



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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*December, 2010*

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

To all my Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires & Boy Scouts: In the month of December, we celebrate three great feasts.

First, the Feast of Our Queen & Patroness of our country, *The Immaculate Conception* Dec. 8. In fact, you must be a Third Degree Knight to be an usher at the Shrine. This is how close we Knights are to Our Immaculate Queen.

Second, the great feast of *Our Lady of Guadalupe* on Dec. 12. She is the Patroness of North & South America and also the Patroness of the Unborn.

Third, 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 Church prepares us with Advent (nearly a month).

So please don't let the lights and tinsel distract you but think like the late & 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 & daughters? "*If you give that newborn Christ your time, He will give you His Eternity*". Yes by giving you receive – so give and give so that you can receive and 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 our lives, we shall be judged by love (charity)*. St. John of the Cross.

Vivat Jesus,

**Fr. John F. Murray, SMA**

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,

The Christmas season is upon us but let me make some comments about the month of November. It started with a Concelebrated Memorial Mass with our Chaplain Fr. John Murray, SMA presiding, assisted by Rev. Michael Moran, SMA Provincial, and Fr. Ray Filipski, vicar at St. John the Evangelist Church. More than 60 members, wives, widows and friends attended the service. Tribute was paid to all our Brothers who were called home by Our Lord. Several days later we continued praying with the recital of the Rosary. Rentals of the hall are in place for the weekends and as I requested in my past messages, HELP is always needed.

With the start of the Christmas Season, our first date is November 27, 2010. The Knights will set up at the Dumont Boro Hall our new Nativity crèche built by Ed Kostka. Starting time is 10:00am. HELP is needed to set it up.

Our Council Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 11, 2010. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. As is our practice, a basket will be there for food collection for the needy. New unwrapped toys for children in need are requested, to be delivered by Santa Claus. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be "flying in" to attend our Christmas Party. They will stay overnight to attend our Children's Christmas Party the next day.

Don't forget that on Dec. 25, we celebrated the "Nativity of the Lord". Please remember that the spirit of Christmas lasts for more than just one day.

We conclude this joyous celebration and the year with our New Year's Eve Party. Try to join us for a special evening. We have reduced the price, and increased the menu to get you to come out and join us.

Finally, on behalf of the Officers and Trustees, my wife Grace and I, we all wish you and your families a Blessed and Happy Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

**Dave Benson**

Dave Benson, Grand Knight

**2010-2011 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries  
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

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**Troop #1345 Boy Scouts**

Scoutmaster:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
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**Sick & Wake Report – as of Nov. 15, 2010**

Call Ed Kostka at 201-387-9482 to add or delete a name on this list. *Italic indicates new name or change in condition.*

**Members**

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Ken Malesky
Jack O'Brien	Dick Dorozynski
<i>Brian O'Dowd</i>	Peter Duffy
Bill Murphy, PGK	Nicholas Slade
Frank McCoo	Walter Boettger
Richard Burke	George Forbes
Larry Frisby	Timothy Keating

**Relatives & Friends**

Alice, wife of George Armbruster;  
Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;  
Anthony Matarazzo, son of Joe Matarazzo, FDD, PGK;  
Barbara Colorossi, cousin of Geoffrey Sadock;  
Barbara, wife of Frank Fawcett;  
Ben, nephew of Dom Panfile;  
Diane Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;  
Elizabeth (Lily) Leyden, wife of Kevin Leyden;  
Jason Van Arsdale, nephew of John E. McGill;  
Jean DeFalco, wife of Eli DeFalco;  
Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of the late PGK Frank Messina;  
Karen Glover, wife of Ray Glover;  
*Kristin, wife of Matt Kruger;*  
Louise Zucker, sister of Bob Knott;  
*Margaret, daughter of PGK Bill Connington;*  
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien;  
Mother-in-law of Ed Trawinski;  
Nancy Osborne, relative of John McGill;  
Nicole Cafarelli, niece of Bob Wrightington;  
Norma, widow of late Jim Campbell.  
Raymond Goode  
Rev. Philip Romcin, friend of Geoffrey Sadock;  
*Rev. Raymond Filipski,*  
Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.  
Rose Rush, widow of James J. Rush, PGK.  
Sister Andre, sister of Fr. John Murray.  
Vincenza, mother-in-law of PGK Bill Bochicchio.  
Willie & Ann Marsigliano, brother/sister-in-law of J. Marsigliano;

