



The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus
Serving Bergenfield & Dumont
Website: www.kofc1345.org



Meets every first and third Monday of the month at 8:00pm
One Nation Under God - Be a Proud Catholic American Citizen

AUGUST, 2016

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Scouts, and Friends,

Next month, the world will look to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil as the Summer Olympics begin. But before this great international competition begins, the US Junior Olympic Track and Field competition will be held in Sacramento, CA from July 25th to July 31st. Each year, nearly 70,000 young athletes compete to earn the privilege to be part of this great event knowing that many of them will go on to be future Olympians.

This year, two young athletes from Dumont will be part of the Junior Olympic Track and Field competition. Dino Vasilakis, age 9, will compete in boys Shot Put and Christopher Graham, age 16 and a member of our parish; will compete in 2,000 meter Steeple Chase. I know you join me in congratulating these fine young athletes in all they have accomplished and that we wish them good luck as they head to Sacramento.

It is only with the support of a strong family and a strong community that youngster can be the best they can be. As a community, we need to encourage and support all the young boys and girls who strive to excel whether it is in athletics, the art, or academia. The boys and girls of Dumont need to know how proud we are of them and all that they accomplish.

God be praised.

Fr. Stephen Carey,

Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Scouts, and Friends,

My sincere thanks to all of you who helped celebrate our Installation of Officers for the coming Columbian Year. It was truly a date to remember. I would like to take this opportunity to review the highlights of the day.

The day started with the Mass officiated by our Chaplain Father Steven Carey. Our own John Graham provided his vocal talents for the hymns at church. The mass was followed by the Installation Ceremony presided over by our Worthy District Deputy, Chuck Hollis, and the Worthy State Secretary, Bob Hatler. When we arrived at the council, John Graham once again graced us with his extraordinary vocal talents by leading us in the National Anthem. Phil Fredericks presided over the event ensuring us of a wonderful evening filled with good food and energizing entertainment. I should not forget to mention those people behind the scenes that helped to make the night special. Steve Martin, John Orsino, Jerry Passano, Greg Ryan, Tom Formoso, Ken Hudes, Mike Affrunti, Juan Melendez and Don Winat, PGK you have my gratitude for all your hard work.

Thanks to your generosity, the council was able to donate to the "Dollars for Danny" Fund to promote organ donors. This fund represents the hard work and commitment of Ray and Karen Glover as well as Phil Fredericks and Greg Ryan. We also had the opportunity to reflect on 22 years of service as we recognized our Brother Bill Bochicchio. In addition to Bill's commitment to the council, his wife Angie was also recognized for her commitment and sacrifice.

In summary, we came together as a Council Family, celebrated each other's company and fulfilled our pledge to remain committed to charitable works. I hope to see you all as we come together once again at our family Picnic and Clambake on August 13th.

May God continue to bless us in all our endeavors and our daily lives!!!

Vivat Jesus,

Frank Gallacher

Grand Knight

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

Council Officers 2016-2017

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Rev. Stephen Carey	201-384-0557
Grand Knight	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
Deputy GK:	Ivan Hannibal, PGK	646-528-9592
Chancellor	Gerry Flood	551-795-7480
Warden	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Recorder	Louis Labetti	201-249-0393
Treasurer	Kevin Mulhern	201-247-5602
Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-220-7127
Financial Secy:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
Outside Guard I	Willie Cintron	201-951-9164
Outside Guard II	Kevin Sheridan	201-566-8194
Trustee 1 yr.	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Trustee 2 yr.	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
Trustee 3 yr	Lauro Rivera, PGK	201-315-0456
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	John McAvinue	973-563-0120

Council Chairmen & Directors 2016-2017

Bldg. Maintenance:	John Graham	201-387-0419
Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Lou Pidi, PGK	201-707-7253
Council Activities:		
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Drug Awareness:	Rich Merkovsky,	201-494-9912
Family Activities:		
Feeding Homeless:	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
Mail Committee:	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Membership:	Gerry Flood	551-795-7480
Newsletter Editor:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Parish Roundtable:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
Program Director:	Ivan Hannibal, PGK	646-528-9592
Publicity:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Rel & Civil Rgts:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Gerry Flood	551-795-7480
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Rosary Hour:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Louis Labetti	201-249-0393
SMA Mission Rep	Gerry Flood	551-795-7480
Special Projects:	Brian O'Dowd	201-390-7968
St. John Church Rep		
St. Mary Church Rep		
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-390-7968
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:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Servers/Waiters:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683

Columbette'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

Editor: George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK; Email: papagdc@aol.com.

Photographs courtesy of Brian O'Dowd and Others.

Send correspondence to Editor, 70 Dulles Drive, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Knights of Columbus at large. Subscription to all members in good standing.

Sick & Wake Report – as of July 28, 2016

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

Members

- Bob Dondero, PGK
- Steven Petraglia
- Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK
- Dick Dorozynski
- Frank Uvenio
- Jack McHugh, Sr.
- John Maguire
- Jun Adel
- G. DiCostanzo, PGK
- Dave Benson, PGK
- William Borrows
- Scott Manno, PGK
- Jim McEntee
- Bill Horn

Relatives & Friends

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Carolyn Day, mother of William Day.
- Donna Hayes, wife of PGK Matt Hayes;
- Evelyn Paulsen, mother of Columbiette Laura Labetti
- 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.
- Maureen Kostka, wife of Ed Kostka.
- Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- 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.
- Bob Holowacz, Brother of Columbiette Donna Fredericks

Wakes

Members:

Relatives & Friends:

- Angelo DiCostanzo, cousin of PGK G. DiCostanzo
- Jack Eckel, friend of the Council and many of us.

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 **AUGUST**.

Christians at Risk.org, a website sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for the aid of Christians being massacred in the Middle East.

