



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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December, 2009

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

To all my Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires & Scouts.

In this month of December, we have three great feasts. (1) The Feast of Our Queen and also the Patroness of our country (The Immaculate Conception). In fact, you have to be a Third Degree Knight of Columbus to be an usher at the Shrine. This is how close we (Knights) are to Our Immaculate Queen.

(2) The second great feast is 4 days later on December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is the Patroness of North and South America and also the Patroness of the Unborn. (3) Then comes the greatest feast of them all for "*Christ is Christmas*". So great is this feast that "*Jesus is the only reason for the season*". So great is this feast that Holy Mother the Church prepares us with Advent (nearly a month).

So please don't let the lights and tinsel distract you but think like the late and great Archbishop Fulton Sheen and this is his thought..."If you give the newborn Christ your Humanity...He will give you His Divinity". (are we not His sons and daughters?). "If you give that newborn Christ your time...He will give you His Eternity". Yes, by giving you receive – so give give give so that you can receive receive receive.

God willing, I shall remember you and all your loved ones at Holy Mass on Christmas Day. Make Christmas Holy, so that you will better remember. "*The holier the feast, the happier the feast*".

Quote of the month: *At the end of your life, we shall be judged by love (charity).* St. John of (K of C) the Cross.

Vivat Jesus.

*Fr. John F. Murray, S.M.A.*

Chaplain of St. John's Council #1345 (Senior Knights);  
Father Prior of St. Dominic Savio Circle #1622 (Junior Knights);  
Chaplain of the St. John's Columbiettes (Ladies Auxiliary);  
State Father Prior of the Columbian Squires (Junior Knights).

## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires, & Scouts,

Have you ever had a really horrible day at work? I mean...the type of day that seems to never end and completely beats you down. How would you feel if, at your lowest point, the CEO sat down next to you and began working with you? I'm not talking about a manager or the head of the department but the person who actually runs the company. He sits down, puts his hand on your shoulder and say's, "I'm here with you and if you follow my lead everything is going to be ok."

That's what Christmas is to me, albeit on a much grander scale. God...the Almighty...the ultimate CEO of the universe known and unknown - became one of us in an amazing gesture of love. It really is almost too much to comprehend. Maybe that's why so many people allow themselves to be distracted by the lights, the gifts and the food. I know that I did for many, many years.

Perhaps that's also why some spend so much energy fighting to take God out of the holidays and the society at large. It's hard enough to believe in God, let alone think that His love would drive Him to suit up in flesh and blood, and descend from the perfection of Heaven into the chaos that is...us. We are all blessed to have been given the grace to see this beautiful celebration for what it is.

On behalf of the Officer's and my family I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Joy.

There's a lot going on at the Council...as always. Go grab a cup of coffee, sit down in your favorite chair and read through the newsletter.

Vivat Jesus,

*Tom*

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

## Religious and Civil Rights

On Friday, January 22nd, hundreds of thousands will join together in our nation's capital to raise their voices for life. The Council, under the spiritual guidance of our Worthy Chaplin, will be there praying and marching. Don't look for us on the news though, you probably won't find us. That said you can be confident that we'll be there peacefully joining together with people from all over the country to tell the federal government that it is not ok to kill millions of unborn babies each year. If you have never made the trip in the past I encourage you to consider joining us. If you can't make it I ask that you please keep this worthy cause in your thoughts and prayers throughout the day.

Although there has been much debate around the long term impact of the "Stupak Amendment" it is impossible to not view it as a victory for the Pro-Life movement in general and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops specifically. Many in the House of Representative put aside their party affiliations to fulfill their moral obligation to protect life. If you think your voice does not count and that the people in Washington are not listening I would strongly caution you not to underestimate this vote. It's not "the" victory we are all fighting for but it's a step. Keep writing to the politicians that represent you, even if they are not in your party. Let them know what they are doing wrong but also let them know when they get it right. Some fights don't end in a big dramatic knockout. This one might go the distance but if we keep chipping away we will ultimately win. Keep in mind who we are fighting for...and who is always fighting by our side.

*Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight*

**2009-2010 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries  
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

**Council Officers**

Chaplain	Rev. John F. Murray	201-567-0450
Grand Knight	Tom Ciotti	201-385-7424
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Community Affairs:	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
Council Activities:	John McGill	201-384-7511
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Chief Counselor:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695

**Boy Scouts – Troop #1345**

Scoutmaster:	Keith Hilcken	201-933-4476
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**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake – December Report**

To add or delete a name on this list, call PGK George Olszewski at 201-384-9524. *ITALIC* indicates new names or change in condition.

**Members**

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Ken Malesky
Frank Messina, PGK	Dick Dorozynski
Anthony Martignetti	Peter Duffy
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Timothy Keating	Warren Kaine
Walter Boettger	Frank Magda
Charles Dietz	

**Relatives & Friends**

*Angelo Urato, GK Council #11585*  
 Ann Sanders, mother of Bob Sanders PGK, PCCP  
 Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;  
 Anthony Matarazzo, son of Jos. Matarazzo, FDD, PGK;  
 Anthony Perrotto, brother-in-law of PGK G. DiCostanzo;  
 Barbara, wife of Frank Fawcett;  
 Betty Haubert, mother-in-law of Chuck Hollis;  
 Bill Presky, son-in-law of PGK Tom Trank;  
 Diane Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;  
*Fred Conforti, former Master 4<sup>th</sup> Degree;*  
 Helen Cavallo, wife of Frank Cavallo;  
 Irene Ulisse, wife of Don Ulisse DD. PGK, PFN;  
*Jackie Burdy, cousin of OG Charles Hollis*  
 Jason, grandnephew of John McGill;  
 Jean DeFalco, wife of Eli DeFalco;  
 Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of PGK Frank Messina.  
*Joseph Olivo, Master 4<sup>th</sup> Degree;*  
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 Karen Glover, wife of Ray Glover  
 Ken Michels, son-in-law of Tony Tulli;  
 Marge Montagna, wife of Vincent Montagna  
 Marie Fitzgerald, wife of Bob Fitzgerald  
 Maureen McDonald, wife of Bob McDonald;  
 Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien  
 Niece of Bob Wrightington  
 Norma, widow of late Jim Campbell.  
*Pat McHugh, brother of Peter McHugh;*  
 Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.  
 Rose Rush, widow of James J. Rush, PGK.  
 Sister Andre, sister of Fr. John Murray

**Wakes**

*Marty Healy, PGK; Dean Lanzaro, friend of GK Tom Ciotti;*

**Upcoming Degree Dates**

First Degree:	<b>Tues, Dec 8 at Westwood;</b>
Second Degree:	<b>Wed, Dec. 16 at Oakland;</b>
Third Degree:	<b>Fri, Jan. 15 at Hasbrouck Heights;</b>
Fourth Degree:	<b>April 2010</b>

**Lecturer Program**

Our next program is on Monday, Dec. 21 after a brief meeting. Our guest speaker is Monsignor Richard Arnholts, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Bergenfield. Mark the date and plan to attend.  
*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Lecturer Chairman*

### **From the News Desk**

*Birthday* wishes to members celebrating a birthday in December, especially Joan Trank on Dec. 7. Late wishes to Russell Petrocelli on Nov. 1.

*Anniversary* wishes to any members celebrating a special occasion in Nov.

*Religious & Civil Rights:* check out the Catholic League website at [www.catholicleague.org](http://www.catholicleague.org) for all the latest information on Catholic challenges.

*Holy Father's Prayer Intention:*...that all people of good will, especially those who make political and economic policies, may commit themselves to care for all creation.

*Traditional Marriage* victory. Maine voters defeated a bill to make same-sex marriage legal, bringing total to 31 out of 31 states who have voted to maintain marriage as between one man one woman.

*Federal Court Victory* in New Hampshire on Sept. 30. A judge upheld constitutionality of the words "under God" in the Pledge.

### **Community Activities Report**

*Good Job!* Our **Pancake Breakfast** fundraiser collected \$3200 for Kayla Rose Hannon, bringing the total amount of monies raised to more than \$17,000 to help with her cancer medical expenses. And,

Our **Blood Drive** netted 20 whole pints plus 4 double platelet units. For the year, we collected more than 60 units overall.