**Wakes**

*Michael P. Conboy;*  
*Alex Colella, brother-in-law of Bill Horn;*  
*Ann Sanders, mother of Bob Sanders PGK*  
*Josephine Macera, sister-in-law of Frank Uvenio;*  
*Michael Tricarico, uncle of Matt Kruger;*  
*\*\*note: if you would like to be called when members decease, call Ed Kostka 201-387-9482. He will add your name to our phone call list.*

**Upcoming Degree Dates**

First Degree:	Tues, Dec. 14 at Westwood Council;
Second Degree:	Wed, Dec. 15 at Lodi Council;
Third Degree:	Fri, Jan. 7, 2011 at Fair Lawn Council;
Fourth Degree:	April, 2011 in Parsippany.

**Hold the Dates**

Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011 – Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance, 7pm;  
Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011 – Corp Communion Mass at the SMA, 8am;  
Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011 – Super Bowl Party, 5pm.

### ***From the News Desk***

**Birthdays** wishes to members celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in December, especially Joan Trank on Dec. 7.

**Tips from Pope John XXIII** to live a better life: *Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.*

**National "Do Not Call" line:** call 888-382-1222 to block your cell phone number from receiving telemarketing calls.

**Healthy Food Notes: Apples...** protects your heart, blocks diarrhea, prevents constipation, improves lung capacity and cushions joints.

**Congratulations to Brian Lang,** son of Dave Lang, who came in 59<sup>th</sup> with the elite group in the NYC marathon.

### ***Enclosed in this Issue***

>Christmas Party flyer;  
>Children's Christmas Party flyer;  
>New Year's Eve Party flyer;  
>Resolution: Annual Charity donations.  
Make your reservations early; follow the procedure outlined below

### ***Reservations Procedure***

Reservations for all of our functions are a must! There are two (2) ways to reserve your place or table:

1. Call 201-387-9750; let it ring until you hear menu and press #3. Leave your name, phone #, and # of guests with their names.
2. Email reservations to: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). This is the preferred method. Leave all of the same information as above.

**Reminder: when you call or email, you must also let us know the names of your guests. It avoids problems.**

### ***Blood Drive***

We will be sponsoring our first blood drive of the year with Community Blood Services, on **Sunday, November 28, 2010 from 10:00am to 1:30pm at our council**. All blood types are needed, especially Types O- and O+.

**Our goal for this drive is 30 units.** If you should receive this newsletter before the 28th, and can donate blood, come on down. **Walk-ins are welcome.**

*Lou Pidi, Chairman*

### ***Membership & Recruitment Activities***

Congratulations to Frank Fundaro and David Wehner who took their Second Degree in October.

Welcome to new member Ed Craviolo who took his First Degree in November.

If you know of any Catholic gentlemen who might be interested in joining our Order, contact me at 201-384-7511 any time and bring them down to the Council on any Friday night.

*Chancellor John E. McGill, Membership*

### ***Church Activities Report***

**Rosary Hour**, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. The next session is Wed, Dec.8. Refreshments served afterwards.

*George Corbo, Director*

### ***Christmas Party***

Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010 beginning at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Cost is \$27.00 per person. Set up your tables and call in your reservations as noted on the flyer.

Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus will be "flying in" for a visit, handing out Grab-Bag gifts for those who bring a grab-bag gift. Women for women, men for men, with a value of \$10 to \$12 per gift.

See you at the party,

*Bill Horn, Chairman*

### ***Columbiettes News***

I want to start this article off by welcoming our new members Marge Kenter and Dianne Naughton who took their first degree on

October 20th. All your Columbiette sisters welcome you. It is wonderful that our numbers keep growing.

If you know anyone interested please have them call Donna Fredericks @201-387-6680 or 551-427-7180 for information. Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, December 15. After meeting, we will be having our annual Christmas party. Hope to see you all there.

