



# The Knight Times

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

Last month at the Conference of Catholic Bishop's meeting the bishop's approved the opening of the cause for canonization of Mother Mary Teresa Tallon (1867-1954). Mother Tallon was born in Upstate New York and founded a new congregation of women religious known as the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate. Their motherhouse is located in Monroe, New York not too far from here. At the center of their spirituality, the sisters in the example of Mother Tallon visit people in their homes who have either fallen away from the Church or are inactive with the Church. Their mission is to bring them back to the faith as part of the New Evangelization of the Church. A daring task indeed yet one that reminds us that we are all called to Evangelize in some way the faith to other people. Let us pray for Mother Tallon's canonization and follow here example of inviting people back to the practice of their faith. Here is an excerpt from her writings about preparing for Christmas during this season of Advent:

*"Our Lord began His apostolate by attracting the poor shepherds to His Crib, and they, poor and simple, opened the way for the Magi-Kings. Our Lord in His Crib is the Model of every virtue. There He is, cold and trembling, weeping as any other child might, yet He does not work any miracle to alleviate His pain, the only miracle He works is to gain strength to suffer more. He will give us, too, the grace to suffer generously, if we will only be brave and noble for Him. Our Lord not only bore the trials connected with His Infancy, but also those of His whole future life by anticipation."*

May the Christ Child inspire us this Christmas to serve Him more. Have a Blessed Advent!!!

May God be praised,

*Fr. Dominic*

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Squires, Family and friends...

At this beautiful time of the year, a time where we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, we should reflect on what we have completed this past year. Was I a good father/mother? A good son/daughter? Did I give my best in everything I attempted to do? You would be surprised by the answers you can come up with. I know sometimes the decisions I make may not be popular, but in my mindset they are the correct ones to make, for the good of everyone I am involved with.

We are well into our "Keep Christ in Christmas" program and I would like to thank our Financial Secretary Ed Kostka for leading us with this program. Everywhere you go the signs that stand out are our own KCIC signs. We need to continue our push to actually Keep Christ in Christmas and not make it as commercialized as it is now.

The National March for Life will be held on January 22, 2014 in Washington DC. This is a great show of people who defend life every day of the year and not when it just sounds good. St. John's will be sponsoring a bus to Washington for the march leaving early in the morning (around 7:00 am) and returning later that day. If you are interested in going please let our Chairman Matt Connell at 201-387-7187 know to reserve your seat.

Our upcoming events look to be great as usual, they include; Our Adult and Children's Christmas Parties on December 14 & 15, Our Corporate Communion @ St. John's Church on December 29, 2013, New Year's Eve party and our Scholarship Dinner on January 25, 2014. Come on down if you can make any of the parties we will be holding. It's a good time to be had by all!

Please remember that we do not say Happy Holidays or Seasons greetings...we say **MERRY CHRISTMAS**. And that is what I wish for all of you, your families and friends. May the love of our newborn Lord be with you throughout this blessed time and the upcoming year. May God continue to bless the USA and especially the brothers, sisters, squires, scouts, families and friends of St. John's Council 1345.

Nollaig Shona.

Vivat Jesus,

*Charles Hollis*

Charles Hollis, Grand Knight

2013-2014 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries  
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345

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(inactive)

**Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts**

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**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report - as of Nov. 17, 2013.**

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

**Members**

Dick Dorozynski	Fred Jacobsen, PGK
Bill Murphy, PGK	John E. McGill, PGK
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<i>Peter McHugh</i>	<i>Mario Santos</i>
Ed Orr	Frank Casella
<i>Dr. Geoffrey Sadock</i>	

**Relatives & Friends**

Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio.  
Ann Marsigliano, sister-in-law of Jack Marsigliano;  
*Betty Haubert, mother-in-law of GK Chuck Hollis;*  
Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan.  
Dianne Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;  
*Dorothy, widow of the late George Forbes;*  
*Edward J, cousin of Columbiette Cathy McCabe.*  
Eileen O'Leary, widow of late Frank O'Leary.  
Francine Corbo, wife of George Corbo;  
Frank Grana, brother-in-law of Linda Grana;  
Herta Nelson, mother in law of Ed Trawinski;  
Jill Ciotti, wife of PGK Tom Ciotti;  
Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;  
Josephine, niece of PGK G. DiCostanzo  
*Kay, widow of the late Nicholas Slade;*  
Kristi Marie, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio.  
Laurie, wife of Bob Knott;  
Louise Florio, sister of Ken Florio.  
Mary Sforza, friend of council;  
Michael Cullen, son of John Cullen;  
Millie Graziano, sister-in-law of the late Art Rudolph;  
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien;  
*Norma, mother of Columbiette Cathy McCabe.*  
Nunzia, cousin of PGK G. DiCostanzo.  
*Rosemarie, Mother of John Rafii.*  
*Scott, son of John LaRaia;*  
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of Dick Dorozynski.

