



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiette's, Scouts and Friends,

The Christmas Season is upon us and I take this opportunity in my Message to wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas. We celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas Day and our message as Catholics and Knights of Columbus must be "Keep Christ in Christmas". The rigors of daily life sometimes take all of us "off message" during this wonderful Season but, let each of us, in our own way, dedicate ourselves to the true spirit of Christmas- that Jesus was sent by the Father to be among us.

In the spirit of Christmas, I bring to everyone another endeavor that our council wishes to take on. Evangelism is defined as a "preaching of or a zealous effort to spread the Gospel". One of our Brothers, Innocent Amaefule, asks for our Council's help in spreading the Catholic Faith and to extend Evangelism in his homeland of Nigeria. Innocent's sister, Ngozi, operates a Catholic school in Nigeria called the Bernard School. It is a Catholic School whose mission is to spread God's Word as seen in the Gospel and to teach the children in Nigeria the lessons of God's love and mercy as taught to us by his Son Jesus.

The Bernard School needs our help to carry out its mission. The school needs school supplies- backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, binders (and whatever else you can think of). The Bernard School is not subsidized by the Nigerian government. The Bernard School is losing students to non-Christian schools because they don't have enough of the basic supplies to "compete" with the non-Christian schools. I am told that students want to enroll at Bernard, but they won't enroll there because the non-Christian schools can offer more to the student.

We will therefore, collect school supplies for the Bernard school at our Council Christmas Party and throughout the month of December. I ask for your help in this important endeavor. We can make a difference in our world in 2018 and beyond by assisting and bringing a stronger presence of the Catholic Church to Nigeria.

Our Council will also continue with our Food Collection Drive during the month of December and my officers and I ask that you continue your generosity in the donation of food for our Brothers and Sisters in Puerto Rico. Brothers Willie Cintron and Juan Melendez lead this effort on behalf of our Council. Everyone should know that Juan packed all of the food we received during our first Drive and sent it directly to his sister in Puerto Rico who distributed it to her neighbors in need. It's great to say that we know that our food reached people who really need our help. We will have containers in the Council through the end of December to collect your food donations.

As everyone can see this Council continues to do great things.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 8th, 2017 Council Christmas Social- 8pm
December 9th, 2017 Council Christmas Party- 7pm
December 10th, 2017 Children's Christmas Party- 2pm
December 31st, 2017 New Years Eve Party
January 10th, 2018 Feeding the Homeless at Hackensack Shelter- 4pm

I hope to see you at the Council
Vivat Jesus,

Steve Martin, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas; what do you say to others and what do you hope to hear from the sales clerk or the delivery person? Do the cards you send and hope to receive have Santa Claus and a tree or is there a manger and a star; a Virgin and Child? Do you view Advent as a time to shop till you drop or is it a chance to prayerfully consider the profound gift we have received in the birth of Child?

It's all a matter of priorities and balance. Are we getting ready to celebrate a big national holiday or are we getting ready to celebrate a great and glorious holyday? Do we get caught up in the hype fed to us by retailers and the media or do we find hope in the message of an angel? The message we try to promote as Catholics and as Knights is that we must all "Keep Christ in Christmas" but do we live the message each day?

I know that there are many things we must all do as Christmas approaches but the most important thing we must do is remember what it is that we are celebrating. God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, born in a manger, born of a Virgin, born to set us free from our sins. Let us view the season of Advent as a gift in which we are called to remember who we are; God's beloved children. Let us remember all that God has given us; He has given us salvation.

Vivat Jesus,

Rev. Stephen Carey, Chaplain

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Knights Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Nov 20, 2017

Bold Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, call ***Bob DeWald at 201-384-2259.***

Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK	-John P. McHugh
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-William Borrows	-Nick Albano
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Jim Mc Entee	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Brendan Thornton	-Frank Uvenio
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn
-Bill Connington, PGK	-Louis Labetti
-James Keane	-Jim Kelly, Sr.

Relatives & Friends

-Fr. Patrick Donohue, priest at St. Mary's Church
-Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.
-Jerry Oakley, PGK
-John Hickey, father of Timothy Hickey
-Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
-Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
-Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
-Linda Ilowite, daughter of Tony Tulli
-Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
-Maureen Kostka, wife of the late Ed Kostka.
-Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. Di Costanzo;
-Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
-Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;
-Sheila Tulli, wife of Tony Tulli
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Stephanie, niece of Jim Brooks;
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.
-William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows

Wakes

Members:

Relatives & Friends:

-Catherine Picinich, grandmother of Brian Sullivan.

