



# The Knight Times

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

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiette's, Scouts and Friends,

Our Council welcomes the spring season with a jam packed calendar. I can guarantee you that there is something for everyone. My Officers and I need your help at several events and we also welcome your participation in other events.

Our Council is holding a Third Degree on Friday April 6th. I would ask all Third Degree member to try and attend this Degree. Several members of our Council are taking their Third Degree on April 6th and that Degree will honor three members of our Council who have exemplified the Principles of Our Order in their service to our Council- John Orsino, John Scalice, and Ken Florio.

Our Council will be Feeding the Homeless at the Hackensack Shelter on April 11th 2018. I need volunteers who can help transport and serve the food in the afternoon and early evening. Please contact me to offer your time.

The Special Children's Dance will be held on Saturday, April 14th at 7pm. We have hired a Rhythm & Blues Band to entertain everyone. It's something different we're trying this year. All proceeds go to our Council's charities which support our "Special Children".

The Shake the Can Drive will be held on April 19th - April 22nd. We need everyone's participation to cover the many stores where we collect donations. We also need Brother Knights to collect donations in the street at Madison and Washington. **Please answer our call when you receive it.**

Lastly, the Council will host a Wine, Spirits & Beer Tasting event in Szelest Hall at St. Mary's Church Dumont, on Saturday, April 28th from 7-10 pm. Again, we are trying something new and all proceeds from this evening benefit the Council scholarship fund. Kindly pass this information on to your friends.

I need your help at these events, please contact me at any time to offer your time at any of these events.

Vivat Jesus,

*Steve Martin*, Grand Knight

## *Chaplain's Message*

We have sung our Alleluias. We have proclaimed the Resurrection of our Lord and we move on. We have shared our Easter feast with family and friends, maybe given and received more chocolates than we should ever eat and we move. One more holiday, one more holyday, checked off our calendar and we move. But let's not move on too quickly.

Easter is more than just a day. The Church calls us to celebrate the Octave of Easter; eight days in which we reflect on the mystery of the Resurrection and we celebrate the gift of new life we find in the Risen Christ. The Church reminds us that Easter is not just one day or an octave of days but is an entire season. The Easter season is 50 days in which we remember not just the Resurrection of our Lord but also his Ascension into heaven. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which marks the birth of our Church.

The Easter season calls us to rejoice in our Lord and realize that we are all called to proclaim the Good News of Salvation.

But more than just a day or an octave or a season, Easter is way of life. As Catholic Christians, we are called to be an Easter people. A people who truly believe that our Lord has died for our sins. A people who truly believe in that our Lord has conquered death for all time. A people who truly believe that our Lord offers us a share in his Resurrection.

We are called to be an Easter people who forever sing Alleluia.

Vivat Jesus,

*Rev. Stephen Carey*, Chaplain

**Council Officers 2017-2018**

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
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**Council Chairmen 2016-2017**

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
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President:	Laura Labetti	201-387-7479
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***Knight Times Newsletter***

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***Sick & Wake Report – as of Feb 23, 2018***

*Bold Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.*  
 To add a name, call **Bob DeWald at 201-384-2259.**

**Members**

- Bob Dondero, PGK
- Steven Petraglia
- William Borrows
- Dick Dorozynski
- Jim Mc Entee
- Brendan Thornton
- John Maguire
- Bill Connington, PGK
- James Keane
- Matt Connell*
- Ed Covino*
- Tony O'Hare*
- John P. McHugh*
- Dave Benson, PGK
- Nick Albano
- Scott Manno, PGK
- Larry Rivera, PGK*
- Frank Uvenio
- Bill Horn
- Louis Labetti
- Jim Kelly, Sr.
- G. DiCostanzo FS, PGK*
- Jack Marsigliano*

***Relatives & Friends***

- Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church*
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
- Linda Ilowite, daughter of Tony Tulli
- Lorraine Marsigliano, wife of Jack Marsigliano
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Natalia Martinez, granddaughter of Bill Flores
- Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. Di Costanzo;
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
- Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;
- Rose Vorhees, aunt of Darcy Gallacher, wife of PGK Frank.
- Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Stephanie, niece of Jim Brooks;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
- William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows

***Wakes***

***Members:***

- William M. Jeffers; Joseph Lodato; Bill Hamilton;*
- Daniel Brockschmidt; Joseph Coll;*

***Relatives & Friends:***

-none.

***Reservations Procedure***

- Reservations for all of our events are preferred.*
- Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,
- Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333.**

***Hall For Rent***

Planning a party or wedding? Call **Griffin Auld at 201-921-2969**, or email TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com, or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org). **The hall is for rent with or without food catering.**

***From the News Desk***

**Birthday** wishes to our Brother Knights and their family members who may be celebrating a birthday in APRIL. Best Wishes to Tom Trank 88 years young on April 5.