**Wakes**

**Members:** Thomas Hartney Jr; Joe Brown Sr.  
**Relatives & Friends:** Susan, wife of PGK Lou Monachelli  
*Sir Knight Dr. Richard Onorevole, PFN, Bishop O'Conner Asm.*  
*Patricia Cullen, wife of John Cullen.*  
*Dawn Totten, wife of Richard Totten.*

**Praying for Healing**

*"God, our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family and friends in God's name, Amen."*

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

*Birthday wishes* to our members and friends celebrating a birthday in December, or a special occasion.

*U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops* (USCCB) elected Archbishop Joseph Kurtz as President, and Cardinal Daniel DiNardo as Vice-President, continuing the legacy of Cardinal Timothy Dolan in their opposition to the HHS mandate. "Pope Francis has reminded us," they said, that "there is only one thing which the Church quite clearly demands: the freedom to proclaim the Gospel in its entirety, even when it runs counter to the world, even when it goes against the tide."

### ***The Rosary Hour***

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

**The next rosary hour is Wednesday, December 11, 2013.**

### ***The Twelve***

#### ***James the Greater & James the Younger***

**James the Greater** - was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in Gethsemane. Holy Scripture describes James as one of Jesus' favored apostles in his inner circle.

We know little of this Apostle other than that his fearless confession before King Herod so moved the public prosecutor that he declared himself a Christian on the spot. Accused and accuser were hurried off together to execution. Even in the face of death, James never lost his faith or his courage.

**James the Younger** - is also thought to be called "James the Less". James was likely Jesus' cousin and was the brother of St. Jude Thaddeus. He was certainly close to Jesus because Jesus appeared to him separately after His Resurrection. It is further believed that James was present when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers and sent them out to spread the Gospel.

James remained firm in his faith spending much of his time in prayer that his knees thickened like a camel's. While serving as Jerusalem's first bishop, he was arrested by the authorities and killed.

*George DiCostanzo, PFS, PGK, PFN.*

### ***Deputy Grand Knight Message***

This year is shaping up very well and I want to thank all who have taken an active role in your council. However, we also would like to invite some of our less seen Brothers to stop down on a Friday night and get to know your fellow Brother Knights.

We have a Karaoke night every third Friday of the month and will begin serving \$2 menu items as a special for families.

We are still looking for anyone interested in our new forming dart league so please let me know if you would want to join. Email me CarmineCroons@gmail.com and write "Dart League" in the subject line. *Vivat Jesus*

*Carmine Grillo, Deputy Grand Knight*

### **Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment**

Next degree dates are as follows: First Degree, Dec 10 & Second Degree, Dec. 11. Candidates meet at council at 7pm. Scheduled to take his second degree is Fr. Jonathan Perez.

I would like to request the help of all my K of C brothers in recruiting new members. You can email me at: lbrivera@optonline.net or call me at: 201-315-0456 if you have friends or colleagues who want to be members, or to advance their degree.

*Lauro Rivera, Membership Chairman*

### ***Financial Secretary Report***

Help needed to set up the Keep Christ In Christmas banners at St Mary's, St John's and the Old North Church. Also Help needed with the Lawn Signs.

*Ed Kostka, Financial Secretary*

### ***Columbiette Report***

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas". The decorations are going up, Jack Frost is nipping at your nose and all of the Christmas parties are in full swing this month; and speaking of parties. The Columbiettes are having not one but TWO parties! (do we know how to celebrate or what!?)

Our monthly December meeting on the 18th will be shorten so we can have our annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner party with our members and then our January meeting is our annual post-holiday and Happy New Year Party at Il Mulino's in Dumont. This has always proven to be a fun night out for all.

We look forward to our new year of 2014 and some of our upcoming events are; March 14, 2014, Fish Fry and April 6, 2014 our very popular Tea Party!

On behalf of myself and all of the Columbiette officers we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with love, joy, good health and many blessings!

*Peace, Roberta Elwell, Vice President.*

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

The council will be holding its annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday December 15, 2014 from 2- 5:00pm. It will be a fun time for the kids as they create ornaments, make cards for the troops, write a letter to Santa, dance and play. Who knows, they may even get a visit from Santa Claus. This is a free event for all to attend. So come on down, you will not be disappointed. Make your reservations early.

### ***New Year's Eve Party***

The early reservation discount is over; cost is \$70.00/pp. Don't wait too long to make your reservations for New Year's Eve. All reservations must be paid in advance. To make reservations, please email your reservations to: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com and let us know how many will be attending. Then make your check in the amount of \$70.00 payable to: Columbian Club, and mail your check to: New Year's Eve, PO Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

### ***Christmas Party***

The annual adult Christmas dinner and dance will be held on Sat, Dec 14 from 7-11pm. Cost is \$30 per person for food and beverages. Doors open at 6:30.

