



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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**Meets every first and third Monday of the month at 8:00pm**  
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**DECEMBER, 2016**

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## *Grand Knight's Message*

The most awaited month of the year has come and that is the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us come together and celebrate at our Adult Christmas Party on December 10th and by a Children Christmas Party on December 11th. Music entertainment will be provided by Panorama Music Band at the adult party and by DJ Lady J, Justine Noelle, at 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 31st 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, proceeds from 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.

At this time, I would like to thank all of my Brothers, Sister Columbiettes and all council friends who have helped us on the past council events not only during dinner dance, but to the corporate communions and the blood drive. 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,  
*Frank Gallacher*  
Grand Knight

## *Chaplain's Message*

Ready, Set, Go. The race is on. How many malls can you navigate? How many stores can you visit? How many presents can you buy? How many sales can you take advantage of? Retailers would have you believe that shopping is the only thing that matters for the next few weeks. On "Black Friday" many store opened at midnight. Many others stores didn't wait. They were open on Thanksgiving Day itself. The crowds waiting outsider prove that too many people have brought into the retailers message.

I know we all want to get the right present for everybody on our lists but do we really want to spend the next few weeks frantically rushing from store to store? I know that we all need to send cards and we all need to get the tree up and the decorations in place. I know that there are so many things that need to be done. The problem is that in spending so much time in getting ready for Christmas we forget to get ready for coming of Christ.

The message of Advent is that we must get ready; we must be prepared. This is the same message the stores are giving us. The question is; what are we preparing for? Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and into our homes. As we prepare our homes for the coming holiday let us prepare our hearts to welcome the King of Kings; the Savior born in a manger that we might share the glory of heaven.

Vivat Jesus  
*Rev. Stephen Carey*  
Chaplain

**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	201-214-9375
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:		
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Drug Awareness:	Rich Merkovsky,	201-494-9912
Family Activities:		
Feeding Homeless:	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
Mail Committee:	Dave Benson	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:		
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	201-385-2859

St. John Church Rep  
St. Mary Church Rep

Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Youth Activities:	John Racanelli	201-206-6425

**Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2016-2017**

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 201-707-7283
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 2016-2017**

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 2016-2017**

Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
Asst Scoutmaster:	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897

**Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)**

**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report – as of Nov. 27, 2016**

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

To add a name, call **George DiCostanzo, 201-338-2617.**

**Members**

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

**Relatives & Friends**

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Barbara Ann Lissi, Columbette's District Deputy
- Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.
- Jack Cohen, nephew Bill Horn;
- John Hite, relative of PGK Bill Connington.
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Brooks, wife of Jim Brooks;
- 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;
- Robert Ryder, relative of Matt Connell;
- Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;
- Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbette Pat Barkley.
- Therese DeFalco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.
- William Borrows, Jr, son of Bill Borrows

**Wakes**

Members: Edward Kostka;

Relatives & Friends: Ed Orr Jr;

-Frank Petrocelli, father of Master Russell Petrocelli;

-Fr. Donald Maclaughlin, formerly of St. Mary's.

**Reservations Procedure**

**Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.**

--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,

--Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333.**

**Hall For Rent**

Planning a party soon? Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187, email [kofc1345rentals@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345rentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org). The hall is available **with or without** catering.

### *From the News Desk*

**Birthday wishes** to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in **DECEMBER**. PGK Matt Hayes belated birthday on Nov. 24. Joan Trank birthday on Dec. 7; Michele Orsino Dec. 13; Nina Messina Dec. 21. Best Wishes to all.

### **Chancellor/Membership Report**

My Dear Sisters and Brothers, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Blessed and Holy Christmas.

I want to thank you for your support with inviting new members to our Council and I look forward to your continued support in the New Year. God Bless,

*Gerry Flood, Chancellor.*

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Dues bills for 2017 will be mailed the last week of December. Annual dues are due by January 30.

Repeated mailings to delayed-payers cost the council extra money in stationary and postage. Please pay on time.

If you can't pay on time, or it's financially difficult, call me at 201-338-2617 for a private discussion. We can work it out.

*George DiCostanzo, FS*

### **Respect Life Report**

A Blessed Christmas to all my Brothers and Sisters. Our Council and St John's Parish have reserved 2 busses for the March for Life in Washington DC on Friday January 27th.

Cost will be the same \$10.00 per person for bus. Dinner at Golden Coral after March. A GREAT DAY Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187 for reservations. Tell your friends Have a Happy, Healthy New Year

*Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman*

### **Keep Christ in Christmas**

New this year for St. John's Council's "Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign" - We will be selling the "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets for \$5 each with the proceeds going towards the Council's charitable works for Christmas.