***Chancellor-Membership***

Congratulations to brothers Russ Brown, Mike Neal, Val Rodriguez, Deano Miano, Dennis Cano, Mike Rowley, and Paul Hecker who have completed their Formation Degree.

The Council is hosting a Knighthood (3rd) Degree on April 6th at 8PM. If you are eligible for this Degree, please let me know ASAP. If you are in need of a Formation (2nd) Degree to be eligible, there is a degree on April 5th we can attend.

*Ken Armellino, Chancellor 516-220-9333*

***Financial Secretary Report***

Knight Alert letters, the 3rd communication to delinquent dues paying members was mailed in late March. **Best wishes to Tom Trank 88 years young on April 5.**

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*

***Feeding the Homeless***

On Wednesday April 11, 2018, our Council continues its great work at the Hackensack Shelter. St. John's Council participates in The Family Promise of Bergen Country Program in which we feed the homeless. Our Council participated in the Program this past January. It was a personal revelation for me. The food we provide is consumed by more than just the homeless. There are many people who may be unemployed, are in low paying jobs, or who are just experiencing personal challenges in their lives who come to the Shelter for a good meal.

We prepare the food the night before (April 10th 2018) and could use your help in that preparation as well. We also encourage everyone to donate food and bring it to the Council on April 11th, 2018 so we can bring it the Shelter. We fed over 140 people in January.

We need 12-15 Brothers, Columbiettes and Scouts to help transport the food from the Council to the shelter, feed the people who come, and clean up. We leave the Council around 3:30 pm, the food is served at 5pm, and we are back at the Council by 7pm. Please call me to volunteer for this charitable endeavor, and lets continue this great and charitable effort on behalf of St. John's Council.

*Steve Martin, PGK*

***Friday Night Socials***

Our Friday Socials will resume on Friday, April 20. Until then, we're closed for rentals & other events. Look for our "specials" flyer for the 20th.

*PGK G. DiCostanzo, FS, Pres TBCC*

***Special Needs Dinner Dance & Show***

***"The R & B Show"***

Please join us on April 14th from 7PM - 11PM for a very special Dinner Dance and Show to benefit Special Needs Agencies with the live vocals and many faces of The R & B Show. The music includes favorites of Motown right up to the hits of today.

The sit-down family dinner will include assorted appetizers, tossed green salad, turkey and gravy with stuffing, virginia

ham, sweet potatoes, coffee, tea, and dessert. Tap Beer, wine, and soda are included.

\$40 per person. Reservations Required. To RSVP call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or

email [KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com).

*G. DiCostanzo, FS; Ken Armellino, Chancellor; co-chairs.*

***Collection Drive for Intellectually Disabled Persons  
aka "Shake the Can" Drive***

Our annual Shake the Can drive will be held from Thursday April 19th through Sunday April 22nd. Chief Michael Conner of the Dumont Police Department, a great friend of this Council, has again allowed our Council to collect "in the streets" on these dates. I need volunteers to man the streets on those dates. We get the largest amount of donations at the intersection of Madison and Washington. If we have four brothers at the intersection at our collection times, there is no telling how much we can collect.

We also have obtained extra collection days at Bottle King and Stop & Shop. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar we collect is donated to charities who assist disabled citizens, both children and adults in our area and in the State of New Jersey. And, when I say every, I mean every. There is no administrative fees or payments to employees. Whatever is dropped in your can goes to those who need our help.

So, we need everyone's help that weekend. George DiCostanzo and I will be calling you to volunteer for two hours that weekend. Feel free to call us at any time to volunteer and help.

*Steve Martin, GK, 201-669-8236*

*George DiCostanzo, FS PGK, 201-338-2617*

***Wine, Spirits and Beer Tasting Fundraiser for  
St. John's Council #1345 Scholarship Fund***

This year, we are sponsoring a Wine, Spirits and Craft Beer Tasting on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 7-10 PM in Szelest Hall at St. Mary's Church. There will be numerous vendors presenting their products, including New Jersey distilleries and breweries, which can then be ordered.

Our Council Scholarship Fund will benefit by receiving 10 percent of the price of all ordered items. The Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to relatives of council members for use at Catholic High Schools or for any college.

We will have a buffet dinner of pasta, meatballs, sausage peppers and onions, and bread. In addition, you may BYOB.

We would like to be able to increase our funding so that we can provide more money to more applicants, so we ask the support of all members and Columbiettes on what should be a fun evening. Pass the word around to your friends. We need to draw people, lots of people.

Reservations are required. Please call Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email [KofC1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1345reservations@gmail.com).