We'll be collecting new unwrapped toys for our "Toys for Tots" box, canned food for the Church food pantry. We are also having a grab bag for those attending - bring in a gift and go home with a gift! Women bring a women's gift and men bring in a men's gift with a \$10 value. Always a lot of fun! Use reservations procedure and do it early!

*Frank Polise, Co-Chairman*

### **Dates to Remember**

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

Sun, Dec. 1	First Sunday of Advent
Mon, Dec. 2	Council mtg, 8pm.
Fri, Dec. 6	Council Christmas decorations; Ladies Night, 7pm.
Sat, Dec. 7	<i>Pearl Harbor Day – Fly the Flag</i>
Sun, Dec. 8	<i>Feast of Immaculate Conception</i>
Mon, Dec. 9	Officer mtg 8pm. <i>Celebration of Immaculate Conception (not a holyday of obligation)</i>
Wed, Dec. 11	Rosary Hour 8pm.
Thurs, Dec. 12	<i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe;</i>
Sat, Dec. 14	Christmas Party 7-11pm.
Sun, Dec. 15	Children's Christmas party 2-5pm. January newsletter deadline reports.
Mon, Dec. 16	Council mtg 8pm.
Wed, Dec. 18	Columbette mtg 7:30pm.
Sat, Dec. 21	Rental 7pm.
Mon, Dec. 23	Columbian Club mtg 8pm.
Tues, Dec. 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
Wed, Dec. 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Sun, Dec. 29	Corporate Communion at St. John's Church <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>
Tues, Dec. 31	<i>New Year's Eve party 8pm.</i>

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

Troop 1345 will be busy in December planning out its winter program, which includes the annual Klondike Prep Weekend in Stony Point, NY. This event invites Webelos Scouts (younger scouts from Dumont and Bergenfield) to join the troop for a weekend of winter camping. The Klondike Prep Weekend will be held in mid-January.

Troop 1345 will be having its annual troop pizza party on December 17 to kick off their holiday vacation (no meetings on December 24 and December 31).

*Ray Ziemba, Adult Counselor*

### **Columbian Club Report**

*Catering/Hall Rental:* no report.

*Bob DeWald, Rental Chairman*

### **Respect for Life Report**

I wish all my brothers a Blessed Christmas. A time to CELEBRATE the BIRTH of Jesus Let us keep praying for our Church and country.

The March for Life in DC on Wednesday January 22, 2014.

*Vivat Jesus, Matt Connell, Chairman*

### **San Alfonso Retreat House**

ON NOV 3, I ATTENDED ALONG WITH OTHER RETREAT MEN AND WOMEN CAPTAINS A MEETING AT THE RETREAT HOUSE. TOPICS SUCH AS THE FOOD MENU, ROOMS AND TALKS WERE DISCUSSED.

WE TALKED ABOUT RETREAT OF 2014. THE LAND SUFFERED ABOUT ONE MILLION IN DAMAGES FROM SANDY. MOST IS THE BOADWALK, GAZEBO'S. THE RETREAT HOUSE GOT NO DAMAGE. WORK HAS BEEN STARTED TO REPAIR DAMAGE.

TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THIS YEARS RETREAT, I SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION THAT YOU GAVE ME. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT AUGUST AND FEEL FREE TO ASK A FRIEND.

*TONY TULLI, Retreat Chairman*

### **ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP**

Our Annual AC bus trip will be Sunday February 9th 2014. Bus leaves council at 8:30am. Details to Follow

*Tom Schmidt Bus Coordinator*

### **Lecturer Report**

No Report. Keep Geoff in your prayers as he will have cardiac surgery this month.

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman*

### **Wake Service Call List**

We are up dating our telephone Wake Call list. If you would like to add your name to learn about wake services, contact Sick & Wake Chairman Bill Connington at 201-385-9697.

*Bill Connington, Sick & Wake Chairman*

### **Prayer for Vocations**

*"Heavenly Father, your Divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.*

*We earnestly beg you to bless our Archdiocese and our world with many priest and religious who will love you fervently and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*

*Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen".*

### **Reservations Procedure**

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

--Email: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). OR,

--Call: Chancellor Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.

### **Upcoming in January**

-March for Life bus trip to Wash, DC on Jan 22.

-Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Dance on Jan 25, where we will also celebrate Fr. Murray's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

*On behalf of all the Council Officers, and the Columbian Club Officers, we wish you and your families a Blessed Happy Christmas, and a Healthy Happy New Year.*