



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Scouts and Friends,

April promises to be a busy month for the council. First and foremost, we will celebrate Easter, a glorious time for Catholics all over the world.

We will have our annual "Shake the Can" fundraising drive April 21st through April 23rd. Please make every effort to support this worthy cause.

I would like to recognize Bill Bochicchio as he returns to chair the Special Children's Show on April 29th. Bill and the performers have been working diligently to make this year's show a memorable event. Please come out and show your support for this special fundraiser.

On April 30th, we will celebrate Corporate Communion at St. Mary's Church 10 o'clock Mass. Refreshments will be served at the council following mass.

May God continue to bless us in all our endeavors and our daily lives!!! A blessed Easter Season to all.

Vivat Jesus,

Frank Gallacher,

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

We entered into the sacred season of Lent way back on Ash Wednesday and Lent is now more than half over. When we began this Lenten, many of us made a commitment to engage in some special penance, to give up some special food of behavior, or, perhaps we had decided to participate in some special spiritual exercise. Each of us had made some commitment to making this Lent special so that we would be better prepared to celebrate Easter.

Well, how are we doing? Are we still committed to making this Lent special or have we given up? Have we persevered in our Lenten commitments or have they, like our New Year's resolutions, been quickly abandoned? Maybe we never even started our Lenten commitments because we knew that it was doomed to failure.

It's not too late to start and if we tried and failed, it's not too late to start again. We don't need an Ash Wednesday or a January 1st, to start making changes for the better. We don't need some special day to tell us now is the time to make a commitment to get closer to God. We don't need a calendar to dictate our spiritual life. All we need is the desire to change and realization that we can do nothing without God's help.

It does not matter how many times we have tried before. This Lent is an invitation to the ongoing work of conversion. Conversion is a life-time journey; a journey we do not make alone. Our God is with us each step of the way; always ready to give us another chance to know Him, another chance to receive His mercy, another chance to experience His infinite love. A Blessed Easter Season to all.

Vivat Jesus

Rev. Stephen Carey,

Chaplain

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

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Sick & Wake Report – as of March 27, 2017

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, call **George Di Costanzo, 201-338-2617.**

Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK	- <i>John P. McHugh</i>
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK	-William Borrows
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Frank Uvenio	-Jim McEntee
-Brendan Thornton	-Michael Curran
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn
-Bill Connington, PGK	

Relatives & Friends

- Addison Rose Palardy, granddaughter of PGK B. Bernard.
- Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Dyane, daughter of Columbiette Annette Roge
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Giuseppe Calamita, usher & friend from St. Mary's Church
- 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 Brooks, wife of Jim Brooks;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Maureen Kostka, wife of the late Ed Kostka.
- Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Peggy Brennan, wife of Joseph Brennan
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- 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 DeFalco.
- William Borrows, Jr, son of Bill Borrow

Wakes

Members: Nabil Abou-Daoud;

Relatives & Friends: none.

Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.

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

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

Hall For Rent

Planning a party soon? Call **Matt Connell at 201-387-7187**, email kofc1345rentals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. **The hall is available with or without catering.**

From the News Desk

Birthdays wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in **April**. PGK Tom Trank 87 years on April 5th.

Congratulations to PGK Tom & Joan Trank who celebrated 60 years married in February.

Correction: in last month's newsletter, it was reported that the Trawinski's had their first granddaughter. Actually, it was a grandson.

Membership Report

Welcome to our new members Theodore Cebulski, and Theodore Cebulski, Jr (father & son) who took their Admission (First) Degree in March.

And more congratulations to William Flores, Brian Larcheveque, Anthony Marti, Jeffrey Meeds, Adrian Miller, and Justin Miller (father & son) who took their Knighthood (Third) Degree at our council on March 24.

Next Degree dates:

- Admission: Tues, Apr 11-WW, & Sun, Apr 30 Ridgefield.
- Formation: Tues, April 4 Rochelle Park
- Knighthood: Fri, May 5 Wash Twsp.
- Patriotic Degree, 1pm Sunday, April 23 at Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany.

Financial Secretary Report

We are entering the last phase of Dues collection by making phone calls to the delinquent members. Next step is a final notice and a phone call from the State representative.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Lent Dinner

The last of our Lenten Dinner program will be held on Friday, April 7. See the attached flyer for all the details.

WE MUST HAVE YOUR ADVANCED RESERVATION TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FOOD.

