grand Knight Report*

Now that cold winter season is finally over, we hope that attendance at our Council meetings, Events and Friday Night Social will start to grow.

Brothers, in addition to rentals on April 4 & 11 and Fundraising events on April 12 & 18, our annual Special Children Show will be held on April 25. We need volunteers/help as waiters, in kitchen, dishwashers and in setup on the said events.

Again, I'd like to remind that our council is open every Friday from 8:00-11:00PM except on Good Friday. Come on down and chat with your brothers while enjoying a complimentary snack.

*DGK Larry Rivera*

### *The Rosary Hour*

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

The next rosary hour is **Wednesday, April 8, 2015.**

### *Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment*

Brothers- Last month's Knight Times had a membership drive notice. I had to change the dates to the following- St Mary's April 18th-19th all masses; St John's April 25th -26th. Same weekends but different parish. Let us all pitch in and make it a great success.

*Matt Connell, Membership Chairman*

### *Financial Secretary Report*

**Dues:** Knight Alert letters were mailed March 10 to the delinquent dues members. Phone calls begin Mar. 18 and if still not paid, the 'intent to suspend' letter is mailed a week later. After 60 days, these members are suspended.

**Member Survey:** Too many member records have no current phone number, or whether they are married, and if so the wife's name, and next of kin. If you can provide this information, mail it to me.

As always, if you need my services, my complete contact information is on the back of the member ID card. Happy Easter to all.

*George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

### *Columbiette Auxiliary Report*

*She turned to the sunlight  
and shook her yellow head,  
and whispered to her neighbor;  
"Winter is Dead!"*

*A.A. Milne, "When We Were Very Young"*

Ah, Spring, right around the corner and you know what that means?

It's that time of year again to get out our fancy hats and gloves and go to our annual Columbiette **Garden Tea Party!** The Tea Party will take place on Sunday, April 19, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 10 and under.

The menu consists of finger sandwiches, desserts, and of course Tea!

This event is very popular so reservations are a MUST! Please call Laura Labetti @ 201-387-7479, or e mail her at [labetti250@optonline.net](mailto:labetti250@optonline.net) to let her know how many will be in your party.

Plan on spending a wonderful spring day with us...Remember, Spring is God's way of saying:  
**ONE MORE TIME!**

*PP Roberta Elwell, Publicity*

### *Lecturer Program*

Bill Deegan will be our speaker on April 20th. His topic will be "The Physiology of the Passion."

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman*

### *Special Children's Dance*

The Special Children's Dinner Dance & Show will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 7PM to 11PM. The cost is \$35/pp.

The menu will include hors d'oeuvres, pasta, salad and chicken rollatini followed by dessert. DJ will start right after the show for your dancing pleasure.

Please make every effort to attend this special event and support some very special young people. For reservations, please contact Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.

*Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PFN, Chairman*

*Frank Gallacher, Recorder, Co-chairman*

### *Collection Drive for Disabled Persons*

Mark the dates - April 30, May 1, May 2, May 3. We'll be calling for volunteers from our local members, widows, friends and our sister Columbiettes to help with the collection. A 2-hour shift at one of our local stores...that's it!

*PGK Steve Martin, Chairman*

### ***Dates to Remember***

*Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.*

*Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.*

Thurs, Apr. 2 *Holy Thursday*  
Fri, Apr. 3 *Good Friday - Council Closed.*  
Sat, Apr. 4 *Holy Saturday*  
Rental - Rivera Wedding 2pm.  
Sun, Apr. 5 *Easter Sunday*  
Mon, Apr. 6 *Council meeting 8pm.*  
Wed, Apr. 8 *Rosary Hour 7pm.*  
Fri, Apr. 10 *3rd Degree - COUNCIL CLOSED.*  
Sat, Apr. 11 *Rental - Mucliari Wedding 2pm.*  
Sun, Apr. 12 *Guitar Show - 9am.*  
*McAlister fundraiser 2pm.*  
Mon, Apr. 13 *Officer meeting 8pm.*  
*Thomas Jefferson birthday*  
Wed, Apr. 15 *Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.*  
Sat, Apr. 18 *DHS Forensics fundraiser 2pm.*  
Sun, Apr. 19 *4th Degree exemplification*  
*Columbiette Tea Party 2pm.*  
Mon, Apr. 20 *Council meeting 8pm. Lecturer 9pm.*  
Thurs, Apr. 23 *Newsletter mailing 10am - tentative.*  
Sat, Apr. 25 *Guitar Expo 9am.*  
*Spec Children's Dance 7pm.*  
Mon, Apr. 27 *Columbian Club meeting 8pm.*  
Thurs-Sun *Collection Drive for Disabled -*  
Apr 30-May 3 *Help needed at store locations.*

### ***Troop 1345 Scout Report***

Troop 1345 is preparing to accept it's new scouts that have graduated from Cub Scouts and will be bridging over to the troop in April 2015.

The troop would also like to thank all that came out to support our March pasta dinner - as it was a huge success!

*Ray Ziembra, Assistant Scoutmaster*

### ***MEMBERSHIP RETENTION***

Some of you might have received the 2<sup>rd</sup> membership due bill notice. If you did, and have not sent the membership dues, you received a 3<sup>rd</sup> notice which is also a notice of pending suspension if dues is not paid.

If in distress or financial hardship is the reason for not paying your membership dues, kindly contact the Grand Knight, myself or our Financial Secretary, PGK George DiCostanzo so we can help you. Your response will be confidentially treated. We, the officers want all our brothers to remain in the Knights of Columbus.

*Larry Rivera, DKG, Retention Chairman*