Our tricky tray on October 30th was very successful thanks to all the hard work of our members who were on the committee. Everyone who attended is still talking about it. Some have said it was the best they have ever attended. Thanks goes to Michele Sciarrino and her staff for a wonderful dinner.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2011. Our Tea party on March 20th and Reminiscence (NJ's oldest 50/60's band) on May 6th. Start talking to friends and family about these two affairs.

Our brother Knights also have a very busy year and have asked the Columbiettes for our help. If you can spare just 2 hours to help at an affair that would be greatly appreciated. Call Steve Martin at 201-262-2764 and sign-up for one of the events.

I hope you have all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. This is the best time of the year. We thank God for all we have and look forward to the birth of Jesus. May you and your families have a Blessed Christmas.

*Peace, Nina*

### ***Keep Christ in Christmas Activities***

The **Nativity Creche** will be setup in the Dumont Boro Hall parking lot and the **Keep Christ in Christmas banners** will be setup at the local churches on Saturday Nov. 27 starting at 10am. When you drive or walk by the Boro Hall or the churches take a moment to observe the Creche or the Banners, and say a prayer of thanks that we can display our Christmas message.

**Light Up for Christ** on Tuesday evening, Dec. 7 in the Dumont parking lot at 8pm. We will hold a brief prayer service to bless the Creche and "turn on the light of Christ" as part of the worldwide ceremonial lighting of a Christmas tree or Creche. Join us for this prayer service and help spread the word of Christmas. Arrive at parking lot by 7:45pm. Service at 8pm. Afterwards, enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship at the Council.

**Decorating the Council for Christmas**, Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7pm. Join us as we "deck the halls with boughs of holly". It's always a funtime with members, spouses, and friends to spruce up the Hall and Lounge in celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus.

**Holy Family Stamp;** use this Christmas stamp when mailing your Christmas greeting cards. Buy them now while supply is available.

### ***Scholarship Donations***

Our scholarship program benefits the children and grandchildren of members. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, your donation will be appreciated and will help to expand the program. Any amount is appreciated...\$5, \$10, \$15, or more. No amount is too small.

Mail your donation to: Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Thanks,

*George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN, Chairman*

### ***Columbian Club Report***

**Hall Rental & Catering** ...now taking reservations for Communion or Confirmation parties and any other celebrations. Call George D at 201-338-2617, or visit website: [kofc1345.org](http://kofc1345.org), and click on Hall Rental.

**Help Needed**...Please help for 2-4 hours. *We have an URGENT need for help to keep our rentals going which benefits us all with our beautiful building.* When Steve calls, please answer.

...bar, call Mike Cremin 201-956-2782.

...dishwashers, call John E. McGill, 201-384-7511.

...kitchen, call Ken Hudes 201-916-0648.

...servers, call PGK Steve Martin 201-262-2764.

*Jerry Passano, President*

### Dates to Remember

*Note: setups for rentals & council events are on Thursday's at 6:30pm.  
Boy Scout Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm.*

Sat, Nov. 27	Nativity setup Dumont Boro Hall 10am.
Sun, Nov. 28	Blood Drive 10am-1pm. Donors needed.
Mon, Nov. 29	Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Wed, Dec. 1	Decorating Council for Christmas 7pm.
Thurs, Dec. 2	Rental setup 6:30pm.
Fri, Dec. 3	Social Night – Pizza 8pm.
Sat, Dec. 4	Rental – 1pm to 5pm.
Sun, Dec. 5	Rental – 1pm to 5pm.
Mon, Dec. 6	Council meeting 8pm.
Tues, Dec. 7	<i>Pearl Harbor Day – Fly the Flag.</i>
Wed, Dec. 8	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception.</i> Rosary Hour 8pm.
Thurs, Dec. 9	Setup Christmas party 6:30pm.
Sat, Dec. 11	Christmas Party 7pm.
Sun, Dec. 12	<i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.</i> Children's Christmas Party 2pm.
Mon, Dec. 13	AARP meeting 11am. Officer meeting 8pm.
Wed, Dec. 15	Columbette meeting 7:30pm.
Thurs, Dec. 16	Rental setup
Sat, Dec. 18	Santa Hospital visits 9am. Rental – Dumont Jr. Football 12pm-3pm. Rental – Dumont Jr. Football 6pm-9pm. Council meeting 8pm.
Mon, Dec. 20	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Sat, Dec. 25	Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Mon, Dec. 27	Setup for New Year's 6:30pm.
Thurs, Dec. 30	New Year's Eve party 8pm.
Fri, Dec. 31	<i>New Year's Day</i>
Sat, Jan. 1, 2011	Council meeting 8pm.
Mon, Jan. 3	