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

"It was a hot summer night and the beach was burning. There was a fog crawling over the sand. When I listen to your heart I hear the whole world turning. I see the shooting stars falling through your trembling hands."

(Meatloaf, 1977)

The Columbiettes of New Jersey celebrated the 60th anniversary of their state convention this year at the Embassy Suites in Piscataway, NJ. It was reported that the state of New Jersey has a total of 2235 members. The backpack ministry received between 850-900 backpacks and 1521 bags of toiletries were collected for the homeless, our 5 seminarians for the state (including St John's own, Ernesto Bentancourt) each received a check in the amount of \$3000 and of course TONS and TONS of tab tops were collected (this year in giant leaf bags, no leaves were included!)

St John's Council 1345 was well represented at the meeting and sessions by our current officers, President Nina DiCostanzo, Vice President, Laura Labetti, Financial Secretary Maureen Italiano, Treasurer Lillian Holmes, Immediate Past President Joan Winant and Past Presidents, Mattea Truppe and Roberta Elwell. We are proud to list the following awards which were presented to us at the convention. They are: Vocations Fund Award, Membership Retention, 100% Plus participation in the NJ State Council Charity Raffle, Activities Award, 100% Participation in the NJ State Council Support Fund, and Founders Award Achievement.

As the summer winds down, (hard to believe!) please also mark your calendars for Dumont Day, (this year it will be on Saturday, Sept. 10) and our first Columbiette meeting of the new year 2016-2017 which will be on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Meeting begins promptly at 7:30.

Have a great rest of the summer and as the song says....
"See you in September".

Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen- Keep praying to save those babies. We will be starting our Roses for Life Drive at the end of September and beginning in October.

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Help Us Help You

Would you like more frequent and up to date information about the events occurring at the council? Do you have an email address? If so, please send us an email to: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com and let us know you'd like to be added to our email list.

Please include your full name, a phone number, and whether you are a member, a spouse, or just a friend. All are welcome and please feel free to share this message.

Ken Armellino, Warden/Reservations

OCTOBER San Alfonso Retreat K of C Statewide Retreat

The weekend of Friday October 21 to Sunday October 23 2016. If you missed the retreat in July, this your chance to do it. I personally have not been able to join the July retreat, due to a conflict with our GK & Officer installation that weekend.

This retreat is also the Knights of Columbus Statewide retreat; there will be plenty of brother knights to share the experience with.

I am inviting anyone who has not been able to go in July to join our Council with other K of C councils in October.

If you are interested, please write to me at the following address: October Retreat, 70 Dulles Drive, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Because this is a new venture, I am asking for a \$20 deposit to go with your sign-up. The cost of the weekend is \$210.00.

Or, call me at 201.338-2617.

*George DiCostanzo, PGK
Tony Tulli, Retreat Chairman*

The K of C National Organ Donor Program

The Knights Organ donation program received \$1000 from the Council and Columbian Club on July 16, 2016 at the Grand Knights Installation dinner. Many thanks go to the Frank and all the Officers.



As we get ready to move forward to the states surrounding NJ and get the program moved to every council in the U.S.

Funding is our main obstacle. If you know of a company or individual who can assist, contact Phil Fredericks at 201-321-6695.

Register now at www.registerme.org/knights.

Greg Ryan, Chairman

Dates to Remember

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

- Mon, Aug. 8 Officer mtg. 8pm.
- Sat, Aug. 13 Family Picnic & Clambake 2pm
- Mon, Aug. 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mon, Aug. 22 Council mtg 8pm.
- Fri, Sept. 2 Council Closed - Labor Day weekend.
- Mon, Sept. 4 Labor Day - Fly the Flag.
- Tues, Sept. 5 Council mtg. 8pm.

Religious & Civil Rights Report

Gentlemen. We all know that 2016 is an election year and a MOST important one. There are many reasons to vote. In my mind the most important reason to vote is to ensure that this great democratic/republic continues to exist with an independent Supreme Court. Possibly 3to 6 appointees to the Court in the next 4 years. The Supreme Court makes laws. The Congress seems to have given up on that job. This Court made up laws starting in 1973 i.e. Roe V Wade which made ABORTION LEGAL in all 50 states. Think Gentlemen. Vote your conscience

Vivat Jesus, Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman

Troop 1345 Scout Report

Troop 1345 has had a busy summer. First , the troop hosted their 2nd annual car show, and it was very successful with some 50 cars in attendance.

Second, the troop sent 12 participants to Floodwood in upstate New York for a canoe trek of some 44 miles over 5 days. Third the troop sent 13 participants on a road trip that took them up to Canada and back down to North Carolina. And lastly the troop sent 28 participants to summer camp in upstate New York.

In addition to that, Troop 1345 Red Cross instructors trained some 20 lifeguards over the summer at the Knights of Columbus and the Dumont Swim Club, a good number of whom belong to the troop. All in all a very busy and very successful summer program for the troop.

Ray Ziembra, Asst Scoutmaster

Photo Gallery

PGK Reunion Dinner



From left: All PGK's Lou Pidi, DD Chuck Hollis, Fr. Stephen Carey, Bill Connington, Steve Martin, Matt Hayes, John McGill, Bill Gilligan, Bill Bochicchio, George DiCostanzo, GK Larry Rivera, Dave Benson, and Tom Trank.

Photo Gallery

Fr. Murray Dinner Dance



Donor Awards given out by Fr. Murray Scholarship State Chairman.



From left: State Secy Bob Hatler, GK Larry Rivera, Past State Deputy Herb Meyer, Bill Bochicchio FDD, Master Russell Petrocelli, and Chaplain Fr. Stephen Carey.

NJ K of C Convention



2016 Installation of Officers