PGK G. DiCostanzo, Chmn.

Collection Drive for Developmentally Disabled

Brothers, Sister Columbiettes and Friends, I am the Co-Chairman of our annual "Shake the Can" Drive. This Drive collects monies for Developmentally Disabled Persons...children and adults in our community.

A small amount of the monies we collect (10%) is sent to the NJ State Council for their distribution to State charities that assist these children and adults. Therefore, 90% of our efforts directly benefit people with developmental disabilities in Bergenfield, Dumont and several Bergen County agencies. In 2015 we collected \$10035; and in 2016 we collected \$8066. The difference is in the help available.

This year, Dumont Police Chief Conner has graciously permitted us to seek donations at the intersection of Washington and Madison Avenue in Dumont. This is a "high volume" location that will allow us to increase the monies we can collect. I say "can" collect because we need everyone to respond to the phone call you will receive from me or my Co-Chairman George DiCostanzo asking you to donate 2-3 hours of your time during the Drive.

Our Shake the Can drive will run from Thursday April 20 to Sunday April 23, 2017. I need members "to work the streets" on Thursday April 20, Friday April 21, Saturday April 22 and Sunday morning April 23.

If you can't help in the streets, George needs your help seeking donations in front of several stores in Bergenfield and Dumont. He needs 40 volunteers per day for Thurs-Sat.

This Drive really makes an impression on our Community. It puts us, the Knights of Columbus, physically in front of our Community. This Drive shows our Community what the Knights of Columbus is all about—adhering to the First Principle of our Order - Charity.

Please answer our call. Surely, everyone can offer 2-3 hours of their time for this great cause. We look forward to speaking with you and we look forward to your participation.
Trustee, PGK Steve Martin; FS, PGK George DiCostanzo

Respect Life Report

Progress, The more I read the better it gets. More and more young adults are professing to be PRO-Life. More than 55% of all Americans profess to be for LIFE. Now that's progress.

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Scholarship Report

Council Scholarships - The applications and eligibility rules for 8th Graders attending a Catholic High School in September and for High School Seniors attending a 4 year College or University in September are available on the Council website www.kofc1345.org.

Applicants must be the child or grandchild of a member in good standing for at least one year. Children and grandchildren of deceased members remain eligible. ***Completed applications are due April 30th.***

Ken Armellino, Co-Chairman

4th Patriotic Degree Report

Once again our Council is blessed in sending four (4) candidates to the 4th Degree Exemplification on Sunday, April 23 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany.

Let us pray for John A. McHugh, William Flores, Adrian Miller, and Justin Miller (father & son) as they take this final step in the Knighthood journey.

Sir Knight G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN

Special Children's Dinner Dance & Show

See the enclosed flyer for all the details of this fundraising event for Special Needs Persons...children and adults.

GK Frank Gallacher, Chmn.

Bergen Federation Yankee's Game

The date is Friday, June 9th, against the Orioles. The price per ticket is \$65. The busses will depart from the Westwood Council this year. Once again we will be parking in the 164th Street lot which is much closer to the Stadium than in prior years.

Time of departure to be confirmed, probably between 4:30pm-5:00pm. Cost includes bus transportation to and from, sandwich and beverages on the bus, and ticket to game.

Tickets are limited. If interested, call George D at 201-338-2617 and reserve a ticket very quickly.

All of Us at the Council wish you and your family a Blessed Easter Season. We pray that the Risen Lord Christ continues to guide us in all that we do.

Dates to Remember

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

Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Sun, Apr. 2	Eagle Scout Ceremony - Conboy
Mon, Apr. 3	Council mtg, 8pm; Lecturer 9pm.
Tues, Apr. 4	2nd Degree - Rochelle Park
Fri, Apr. 7	Lent Dinner - 5pm.
Sat, Apr. 8	DHS Forensics F/R-7pm.
Sun, Apr. 9	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Mon, Apr. 10	Officer mtg. 8pm.
Tues, Apr. 11	Admission Degree-Westwood
Apr. 13-16	Council Closed - Easter Triduum
Sun, Apr. 16	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Mon, Apr. 17	Council mtg 8pm;
Wed, Apr. 19	Columbiette mtg 7:30pm.
Apr. 20-23	Collection Drive - HELP NEEDED!
Fri, Apr. 21	Show Rehearsal
Sat, Apr. 22	Rental - Heart Assn fundraiser 6pm.
Sun, Apr. 23	Tea Party setup 8am. Tea Party 2pm. 4th Degree - Parsippany
Mon, Apr. 24	Col. Club mtg. 8pm.
Thurs, Apr. 27	Show Rehearsal
Fri, Apr. 28	Show Rehearsal
Sat, Apr. 29	Spec Children's Dance & Show 7pm.
Sun, Apr. 30	Corp Communion - St. Mary's 10am mass. Admission Degree-Ridgefield 5pm.
Mon, May 1	Council mtg. 8pm.
Tues, May 2	PIP Dinner - 6:30pm.