### Friday Night Socials

Complimentary snacks continue to be served at 9pm on Friday nights. Pizza night on Friday, Dec.3. **Special treat that evening - Seasonal music in the bar lounge provided by Dave Lang & his partner Margie.**

Anyone interested in cooking or serving a Friday night snack, call me at 201-439-1985.

*Lou Pidi, Friday Night Chairman*

### Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 12 from 2pm to 5pm. Free admission. Children age 10 & Under will receive a Christmas gift bag from Santa Claus, plus arts and crafts, and writing letters to Santa and to our Troops.

See the enclosed flyer for all the details and call in to reserve your seats.

Santa will be making visits to the Children Wards at Holy Name & Englewood Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 18.

*Chuck Hollis, Chairman*

### Catholic Information - 8 Tips for Catholic Men

*(excerpted from The Integrated Catholic Life)  
(continued from last month and final).*

As Catholic Gentlemen, we face challenges each day and struggle to break out of repetitive behaviors and avoid self-created obstacles that prevent us from drawing closer to Christ. We all want to be devout in the practice of our Catholic faith. The following tips can help us.

**Tip #7: Understand our True Vocation.** For those of us blessed to be married and have children, we must recognize that helping our families get to Heaven and being good husbands and fathers (and not our business careers) is our real vocation. It is so easy to allow our family to serve our work (my issue many years ago) instead of having our work serve our family...and in turn, our family to serve the Lord.

**Tip #8: Be Courageous.** Christians are meant to stand out, not blend in. Blending in speaks to conforming and making sacrifices so our faith becomes part of the mainstream...and we need to fight it!

We live in difficult, trying times. Families are under attack, our children are at risk, many people are blind to the need to respect and value all life and atheists are one of the fastest growing groups in the world. We have an opportunity to be beacons of light and good examples of Christ's redeeming love. We will be judged one day on the fruits of our apostolate and hope to hear Jesus say the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The list of 8 tips may look like a lot of hard work, but the real challenge is to practice these actions not as a bunch of new "to-dos," but as part of a broader, unifying approach to a balanced and meaningful life that places Christ first in all areas of our lives.

### Business Services Directory.

Add your name to a growing list of member Knights in business that can service other members when they need it. Next edition of the list will be published in January.

Send name of business, contact name, phone number or email, and what type of business and service you provide and mail to Business List, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

### Hungry & Homeless

Our next feeding is January 12, 2011. Help Needed. Please consider donating a turkey if you get one and will not be using it. Call me at 201-385-7652 and I'll be happy to pick it up.

*Bill Horn, Chairman*

### Lecturer Program

Dr. Paul Witek is our guest speaker for January 17, 2011 ("Eastern and Western Religious Traditions: The Two Lungs).

*Geoffrey Sadock, Lecturer Chairman*

### In the Photo Gallery



*From left: Rev. Michael Moran, SMA & Provincial; Chaplain Rev. John F. Murray, SMA; Rev. Ray Filipski, St. John the Evangelist Church.*

The three priests concelebrated our Memorial Mass for Deceased Members on Monday, Nov. 8. Fr. Ray is recovering from eye surgery, ergo the sunglasses.



*From left: GK Dave Benson, and Gerry Flood, ASCPG.*

Gerry was presented a Certificate of Merit from the Grand Knight for his work with the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group at their fundraising dinner dance on Nov. 13.

### Troop 1345 Boy Scouts

Questions about the Troop, or interest in Scouting, contact Keith by email at [scoutmaster1345@aol.com](mailto:scoutmaster1345@aol.com), or at 201-993-4476.

*Keith Hilcken, Scoutmaster*