### **Novena & Prayer Services**

*At our Council:* Rosary Service every second Wednesday of the month. Next Rosary on Wed, Dec. 9 at 8:00pm. Refreshments afterwards.

*At St. Mary's Church:* Rosary for Peace every Friday 7:30pm; OLPH Novena every Wednesday 7:00pm. Daily Rosary after 8:45am mass. On Saturdays, Rosary 7:30am.

*At St. John's Church:* Rosary, Divine Mercy & confession every first Friday of the month, beginning at 7:30pm. Followed by Overnight Eucharistic Adoration from 9pm to 7am.

*George Corbo, Church Activities Chairman*

### **Hungry & Homeless**

On Dec. 9, we are scheduled for our last feeding for this year. Turkey's are needed. Drop them off at the Council any Friday night.

The serving hours at the shelter have changed. Setup begins at 4:30pm; serving is from 5-6:30pm. We are in need of help because some of our volunteers cannot accommodate the new hours. If you can help during this time period, call Bill at 201-385-7652.

We have received our schedule for 2010. The dates are: Jan. 27, May 12, July 7, and Sept. 1. Please mark these dates on your calendars and thanks for all your help.

*Bill Horn, Chairman*

### **Christmas Party Dinner Dance**

Ho, Ho, Ho, our annual Christmas Party will be held on Sat, Dec. 12 starting at 7pm to 11pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. See enclosed flyer for all the details. Reservations & deposit will be appreciated.

*Carmine Grillo, Jr, Chairman*

### **Children's Christmas Party**

Ho, Ho, Ho...Our annual Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday December 13, 2009 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Games, fun and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

*Admission is free - see enclosed flyer for details.*

*Chuck Hollis, Chairman*

### **Light Up For Christ**

Brothers, please join us as we begin our Christmas Season on Tuesday, Dec. 1 with our annual **Light Up for Christ** celebration. Councils throughout the Order will also be participating at 8pm their local times.

We will gather at Dumont Boro Hall parking lot at 7:45pm for the blessing and ceremonial lighting of our Nativity. At 8:00pm, our Chaplain Fr. John Murray, SMA will bless the crèche and the lights get turned on.

The **Keep Christ in Christmas** campaign begins with the **Light Up for Christ** celebration to remind everyone that Christmas is above all a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ. Look for our **Keep Christ in Christmas** banners in Bergenfield and Dumont.

We are blessed to be able to have a Nativity crèche display at a time when Catholicism is under attack on so many fronts. Please try to attend and stand up for your Faith. Refreshments afterward at the Council.

### **Christmas Mass at NJ Vets Home**

**Keep Christ in Christmas** by giving a Catholic veteran at the Veterans Home, Paramus, the opportunity to go to Holy Mass on Christmas Day, Friday Dec. 25, 2009.

If any Brother Knight or Sister Columbiette, their family members or friends, could find the time to spend less than two hours on Christmas Day between 10:00am and 12 Noon to aid our Catholic veteran's that would be the greatest gift they could receive from you.

Contact Bob Dondero at 201-387-2368 or John McGill at 201-384-7511 if you need more information.

*John McGill, Warden*

### **Membership & Recruitment Activities**

Congratulations to Tom Collins, Ed Neumuth, and Charles Rossmann who made their 2<sup>nd</sup> degree on October 29, 2009. All members in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree who wish to continue their journey and advance their degrees contact me at 201-439-1985.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree held at St. John's Council in September was held in honor of Tom Trank, PGK, Trustee. Twenty-nine members took their degree that night.

Tom has been a member of the Knights for 59 years and a member at St. John's Council for 37 years.



Tom Trank, PGK, Trustee with Grand Knight Tom Ciotti

*Lou Pidi, Chancellor & Membership Chairman*

### **Attention: Teen Catholic Young Men**

St. John's Council Knights of Columbus has a Squires auxiliary called a Circle. Squire Circles are the youth branch of the K of C. The Squires is a program that teaches teen young men how to be leaders that will be useful in the later years.

