



# The Knight Times

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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:**

No Message the month. But we are happy to report that Father Stephen Carey, newly installed pastor at St. Mary's Church in Dumont, has accepted the position of Chaplain for our Council. We wish Father Carey good luck, and hope to have a long relationship with him.

Look for his first message in the May newsletter.

**GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:**

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Scouts & Friends,

I would like to thank all of you my brothers and Sister Columbiettes who attended the First Filipino Night last March 5. It was indeed a memorable and enjoyable night for everyone in attendance. Also, thanks to the Color Corps of Bishop O'Connor Assembly and all of you brothers/Sister Columbiettes in joining us last March 13 on St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bergenfield. It was indeed a great parade as the weather was so nice. We also thank the Color Corps for their presence at the installation mass for Fr. Stephen Carey. Combined with the Color Corps from Pope John XXIII East, what an impressive sight they were, led by Master Russ Petrocelli, and Commander Vince Montagna.

April is the start of the final quarter of this Columbian year but still as a council, we have so many things to do. Maybe when you receive this bulletin, our annual St. Patrick's Night has happened and I know that if you did, you enjoyed this great event of ours.

On April 17, we will have a pancake breakfast to support our scholarship program. Next event is Special Children's Dinner Dance / Show on April 23. I hope that you will come and support this special event. For information, you can contact Bill Bochicchio for the dinner dance and Robert Truppe for the show. Then, we will have our annual Shake the Can collection drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities on April 28-30 and May 1.

As always, I'm asking all of you my brothers to help our council by attending these events and assists us on our collection drive.

In addition to the above events, we have several rentals in between and your help is very much needed in setup team, kitchen or as waiters.

The NJ State Council Knights of Columbus Convention will be held in Wildwood, New Jersey on Friday and Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

May God continue to bless us all!!!

Vivat Jesus,  
*Larry Rivera*  
Grand Knight

**2015-2016 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries  
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

**Council Officers 2015-2016**

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Rev. Stephen Carey	201-384-0557
Grand Knight	Lauro Rivera	201-315-0456
Deputy GK:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
Chancellor	Frank Polise	201-370-0547
Warden	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Recorder	Gerry Flood	551-795-7480
Treasurer	William Horn	201-385-7652
Advocate	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Financial Secy:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	Kevin Sheridan	201-566-8194
Outside Guard I	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
Outside Guard II	Bob Truppe	201-988-2289
Trustee 1 yr.	B. Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
Trustee 2 yr.	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Trustee 3 yr	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	John McAvinue	973-563-0120

**Council Chairmen & Directors 2015-2016**

Bldg. Maintenance	John Graham	201-387-0419
Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Lou Pidi, PGK	201-707-7253
Council Activities:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Drug Awareness:	Rich Merkovsky,	201-494-9912
Family Activities:	Frank Polise	201-370-0547
Feeding Homeless:	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
Mail Committee:	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Membership:	Frank Polise	201-370-0547
Newsletter Editor:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Parish Roundtable:	L. Rivera, GK	201-315-0456
Program Director:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
Publicity:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Rel & Civil Rgts:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Rosary Hour:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
SMA Mission Rep	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
St. John Church Rep	Ezekiel Osdana	201-245-3559
St. Mary Church Rep	Ed Kostka	201-387-9482
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Youth Activities:	John Racanelli	201-206-6425

**Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2015-2016**

President:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Vice President:	Lou Pidi	201-707-7283
Secretary:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Bar:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Kitchen:	Jerry Passano & Lou Pidi	201-403-8980
Dishwasher:	(open)	
Purchasing:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Rentals:	Robert DeWald	201-264-6290
Servers/Waiters:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683

**Columbiette's Ladies Auxiliary 2015-2016**

President:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Vice-Pres:	Laura Labetti	201-387-7479
Secretary:	Michele Sciarino	201-387-2916
Financial Secy:	Maureen Italiano	201-916-1404
Treasurer:	Lillian Holmes	201-342-5142
Sentinel:	Marge Kenter	201-384-4423

**Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts 2015-2016**

Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
Asst Scoutmaster:	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897

**Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)**

**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report – as of March 20, 2016**

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

To add a name, contact Louis Labetti, 201-249-0393.

**Members**

-Jack McHugh, Sr.	-John Kerner
-Frank Uvenio	-Jim McEntee
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Dave Benson, PGK	-Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK
-Bob Dondero, PGK	-Geo DiCostanzo, PGK
-John Dillon, PGK	-Steven Petraglia
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn
-Matt Connell	-Marc Poirier
-Jun Adel	-Arthur Flynn
-Joseph Fredericks	

**Relatives & Friends**

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Betty Duffy, widow of the late Thomas Duffy.
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Donna Hayes, wife of PGK Matt Hayes;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Mary Rudolph, widow of late Art Rudolph.
- Michele Labetti, daughter of Columbiette Laura Labetti.
- Nunzia, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Rose O'Shea, a friend of the council;
- 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 Barkley.
- Therese DeFalco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.

