



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brother Knights,

It is November 5, 2015 as I write this article. I have noticed that the stores all have their Christmas decorations up! It is so early, however, I am not casting stones for to be honest I have completed my Christmas shopping already (actually I have been done since September) and I plan to put up my Christmas decorations the day after Thanksgiving and my parents the Tuesday after Thanksgiving when I visit them for my day off.

Many people question why I do my shopping so early with my family and friends suspecting I do it just to annoy them by letting them all know I am done while they scramble and fight the crowds shopping for their gifts. I will confess I do get a little guilty pleasure out of that fact. However, that is not the true reason I do my shopping and even decorating so early. The truth of the matter is I do it so I can really enjoy the season. I should say so I can truly enjoy the real reason for the season.

You see by getting those things out of the way as enjoyable as they can be it allows me to really think about the meaning of the season. It allows me to just sit and look upon the manger and think about the fact that God the Father loved us so much he gave us the greatest gift ever given...he gave us his son!

Enjoy the Christmas season and all it brings but above all remember to not only keep Christ in Christmas but to keep him in your hearts all year around. Merry Christmas all and God Bless you and your loved ones.

God Bless you all.

*Fr. Michael*

Fr. Michael S.P. Trainor, Chaplain

## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Scouts & Friends,

After a wonderful family gathering to most of us on Thanksgiving Day, the most awaited month of the year has come and that is the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a council of Catholic gentlemen, we will start our celebration with our Rosary Hour on December 9<sup>th</sup> followed by an Adult Christmas Party on December 12<sup>th</sup> and by a Children Christmas Party on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Music entertainment will be played by Panorama Music Band on the adult party and by a Lady DJ, Justine Noelle, on the children's party. Please spread the word and invite friends to attend the Adult Christmas party. Tell them to bring their kids to the Children's party as Santa Claus is coming to town to bring joy and gifts to these kids.

Before the year ends, we will celebrate the New Year's Eve Party on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 PM – 2:00 PM.

Let's show our love and unity to our council by attending these events. As we all know, all proceeds on these events will go to the charitable organizations located in our communities.

I am requesting all of you my brothers, Sister Columbiettes, and Boy Scouts to bring any canned goods, coffee, pasta, sauces, and so forth, as we will start collections of food to support the food pantries in our local churches and community. Several boxes will be located in the council where you can drop your donations. As we all know, financial stability of some of the families in our area is still uncertain as men and women are still losing their jobs, making it hard to support their families. Let's try our best to give whatever we can to help these families in need. Remember, the first principle of our order is Charity.

Next month, our Council will be collecting foods, clothes or anything that could be of help to our Catholic brothers & sisters in Syria where many of the family members are being killed by militant groups. Details of this collections will follow on our next month's bulletin.

At this time, I would like to thank all of you my brothers, Sister Columbiettes and all of you our friends who have helped us on the past council events not only during dinner dance, but to the corporate communions/rosary hours/blood drives and pancake breakfast as well.

Remember to place the "Keep Christ In Christmas" lawn signs in front of your respective house.

***A BLESSED and MERRY CHRISTMAS and A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!!!***

Vivat Jesus,

*Lauro Rivera*

Grand Knight

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

**Council Officers 2015-2016**

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor	201-384-0557
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Chancellor	Frank Polise	201-370-0547
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Advocate	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Financial Secy:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
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Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	John McAvinue	973-563-0120

**Council Chairmen & Directors 2015-2016**

Bldg. Maintenance	John Graham	201-387-0419
Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Lou Pidi, PGK	201-707-7253
Council Activities:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
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Publicity:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
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Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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**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:	Robert DeWald	201-264-6290
Servers/Waiters:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683

**Columbette's Ladies Auxiliary 2015-2016**

President:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
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Financial Secy:	Maureen Italiano	201-916-1404
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**Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts 2015-2016**

Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
Asst Scoutmaster:	Ray Ziemba	

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**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report – as of Nov. 20, 2015**

*Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.*

To add a name, contact Geo. DiCostanzo 201-338-2617.

**Members**

-Ed Orr	-Matt Hayes, PGK
-Jack McHugh, Sr.	-Ken Malesky
-Tim Toines	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Dick Dorozynski	-Jim McEntee
-John McGill, PGK;	-Tom Trank, PGK
-Dave Benson, PGK	-Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK
-Bob Dondero, PGK	-Geo DiCostanzo, PGK
-John Dillon, PGK	-Jim Kelly, Sr.
-John Di Girolamo	-John Maguire
-John Regina	-Joseph Welch
-Bill Horn	-Frank Uvenio

**Relatives & Friends**

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Betty Duffy, widow of the late Thomas Duffy.
- Beverly D'Amelio, wife of Nick D'Amelio;
- Brian Long, son of Jack Long;
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Donald Trainor, father of Chaplain Fr. Michael;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Marge English, sister-in-law of our late Fr. Murray;
- Mary Rudolph, widow of late Art Rudolph.
- Nunzia, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Rose Jacobi, daughter of late Frank Messina.
- Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Susanne West, sister of Chaplain Fr. Michael
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barkley.
- Therese DeFalco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.