Join the St John's Squires and fulfill your charity requirements for confirmation. It looks good on high school transcripts too!

To get more information about the Squires Circle at St. John's Council, contact Tom Formoso at [tformoso@horizonfoods.com](mailto:tformoso@horizonfoods.com) or call (201) 707-9890.

### **SMA Fathers**

Last month our liaison to the SMA John MacKay and I met and hosted a Parish Roundtable with Fr Darcy at the SMA. It was very fruitful.

One area that the SMA could use some help with is the occasional transportation and companionship for their Priests that no longer drive or have occasion for a great deal of socialization. They also need someone to tend three garden beds.

If you're interested in getting involved please contact me at 201-424-5472.

*Thank you, GK Tom Ciotti*

**Dates to Remember**

Note: setups for rentals & council events are on Thursday's at 7:00pm, unless otherwise specified.

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

- Tues, Dec. 1 Light Up For Christ 8pm Dumont Boro Hall;
- Fri, Dec. 4 Friday Social – Pizza & Movie Night;
- Sat, Dec. 5 Rental 7-11pm;
- Sun, Dec. 6 Rental 2-6pm;
- Mon, Dec. 7 Council meeting 8pm; Pearl Harbor Day, Fly the Flag;
- Tues, Dec. 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception;
- Wed, Dec. 9 Feeding of Homeless 3pm; Rosary Service 8pm;
- Fri, Dec. 11 Friday Social – Karaoke Night;
- Sat, Dec. 12 Christmas Party 7-11pm;
- Sun, Dec. 13 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe;
- Mon, Dec. 14 Children's Christmas Party 2pm-5pm;
- Wed, Dec. 16 Officer meeting 8pm;
- Sat, Dec. 19 Columbiettes meeting 7:30pm;
- Mon, Dec. 21 Rentals (2) -12pm-3pm; 6pm-9pm;
- Fri, Dec. 25 Council meeting 8pm; Lecturer program 8:45pm;
- Mon, Dec. 28 Christmas Day;
- Tues, Dec. 29 Columbian Club meeting 8pm;
- Thurs, Dec. 31 Newsletter mailing 10am;
- Fri, Jan. 1 New Years Eve party 8pm;
- New Years Day;

**Friday Night Socials**

Friday nights continue to be well-attended. In Dec, we're rolling out Movie Night on Friday Dec. 4 with a showing of the movie *Fatso with Dom DeLuise*. That's also **Pizza Night**, so a great evening.

On Friday, Dec. 11, we'll be doing **Karaoke Night** starting at 9pm. We will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

**Columbiettes News**

Our next meeting is Wed, Dec. 17 at 7:30pm after which we will have our annual Christmas celebration. Hope to see you all there.

At our Nov meeting we installed 5 new members. Congratulations to Diane Lang, Margaret Cahill, Emily Delvecchio, and Francine Corbo. It's great to see our numbers growing.

Please join our Brother Knights as they "Light Up For Christ" with the Blessing of the Nativity crèche at Dumont Boro Hall parking lot on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 8:00pm. Arrive by 7:45pm. Fr. Murray will preside. Refreshments at Council afterwards.

May each of you have a Blessed & Merry Christmas.

*Nina DiCostanzo, Treasurer/ Publicity*

**NJ Devils Hockey Game**

Sponsored by the Bergen Federation, a special ticket offer of \$40 (face value \$56). Friday, March 12, 2010, Devils vs Penguins. If you purchase by Dec. 12, it's a great gift for Christmas. Call Mike 201-747-3582 and say you are from Council 1345.

**Photos from PGK Dinner Dance, with Veteran's Tribute, Knight and Family of the Month Awards**



PGK Steve Martin receiving presentations from GK Tom Ciotti.

**Veteran's Tribute**



GK Tom Ciotti presenting VFW Post 761 Commander Frank Uvenio with Certificate of Appreciation. Quartermaster Frank Fiore accepted a Certificate on behalf of all members of VFW Post 761.

**Knight of the Month**



GK Tom Ciotti with Knight of the Month Warden Lou Pidi.

**Family of the Month**



GK Tom Ciotti & Family of the Month PGK George & Nina DiCostanzo.