**On the weekend of Dec. 3 & 4, we will be selling these magnets at St. Mary's Church in the vestibule.**

In addition the magnets will be available at all Council events. If you live outside the local area and wish to order a magnet, write to: Christmas Magnet, P O Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" banners have been put up at St. John's & St. Mary's churches. Lawn signs will be available soon at both churches.



*From left: banner at St. Mary's; KCIC car magnet; banner at St. John's.*

### **Are you on Facebook?**

We have created a new Facebook page open to the public to share our events and announcements with our family, friends, and community. Please do your part to help our Council be a success by joining the page and inviting those you know to join as well.

The page is titled "Events for St. John's Council #1345 Knights of Columbus." This page is for our events only, not Council business activities.

Also, be sure to join our email list by sending an email to [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com).

### *Photo Gallery*

#### **The Past Grand Knight Dinner for Larry Rivera**



***Jesus is the "reason for the season".***

The Grand Knight, and all the Officers of the Council and the Columbian Club wish all of our members and their families a Blessed Christmas Season.

### ***Dates to Remember***

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

Fri, Dec. 2      Columbian Club mtg. 8pm.  
Sat, Dec. 3      Rental - Living Word Church 7pm.  
                         2nd Degree Practice - 11am-1pm.  
                         KCIC car magnet sale-St. Mary's  
5:30pm.  
Sun, Dec 4      KCIC car magnet sale-St. Mary's all  
                         masses.  
Mon, Dec. 5      Council meeting 8pm  
Sat, Dec. 10      Adult Christmas party 7pm-11pm.  
Sun, Dec. 11      Kids Christmas party 2pm-5pm.  
Mon, Dec. 12      Officer meeting 8pm.  
Tues, Dec. 13      Rental - Dmt Women's Club 12pm.  
Sun, Dec. 18      Rental - Orsino birthday party  
Mon, Dec. 19      Council meeting 8pm  
Wed, Dec. 21      Columbiette meeting 7:30pm  
Fri, Dec. 23      (to be announced)  
Sat, Dec. 24      Christmas Eve  
Sun, Dec. 25      Christmas Day  
Mon, Dec. 26      Christmas Day (observed)  
Tues, Dec. 27      Columbian Club mtg 8pm.  
Sat, Dec. 31      New Year's Eve party 8pm-2pm.  
Sun, Jan. 1      New Year's Day  
Mon, Jan. 2      New Year's Day (observed).

### ***Troop 1345 Scout Report***

No report this month.

*Ray Ziembra, Asst Scoutmaster*

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

***The moon is right***

***The spirits up***

***We're here tonight***

***And that's enough***

***Simply having a wonderful Christmastime***

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(Paul McCartney, 1979)

Let the Christmas celebration begin at this most wonderful time of the year! Jingle bells will be rocking at the Knights Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10. Then the next day we can do it all again at the Children's Christmas party from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the council hall. The Columbiettes will be helping the Knights at this event and rumor has it Santa will be making a guest appearance, I hope he brings Mrs. Claus with him!

Our next Columbiette meeting is on December 21 at 7:30pm. This will be a short meeting so that we can have our own Christmas Party/pot luck supper. Then it's time to ring in the new year 2017! 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, blessed and fun new year!

*Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity*

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

Thank God the election is over, and the 45th president-elect of our country has been selected. Catholics, and other religions, can practice their faith and not be penalized or fined for doing so. Let us continue to pray for our new President and our blessed country. Vivat Jesus,

*Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman*

### ***Lecture Program***

Our guest speaker for January will be Fr. Anthony Mastroeni. His talk will be about St Teresa of Calcutta.

*Best, Geoff Sadock, Chairman*

### ***The K of C Organ Donor Program***

Brothers, with your family and friends, become an organ donor because the life that gets saved just might sit across from you at dinner tonight.

*Greg Ryan, Chairman*

### ***Business Services Directory.***

Enclosed is the latest issue. If you need help, call a Brother Knight, get good prices, and quality work.

It's Fall and Winter coming, time to think about raking leaves, gardening, home repairs or preparing for snowy weather. Check our Business Services directory for a Knight that can help you out.

Add your business to our Directory list; send name, phone, email, and service you provide. Mail to: Editor, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

*G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, Editor*

### ***Wake Service Call & Email List***

One of the most "fraternal" and "charitable" duties that we perform as Knights is to pay our respects to a Brother Knight and his family who has deceased. We offer a short prayer service and condolences to the family.

The value of our presence and prayer service for the family cannot be measured in any way. It's just special. But, the reality is this: the number of our members who show up is diminishing. We need more members from our local area.

**If you wish to participate, send me an email to: papagdc@aol.com. No email address, call me at 201-338-2617 and I will add you to the phone call list.**

*PGK George DiCostanzo, Sick & Wake.*

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

Get your reservations in early.