*Rich Oldfield, Advocate, Chair*

### **Dates to Remember**

**Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.**

29-30-31	<b>TRIDUUM - COUNCIL CLOSED.</b>
Sun, Apr. 1	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
Wed, Apr. 4	Setup - 7pm - Rehearsal dinner
Thurs, Apr. 5	Rental - Rehearsal Dinner 6:30pm. Berg Fed Bishop's Night - 8pm
Fri, Apr. 6	<b>COUNCIL CLOSED</b>
	3rd Degree exemplification 7pm
Sat, Apr. 7	Rental - Lanausse 1pm-5pm. Setup - 11am - Lounge
Mon, Apr. 9	AARP Mtg. 10am. Officer Mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Apr. 11	Feeding Homeless (all day)
Thurs, Apr. 12	Setup - 7pm - Columbiettes Tricky Tray
Fri, Apr. 13	<b>COUNCIL CLOSED</b>
	Columbiettes Tricky-Tray 7pm.
Sat, Apr. 14	Setup - 11am - R & B Show Spec Children's Dance - 7pm. R & B Show
Sun, Apr. 15	Setup 11am - Lounge Rental - Gomez 3pm.
Mon, Apr. 16	Council Mtg. 8pm
Wed, Apr. 18	Columbiette Mtg 7:30pm.
19-20-21-22	Collection Drive Intellectually Disabled
Thurs, Apr. 19	Autism Mtg. 10am (Genine Armellino) Setup 7pm - DHS Forensics fundraiser
Fri, Apr. 20	Friday Social - 8pm.
Sat, Apr. 21	DHS Forensics Fund-Raiser 12:30pm.
Sun, Apr. 22	4th Degree Exemplifications (all day)
Wed, Apr. 25	Council CPR Training Class 7pm
Thurs, Apr. 26	Berg Fed Mtg. 8pm
Fri, Apr. 27	Friday Social 8pm
Sat, Apr. 28	Wine Tasting 6:30pm at St. Mary's Church
Sun, Apr. 29	10am Corp Communion Mass & Breakfast at St. Mary's Church; Breakfast at Council

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

Good things continue at the Club. We have installed a new cash register that will give us better accounting of what is sold at bar, in addition to being able to use Credit Cards for payment.

The Gaming Room and Hallway Entrance from the side door has been repainted and is looking fresh and welcoming.

The photo's of PGK's, PCC Presidents, and Fr. Murray are being digitized to be put on film and should be ready soon.

We re-open Friday Socials on April 20, and our latest game addition will be open for use - the shuffleboard game.

And finally, the paperwork for our 50/50 raffle to offset some of the upgrade and repair costs is being processed. Draw date to be determined.

Happy Easter Season to everyone.

*George Di Costanzo, TBCC President*

### **Columbiette's Report**

*"I saw her sitting in the rain*

*Raindrops falling on her*

*She didn't seem to care*

*She sat there and smiled at me...*

*Flowers in her hair, Flowers everywhere."*

(The Cowsills, 1966)

On Friday, April 13, (you're not superstitious are you!?) the Columbiettes are having a Spring "Tricky Tray" with designer handbags as our grand prize awards. This event, which replaces our Tea Party, will take place at the council hall from 7:00pm till 11:00pm. The cost is \$25.00 .

We will be having sandwiches, soda, dessert and coffee. A cash bar will be available and you may bring your own snacks for your table. As always, reservations are required. Please RSVP to Laura Labetti at [labetti250@optonline.net](mailto:labetti250@optonline.net) or call Ann Panfile at 201-501-0344 to place your reservation.

Also, a reminder to all our Columbiettes that your current dues are due and at our next monthly meeting, which will be on May 16, we will be having our elections for officers for the new year, 2018-2019.

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

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

*Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity*

### **Troop 1345 Boy Scouts Report**

April is a busy month for Troop 1345. The Troop will be taking a trip to Baltimore, and will also be staffing the annual Weboree at Camp NoBeBosco later in the month.

Troop 1345 is also beginning to receive new recruits this year, with 4 new scouts joining the troop so far. These new scouts will be bridging into the troop at the official bridging ceremony sometime in April.

*Ray Ziemba, Asst. Scoutmaster*

### **Respect Life Report**

More stories like this one presented on EWTN's Journey Home should be shown and told many times over.

It is about an unwed young girl who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a baby boy. Unable to care for the child, she gave him up for adoption. She gets married and has a family of her own but keeps thinking about the boy she gave up and how he is doing in life.

Twenty three years later, she is married and has children, she manages to find out about his adoptive family and is connected to her son. Before meeting in person, he sent her a photo of himself. To her surprise, he was wearing a Roman collar and she found out he was a seminarian and was studying to become a Catholic priest. Having lost her Catholic faith over the years, besides developing a loving and enriching relationship with her son, she also became strong in her Catholic faith again.

Miracles do happen. Keep the Faith.

*Matt Connell, DGK, Chairman*

### **K of C Organ Donor Program**

Brothers, with your family and friends, become an organ donor because the life that gets saved just might sit across from you at dinner tonight.

**Sign up at: [www.registerme.org/knights](http://www.registerme.org/knights)**

*Greg Ryan, Chairman,  
201-919-2535*