**New Years Eve Party**

The Columbian Club will hold its annual New Year's Eve party on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009 at 8:00pm. A new dinner format is being used this year. Cost is \$39.95 per person. Call Bob 201-387-2368 or Tony Tulli 201-385-6148.

*Bob Dondero, FDD, PGK, PFN, President CC*

**Fr. Murray Scholarship Dinner-dance**

It's not too early to make your plans to attend the annual Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance coming up on Sat, Jan. 30, 2010. Mark your calendar as a reminder to make reservations. Contact Bill Bochiechio, State Chairman of Fr. Murray Scholarship Fund if you wish to make a donation.

*John McGill, Chairman*

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Saturday, December 12, 2009  
7:00PM TO 11:00PM

Our annual Christmas Party with all the usual trimmings....Visit from Mr & Mrs Claus; grab-bag gifts for men and women who participate; food collection of non-perishable food items; and new unwrapped toys for children.

The menu will be: *Served at your table...* appetizer, soup, salad. *Served on Hot Buffet...* Roasted Chicken, Baked Fish, Baked Ham, potatoes, and a candied yam, apple and raisin chutney, plus beverage, coffee, tea, and cake.

Cost is \$27.00 per person. **Advance Reservations a MUST with names of guests. We would appreciate a \$10 deposit per person to confirm table reservations.**

Return the "tear-off" form below to: Christmas Party, Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Or, call Council 201-387-9750 (press option #3); or email: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). Check payable to: St. John's Council.

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**Christmas Party Reservation Reply**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending in total: \_\_\_\_\_; [ ] Deposit enclosed @ \$10 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (for table reserves)

Tear-off and mail to: Christmas Party, Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Check payable to: St. John's Council.

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**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Sunday, December 13, 2009  
2:00pm to 5:00pm

The Children's Christmas Party for boys and girls age 10 and under. Each children 10 & under will receive a gift bag from Santa & Mrs. Claus. Age categories will be 2 & under; 3 to 6 yrs; 7 to 10 yrs.

Admission is free, **but advance reservations are required so that no child is disappointed.** Hot dogs, ice tea, juices, coffee and desserts for everyone. Dad's can catch a football game in the Bar Lounge.

Return the "tear-off" form below to: Children's Party, Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Or, call Council 201-387-9750 (press option #3); or email: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). If you call or email be sure to **mention Children's Party.**

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**Children's Christmas Party Reservation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children Attending by Age category: [ ] 2 & under \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] 3 to 6 yrs \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] 7 to 10 yrs \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Tear-off and mail to: Children's Christmas Party, Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

**RESOLUTION**  
**Charitable Funds Distribution**  
**Columbian Year 2008-2009**

WHEREAS: St. John's Council #1345 is committed to the needs of our Church and Community, and

WHEREAS: The members and friends of the Council work, attend, and support various activities that help raise funds for the Council to assist our Churches, Schools and Organizations that assist and service our community and charities, and

WHEREAS: St. John's Council #1345, fulfilling the first principle of Our Order – Charity, is now able to distribute **\$37,292.00** raised in the 2008-2009 Columbian Year under the direction of Grand Knight Steven Martin as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that St. John's Council #1345 through a donation from the Twin Boro Columbian Club (\$5,500) will distribute the sum of **\$5,500** to our churches and schools as follows:

St. John the Evangelist Church	\$ 1000.
St. John the Evangelist Church – Youth Ministry	500.
St. John the Evangelist Church – Food Pantry	500.
St. Mary's Church	1000.
St. Mary's Church – Youth Ministry	500.
Society of African Missions – SMA Fathers	1000.
Transfiguration Academy	500.
San Alfonso Retreat House	500.
Total	<b>\$ 5500.</b>

AND THAT: St. John's Council #1345 through the proceeds from the Jim Rush Golf Outing (\$2,047), the St. John's Columbiettes (\$500) and the Lenten Dinners (\$362) distribute the sum of **\$2,909** to local community service groups as follows:

Bergenfield Ambulance Corps	\$ 400.
Dumont Ambulance Corps	400.
Bergenfield Social Service Dept.	400.
Dumont Social Services Dept.	400.
Family Assistance Center Teaneck Armory	709.
Vantage Health System – Adult Day Care Program	300.
Inter-Religious Fellowship for the Homeless	300.
Total	<b>\$ 2909.</b>

AND THAT: St. John's Council #1345 through proceeds from the Fr. Murray Dance (\$1,633) and a donation from the Twin Boro Columbia Club (\$2300) can distribute the sum of **\$3,933** to assist the educational aspirations of our youth and of our seminarians as follows:

NJ State Council – RSVP Vocations Fund	\$ 500.
NJ State Council – Bishop Dougherty	500.
NJ State Council – Fr. Murray Scholarship Fund	1,633.
St. John's Council # 1345 Scholarship Fund	1,300.
Total	<b>\$ 3933.</b>

AND THAT: St. John's Council #1345 through proceeds from the Special Children's Dance (\$3,258) distribute the sum of **\$3,258** to the following service organizations:

Archbishop Boland Center	\$ 652.
New Day Community Center	652.
New Concept For Living	652.
Bergen County Foundation for Special Needs	651.
Division of Disability Services H.S. Dept.	651.
Total	<b>\$ 3528.</b>

AND THAT: St. John's Council #1345 through the proceeds from the Monday Night Football Group (\$1,400), the Lenten Dinners (\$477), a donation from the Twin Boro Columbian Club (\$450), Donations in Memory of Art Rudolph, PCCP (\$250) and a donation from AARP (\$50) distribute the sum of **\$2,627** to the following service organizations:

ASCPG – American Special Children's Pilgrimage	\$1400.
Deborah Hospital	450.
Tomorrow's Children's Fund	450.
Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels	327.
Total	<b>\$ 2627.</b>

AND THAT, St. John's Council #1345 through a donation from the Twin Boro Columbian Club (\$1,750) and a contribution from the Council's Right to Life Account (\$750) distribute **\$2,500** to the following Respect Life organizations:

Birthright of Life – New Jersey	\$ 625.
Turning Point Women's Resource Center	625.
Several Sources Foundation	625.
Rainbow For All God's Children	625.
Total	<b>\$ 2500.</b>

AND THAT: St. John's Council #1345 through a donation from the Twin Boro Columbian Club (\$1,500) is able to make a donation to the St. John's Council #1345 Welfare Fund in the amount of **\$1,500**.

AND THAT: St. John's Council #1345 and the Dumont's Lions Club through their joint efforts in conducting a pancake breakfast made a donation in the amount of **\$3,384** to the St. Mary's Food Pantry.

AND THAT: St. John's Council #1345 through the proceeds from the Baby Bottle Drive and the Friday Night Socials have made the following donation.

Turning Point Women's Resource Center	<b>\$ 164.</b>
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AND THAT: St. John's Council #1345 through proceeds from the NJ State Annual Drive for the People with Developmental Disabilities have distributed the sum of **\$11,517** to those organizations that provide special needs services, learning skills and support as follows:

NJ State Council	\$ 1,152.
American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group	869.
Bergen County Special School District	869.
Bergen-Passaic United Retarded Citizens	869.
Bleshman School PTA Retarded Children's Fund	870.
Camp Fatima	870.
Felician School for Exceptional Children	870.
Institute for Educational Development (Autism)	400.
Rockleigh Life Skills & Rehabilitation	869.
Rockleigh Rehabilitation Center	869.
Special Olympics	870.
Spectrum for Living	870.
The Child Center of Paramus	870.
Tri-Valley Academy	400.
Total	<b>\$11,517.</b>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Treasurer and the Trustees will distribute the above funds in a timely manner after proper review and authorization of the Councils' membership as described in the Bylaws.

Reviewed, agreed and signed by the Donations Committee:

Tom Ciotti, GK; Steven Martin, PGK; Dave Benson, DGK; Bob DeWald, FS; Tom Trank, PGK, Trustee; George DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK, Trustee; Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PGK, Trustee; Bob Dondero, CCP, PFN, PGK; Bill Horn, Treasurer, Phil Fredericks, PGK and James Kelly.