Troop 1345 Scout Report

Troop 1345 celebrated two Eagle Court of Honor Ceremonies recently: Eric D'Anna on March 19 and Robert Conboy on April 2. These were the 15th and 16th Eagle Scouts to come out of the troop.

Brian Di Paolo is currently awaiting his Eagle Scout Board of Review in the hopes of becoming the 17th Eagle Scout from the troop.

When Troop 1345 started in 2008, we built a storage shed for the troop to store its equipment and camping gear. Now as the troop approaches its 10th year in operation, the troop has purchased a new trailer to haul its gear. This is a huge step forward for the troop, and is a symbol of the commitment of many that support the troop, as well as a commitment and an investment in the troop's future and ongoing success.

Troop 1345 is sponsoring a Scoutreach program in early April at Camp Lewis in Rockaway NJ. The Scoutreach program gives special leadership and emphasis to urban and rural Scouting programs. Scoutreach is the BSA's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background. Troop 1345 is proud to be taking part in this new initiative with the Northern New Jersey Council.

Ray Ziembra, Asst Scoutmaster

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

**"Oh, I could hide 'neath the wings
Of the bluebird as she sings
The six-o'clock alarm would never ring
But six rings and I rise
Wipe the sleep out of my eyes
The shaving razor's cold and it stings."**

(The Monkees, 1967) (continued next column)

Spring is in the air and time is ticking away if you haven't made your reservations for the Columbiette Tea Party. Just a reminder that it's on Sunday, April 23 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the Council Hall. Price is \$20.00 per person; \$5.00 for children under 12; and Free for children age 3 & under.

Please call Nina Dicostranzo @ 201-338-2617 or e-mail her at Ninad70@aol.com or Laura Labetti @ labetti250@optonline.net or mail reservation and payment to: Laura Labetti, 250 Dixon Ave, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Also, a reminder to all our Columbiettes that our next monthly meeting, which will be on May 17, we will be having our elections for our new slate of officers for the new year, 2017-2018.

Please make every effort to attend May's meeting as your vote does count!

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter.
Roberta Elwell, Past Pres, Publicity

Religious & Civil Rights Report

Gentlemen- This will be short and sweet. I am recommending a web site that is FREE. You can receive it daily if you subscribe to LifeNews.com. It will give you the very latest in Religious rights Both Politically, Morally and Religiously.

Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman

Lecture Program

Carol Banacki, Dumont Historian, will speak to us in April (the 3rd), on the history of Camp Merritt. Arrive by 8:45pm. Lecture is 9pm to 9:30pm.

Geoffrey Sadock, Chmn.

Men's Commission Reflection

by Master Russell Petrocelli

"Be Not Afraid...Becoming Missionary Disciples" was the them, and on Sat morning, Mar 4, men from all around the Archdiocese of Newark – and the tri-state area – gathered at Seton Hall Univ for the annual Catholic Men's Commission.

His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin, opened his first Men's Commission as Archbishop of Newark. His greeting was warm and pastoral as he thanked those in attendance for spending a day in prayer and reflection one week into Lent. What better way to enter into this Holy Season of Lent and consider our role as missionary disciples of Christ.

The true highlight of the day was the keynote address from His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Cardinal-Archbishop of Boston. Both he and Cardinal Tobin are close advisors to His Holiness, Pope Francis. The Pope, a Jesuit; Cardinal Tobin, a Redemptorist; and Cardinal O'Malley, a Franciscan; are welcoming Catholics back into the Church with their message that all are welcome and have a place within the house of God.

The Men's Commission has come a long way since the first year when we gathered on the ice at South Mountain Arena. It was also very cold on that day but the day of prayer and reflection always warms your heart and prepares you to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. I would encourage all my Brother Knights to join the Commission next year.