**Wakes**

Members:

Relatives & Friends:

--Donald, father of Don Morrell;

**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 516-220-9333.

**\*\*Mail your check when you make your reservation\*\*.**

**Fresh Christmas Trees**

If you buy a fresh Christmas Tree, remember to give our Boy Scout Troop 1345 an opportunity. They will be at Calvary Methodist Church in Dumont selling trees. They will take good care of you.

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

***Birthday wishes*** to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in ***December***, especially Joan Trank on Dec. 7; Nina Messina on Dec. 21; and special recognition to Patty Martin 50 years on Dec. 12; and John Orsino 50 years on Dec. 28.

***Congratulations to*** PSD Herb Meyer and his wife Ann, celebrating 56 years married.

### ***Deputy Grand Knight Report***

The Christmas Season is upon us. As we look forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord, let us not forget the less fortunate. We will be participating in the "Toys for Tots" and Food Pantry collection drives. We will have collection boxes in the lounge at our council. Additionally, I would like to invite you to the following celebrations in December:

**Adult Christmas Party** – Saturday, Dec. 12 from 7:00PM to 11:00PM. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for our "Toys for Tots" box, canned food or something for our food drive to help the food pantries in our parishes. We are having a grab bag for those attending – bring in a gift and go home with a gift. Women should bring a women's gift and men should bring a men's gift worth \$10-\$12.

**Children's Christmas Party** – Sunday, Dec. 13 from 2:00PM to 5:00 PM. This will be a great time for the kids with a special visit from Santa. It's a free event so bring your kids, grand kids and neighbors.

**New Year's Eve Party** – Thursday, Dec. 31 from 8:00PM to 2:00AM. As every year, this is one of our well attended events. Make your reservations early.

May the Spirit of the Season fill our hearts and guide our actions. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
*DGK Frank Gallacher, fgallacher4@aol.com, (201)957-2683*

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

First Degree Tues, DEC. 8. Second Degree Wednesday, Dec. 9. Be at council by 7pm for carpooling.

*Frank Polise, Membership, 201-370-0547.*

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

Dues bills for the calendar year January-December 2016 will be mailed the last week of December. Dues are payable by end of January 2016. Please try to be prompt with your payment. If you have a financial issue, call me at 201-338-2617 to work it out. *George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

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

Rosary every second Wednesday of the month at our Council at 7:30pm.

Our next meeting will be Wed, Dec. 9 at 7:30 PM.  
***Please join us as we dedicate this Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe.***

Pass the word on this Rosary to your friends. Invite them to come with you. Let's get a good turnout.

*Co-Chairs John Scalice & Pauline Scalice (Columbiette)*

### ***Corporate Communion***

All Brothers, Columbiettes, Troop 1345, and their families are reminded we have a Corporate Communion at St. Mary's in Dumont on 11/29/15 at the 10am mass. Please come and share in the liturgy with your brothers and their families. A light continental breakfast will follow at the Council Hall.

Wear your Knights of Columbus shirts to show unity. To RSVP call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com).

*Warden Ken Armellino*

### ***Columbiette Auxiliary Report***

*"Christmas bells, those Christmas bells*

*Ringin' through the land,*

*Bringin' peace to all the world*

*and good will to man."*

*(Snoopy's Christmas...The Royal Guardsman 1967)*

Let the Christmas parties begin! Get ready to "rock around that Christmas tree" at the Knights Christmas party on December 12. The band "Panorama" who played at our Italian night (and who are AWESOME!) will be entertaining us once again.

Then get ready for the next day, December 13 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm The Children's Christmas party! The Columbiettes will be helping the Knights at this event with serving of the food, playing games with the children, doing crafts, and donating a dessert or two. Santa Claus is taking time out of his busy schedule to make an appearance; perhaps Mrs. Claus will join him!

Our next Columbiette meeting is on December 16 at 7:30. This will be a shorten meeting so that we can have a Christmas party/pot luck supper.

Then it's time to ring in the new year, 2016! We will once again have a post-holiday party in lieu of our January meeting. Details will be discussed at our December meeting.

On behalf of myself and all Columbiette officers, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and blessed new year.

*Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity*

### ***Respect Life Report***

Christmas. The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a birthday celebrated around the world. We Catholics celebrate all births. We want more births. Let's show our beliefs.