**Wakes**

Members:

Relatives & Friends:

**Reservations Procedure & Payment**

Advanced Payment and Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.

--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,

-Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333**.

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

**Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year  
December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016**

*From the News Desk*

**Birthday wishes** to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in **APRIL**.

**Deputy Grand Knight Report**

No report this month.

*DGK Frank Gallacher, (201)957-2683*

**Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment**

No report this month.

*Frank Polise, Membership, 201-370-0547.*

**Financial Secretary Report**

Every year there is always a group of members who don't respond to the several dues notices. This year is no exception. The 4th dues notice is about to be mailed the week of 3/19.

This is the notice that is sent to Supreme in New Haven for eventual suspension. Copies are also sent to the District Deputy and State Deputy. Upon receipt our Trustee's will call you. At that point you have 60 days to pay up, or be suspended at the end of those 60 days.

*George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

**The Rosary Hour**

Come join us on Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30 for the Rosary. Come spend time in prayer and fellowship.

**Please make every attempt to attend. Our attendance has been VERY LOW, and we may have to change the frequency of the rosary from a monthly to a quarterly.**

**It all depends on you.**

*John Scalice, Chair, Pauline Scalice (Columbiette)*

**Columbiette Auxiliary Report**

*"Some people like to stay out late*

*Some folks can't hold out that long*

*But nobody wants to go home now; there's too much goin' on"*

*(Glen Frey, The Eagles, 1979)*

Reminder: our Garden Tea Party on Sunday April 10, 2016 from 2pm to 5pm. Call Nina D at 201-338-2617 or Laura Labetti at 201-387-7479 and make your reservation.

This month, our Nominating Committee will be making selections for the slate of Officers for next year. We hope you can all attend that meeting.

On April 23 St John's Council presents, A "Knight" at the Oscars..."This is It!"

This is our annual Special Children's Talent Show and Dinner Dance theme for this year with our very talented Knights and Columbiettes adding to the show.

However....EVERYONE will be participating, by submitting a ballot at end of show for the "best" in each category. So, get ready to walk that Red Carpet, smile for the paparazzi, and.... Enjoy the show!

*Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity*

**Respect Life Report**

The March for Life next year i.e. 2017 will be held on Friday January 27th in DC. Make a note of the Date.

*Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman*

**Lecture Program**

No report this month.

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman.*

**Special Children's Show and Dance**

For over forty years, St. John's Council has been raising money for those with special needs through an annual show and dinner dance. On Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will host our annual *Special Children's Show and Dance*. A lot of effort has gone into making this year's show better than ever. This year's show is called: **This is It!** - a musical revue with scenes from award winning musicals. Please join us to support a worthy cause.

The night will begin with hors d'oeuvres before the show starts, followed immediately by dinner. The menu includes prime rib with baked potato and a vegetable medley. Also included are salad, bread and dessert along with hot and cold beverages. A DJ will provide a variety of music for your dancing pleasure.

Please see the enclosed flyer for additional details. The cost is \$40 per person and reservations are required. You can email Ken at [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com), or call Ken at 516-220-9333.

*Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PFN, Brian O'Dowd – Co-Chairmen*

**Collection Drive for Persons with**

**Intellectual Disabilities - aka "Shake the Can" Drive**

Our Annual Shake the Can Drive that benefits disabled citizens of all ages will be held from Thursday April 28, 2016 to May 1, 2016. We raised over \$10,000.00 during last year's Drive due to the efforts of our Members, Columbiettes, Widows, Scouts, & Friends.

George DiCostanzo and I will be making phone calls seeking your help at a store or "in the street" during that weekend. If everyone answers our calls for only a two hour shift that weekend, there's no telling how much we can raise.

PLEASE pick up the phone when George or I call. PLEASE return George's call or my call seeking a time when you can help us. OR call me at home (201-262-2764) in the evening OR on my cell (201-669 8236) with a time you can help. We hope to have coverage at all locations from 8am to 6pm.

Every cent, nickel, dime, quarter, dollar bill, five dollar bill and ten dollar bill we collect goes to disabled citizens. I ask that you get involved.

*Steve Martin and George DiCostanzo, Co-Chairmen.*

**Pancake Breakfast for Council Scholarship Fund**

Please come support one of our premier fundraisers for the Council Scholarship Fund on April 17, 2016 from 9am to 1pm. We will be hosting a pancake breakfast consisting of eggs, pancakes, Irish bangers, and hash browns, with juice, coffee, and tea.

Only \$8 for Adults, \$4 for children under 12, family maximum of \$25. Walk-ins welcome but reservations preferred.

Please call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com) with your reservation.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Sun, May 8 - Mothers Day pancake breakfast 8:30am.

May 13-14 - NJ K of C State Convention in Wildwood

Sun, May 22 - Fr. Murray Scholarship Mass & Dinner 2pm.

Sun, May 29 - Corp Communion Mass & Breakfast

Mon, May 30 - Memorial Day parades in Dumont & Bgfld.

### **Dates to Remember**

**Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.  
Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.**

Sat, Apr. 2	St. Patrick's Dinner Dance 7-11pm.
Mon, Apr. 4	Council mtg 8pm. Feed the Homeless 4pm.
Wed, Apr. 6	Rehearsal - spec children's show
Sat, Apr. 9	Rental - 2pm Tarzia
Sun, Apr. 10	Columbiette Garden Tea Party 2pm.
Mon, Apr. 11	Officer mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Apr. 13	Rosary Hour - 7:30pm.
Fri, Apr. 15	Rental - Sweet 16 - 7pm.
Sat, Apr. 16	Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament 6pm.
Sun, Apr. 17	4th Degree Exemplification - Parsippany Pancake Breakfast for Scholarship - 8:30am.
Mon, Apr. 18	Council mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Apr. 20	Columbiette mtg. 7:30pm.
Fri, Apr. 22	Dress Rehearsal - spec children's show 7pm.
Sat, Apr. 23	Special Children's Dinner & Show 7pm.
Sun, Apr. 24	Rental - Franciscan Sisters - 1pm.
4/28-5/1	Collection Drive for Disabled Persons
Sat, Apr. 30	Rental - Eagle Ceremony 1pm.
Mon, May 1	Council mtg. 8pm.

### **Troop 1345 Scout Report**

Troop 1345 will be visiting Washington DC this April with an estimated 50 participants. The troop will tour the historic sights, work on citizenship requirements, and participate in a program that gives them the opportunity to earn a Washington DC hike award.

Also in April, the troop will host its ninth annual bridging ceremony, where it welcomes new scouts and families into the troop. We are expecting six or seven new scouts and families to be joining the troop.

And rounding out a busy month, the troop is planning to visit the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel NJ along with the Gooney Bird Detachment #434 of the Marine Corps League.

*Ray Ziemba, Assistant Scoutmaster*

### **Scholarship News**

Reminder: the deadline for applications for a high school or college/university scholarship from Saint John's Council is April 30th.

### **St. Patrick's Dinner Dance - "Irish Night"**

It's never too late to celebrate the luck o' the Irish! This year Irish Nite will be held on April 2, 2016 from 7pm - 11pm. As always, we will be having corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, scones and beverages. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

Come down and enjoy the live music of Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. Thanks as always for your support.

Reservations are a must. You can call Ken A at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

*Your leprechaun, Al Moriarty, Chairman*

### **Religious & Civil Rights Report**

Gentlemen- Our country (USA) has forgotten what has made us the greatest nation on earth. Yes, I am talking about the Judeo/Christian foundation of our founding fathers.

Yes, there are things we CANNOT be proud of in our history. Start with slavery, persecution of Catholics (Blaine amendments in states' Constitutions, the almost destruction of native American tribes and the Japanese Americans being put into camps (concentration like) at the beginning of WWII.

But all these are NOTHING as compared to today's Supreme Courts LAWS. Making ALL Abortions legal, Gay Marriage and forcing every citizen, except the Congress and President to purchase health insurance. (Obamacare. The morality of the USA has sunk to its lowest point today. There are no moral standards. If you stand up for your religious beliefs you are treated as a radical head case and literally ridiculed in the Mass (liberal) media. Look at the Defense Department will not allow the Christian Bible to be used in the US Military. The Federal Liberal government wants to take GOD out of the Public Square.

Some of this is our own fault. I mean our Bishops and our lay people have allowed this to happen. Maybe if we had tried to convert people to become Catholics none of this stuff would have happened.

Be not Afraid- We must speak up and evangelize our fellow citizens.

*Vivat Jesus, Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman*

### **Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Dance**

Please join us for the Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Dance being held on **Sunday May 22, 2016 at 2:00PM.**

This dance helps to fund both the Fr. Murray Fund and our Council Scholarship Fund.

We will start with a Mass in memory of Fr. Murray's first year of his passing.

Our meal will be a Bar-B-Que fare, dancing for your enjoyment with coffee, tea, and dessert. The cost of this affair is \$30 per person, and reservations are a must.

Please call or text Ken Armellino at 1-516-220-9333 or Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

*Bill Bochicchio, FDD - Phil Fredericks, PGK Co-Chairmen*

### **Texas Hold-Em Tournament**

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Twin Boro Columbian Club will be hosting its second Texas Hold'em tournament on April 16. Entry fee will include buffet, beverages, and tournament. Prize pool is expected to be around \$5,000, with the winner also receiving a championship bracelet and frames final hand.

### **Spaghetti Dinner & Tricky Tray**

Boy Scout Troop 139 of Bergenfield and the Bergenfield Lions Club are hosting a spaghetti dinner and tricky tray on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 5pm to 8:30pm.

Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, and children 5 and under are free.

Location will be at St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, 385 Ivy Lane, Bergenfield, NJ.

For advanced tickets, call Diana Valencia of Troop 139 at 201-446-0355 or Joe Verga of Lions Club at 201-247-2016.

*John Racanelli, Scoutmaster*