March with us in the March For Life in Washington DC on Friday January 22nd 2016. Let's fill 2 buses and show those Pro-Death people we are Pro Life people

*Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman*

### ***Pancake Breakfast & Gold Buying Event for Council Scholarship Fund***

Please come support our first fundraiser of the year for the scholarship fund on December 6 from 9am to 1pm. We will be hosting a pancake breakfast consisting of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and hash browns, with orange juice, coffee or tea. \$8 for Adults, \$4 for children under 12, family maximum of \$25.

We will also be hosting a Gold Sale at this time. Bring in any unwanted gold or precious metals and receive cash on the spot to help defray the costs of holiday shopping. Feel free to attend either event or both. To RSVP call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com).

### ***Adult Christmas Party***

Sat, Dec. 12...an extravaganza. Menu: appetizer, salad, loin of pork, stuffing, potato, cake, coffee, beverages, and Panorama Band...all for \$35.00/pp. See flyer enclosed for all the details and make your reservations early.

### **Dates to Remember**

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

**Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.**

Sat, Dec. 5	Rental - Living Word Church christmas party.
Sun, Dec. 6	Pancake Breakfast & Gold Sale
Mon, Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day - Fly the Flag Council meeting 8pm.
Tues, Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Wed, Dec. 9	The Rosary Hour at 7:30pm.
Sat, Dec. 12	Adult Christmas Party - 7pm. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sun, Dec. 13	Children's Christmas Party - 2pm.
Mon, Dec. 14	Officer meeting 8pm.
Wed, Dec. 16	Columbette meeting 7 party - 7:30pm.
Mon, Dec. 21	Council & Lecture meeting - 8pm.
Dec. 24-25-26	Christmas weekend - Council Closed.
Mon, Dec. 28	Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Thurs, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve party 8pm-1am.
Jan. 1-2	New Year's weekend, council closed.
Sun, Jan. 3	Rental - Eagle Scout ceremony - Moriarty.
Mon, Jan. 4	Council meeting 8pm.

### **Troop 1345 Scout Report**

The Troop 1345 Christmas Tree sale is here! The troop will be selling Christmas Trees on December 4 (6pm-9pm), December 5 (10am – 8pm), and December 6 (12 noon to 6pm). The troop will deliver trees to your house if necessary. Also, if you wish to purchase a tree to go to a family that is less fortunate, we can arrange for that too – just stop down and see us.

Troop 1345 hosted its annual Klondike Prep weekend at Stony Point, NY this past November, with the theme of Search and Rescue. Some 20 Webelos and parents from Dumont, Bergenfield, and Cresskill joined the event which saw some 75 people in total camping for the weekend.

The troop expects that some of these scouts will be joining the troop in February.

*Ray Ziemba, Assistant Scoutmaster*

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

Dec. 13 from 2pm-5pm. Free Admission with a suggested donation to offset costs. Entertainment provided by DJ Lady J with games, dancing. Christmas "goodie" bags for each child. See enclosed flyer with all the details.

### **Religious & Civil Rights Report**

I am a Roman Catholic man-Father of 3, grandfather of 8. I am an American and I am concerned with the future of our great country (USA), morally, spiritually, socially and economically.

Let me start morally and spiritually. God is not allowed in the public square. WHY? Are the progressives, liberal, ACLU people, and I must say Democrats say the God can offend. What? Really have we Americans become so PC and fearful that we will offend someone? Will we offend ISIS? Will we offend Islamist Extremists? What about those Christian refugees from the Near East? I personally don't want refugees from Syria here I want Christian refugees here

Some may be offended by me saying Democrats. Let me explain. I grew up in Hudson County, certainly not the

birthplace of the Republican Party. My parents were ardent Democrats. My Mom was a Democratic Committee woman and Secretary to the County Committee. The Democratic party then was for the "Little guy". Not TODAY. They are the party of abortion. Is there anything smaller than a baby? (little guy)?

The President and the Democratic push ABORTION, Planned Parenthood. The Republican Candidates are for LIFE. Gentlemen- THINK We the Knights of Columbus are for Life. Vote your conscience.

Vivat Jesus

*Matt Connell R & CR chairperson*

### **Photo Gallery**

**Photo's from Children's Halloween Party**



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

Thurs, Dec. 31....8pm to 1am....a super extravaganza! Great menu, featuring Prime Rib Steak, Lobster Tail, Appetizers, Dessert, and after midnight snack. Fantastic price of \$90/pp. The Perfect Timing band will provide music.

Call Ken A at 516-220-9333 for reservations and payment. See the flyer you received with the November newsletter.

*PGK Co-Chairs G. DiCostanzo, & Steve Martin.*

### **New Year's Eve - Volunteers Needed**

As usual to put on this party we could not do it without the help of our volunteers. This is a CALL FOR HELP. It's a tough night to work at the Council but it's also a fun night for the working members. We'll feed you and your wife...and even though you're working, it will be FUN!

Call PGK Steve Martin at 201-262-2764 and let him know that YOU ARE IN!!!

*Have a Blessed Christmas and a  
Healthy New Year.*