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 Norm Saunders at 201-832-0105, or email TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com, or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. ***The hall is for rent with or without food catering.***

Keep Christ in Christmas Program

Street Banners: Look for our KCIC street banners at St. Mary's Church in Dumont, and St. John's in Bergenfield.

Nativity Creche - we hope to erect our Christmas Manger again this year. Look for an email notice about its status.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets are available. See ad on page 3. Display your Faith, call to order one today.

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our Brother Knights and their family members who may be celebrating a birthday in December, especially Nina Messina on Dec 21, and Alphonse DeStefano on Dec. 6.

Addison Palardy Med Fund donations continue to come in. Total collection is now at \$18,821.00. Thanks to all supporters.

NJ Sales Tax. FYI, beginning Jan. 1, sales tax in NJ is lowered to 0.06625%.

Chancellor-Membership Report

Brothers, this month we welcome First Degree Knight Michael Rowley to the Council. If you are interested in advancing your degree or know someone interested in their Admission Degree please let me know by calling or texting at 516-220-9333. Below is a list of the upcoming dates. If they do not work for you please let me know and we can investigate other locations.

- December 5 - Formation (Second) Degree - 7PM
- December 12 - Admission (First) Degree - 7PM
- January 9 - Admission (First) Degree - 7PM
- January 18 - Formation (Second) Degree - 7PM
- January 28 - Admission (First) Degree - 5PM

Kenneth Armellino, Chancellor

Financial Secretary Report

Dues bills for 2018 will be mailed the last week of December. Dues are due and payable by the end of January. Please be prompt with your payments. Repeated mailings to non-payers cost the council an unnecessary expense.

Benefits for our Members:

(1) - **Deborah Hospital**; if a brother knight is in need of cardiac care, he is welcomed at Deborah Hospital, and any procedure needed is FREE.

(2) - **Bergen Chapter K of C** - Our council recently rejoined with the Chapter, who exist for the sole purpose of helping fellow Knights who are in financial distress for health reasons.

For more information, contact me at 201-338-2617 or email to: papagdc@aol.com.

(3) - **The Council Relief Fund** - a benefit for our members who may find themselves in financial distress due to health or other reasons.

It's completely confidential, therefore, contact is to the Grand Knight directly at 201-669-8236.

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

The good news is that our Friday night socials continue to draw many members and their friends. Improvements to the facility are also on-going, not only changing the appearance of the facility to an elegant appearance, but also adding storage space which has been in dire need for some time.

The not so good news is that it takes much more money to operate the facility each month than was previously noted. In looking at areas to save, I am happy to report that we have reduced expense in two areas: (a) getting our Gas & Electric from a 3rd party supplier saving \$200/month; (b) new liability insurance policies savings us \$117/month. It's a start.

The rental business continues to be strong. A very busy December plus many rentals already booked for the Jan-June period. But to keep up with the monthly expense, we need more income. In January I hope to announce a 50/50 raffle to raise some funds with the help of our membership and friends. More details in the January newsletter.

On Sunday, Dec 31, we'll be hosting our annual New Year's Eve Party, one of our fundraisers for the Columbian Club. See the enclosed flyer for all the details.

On behalf of all the Twin Boro Columbian Club staff, and Grand Knight Steve Martin and all of the Council Officers, we wish you and your family a Blessed & Merry Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

George Di Costanzo, TBCC President

Respect for Life Report

Good News? Abortions are down by 25%. We believe they should be down 100%. I just question the real facts behind the 25% figure.

Since the advent of Plan B, an abortifacient drug that terminates pregnancy, originally required a prescription. Now it does not, so anyone over the age of 18 can purchase it at the Pharmacy, take this drug home, and take it thereby terminating their pregnancy. These instances are not reported as surgical abortions, so I wonder if that 25% is accurate.

PS: remember, the March for Life in Wash, DC on Friday, Jan 19, 2018. Save the date. We will have 2 buses leaving from St. John's Church after 6:00am Mass. Coffee and bages will be provided.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Keep Christ in Christmas

There is still time to buy "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets for \$5 each. They are excellent reminders of the true meaning of this holiday season and can be placed on your car, metal doors, your fridge, or anything metal.

They are available at the Council at all events including Friday Nights, or call me at 516-220-9399 to get one faster.

Send a check for \$5 for each magnet to K of C #1345 Christmas Magnet, PO Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Ken Armellino, Chairman

Our Seminarian, Moris Montoya

One of the support mechanisms in the K of C seminarian program is to communicate with a sponsored seminarian to offer prayers and support through letters or cards. Our seminarian Moris Montoya can certainly use prayers and support in his first year in the major seminary. With our prayers and the guidance of Our Lord, he will be ordained in 3-1/2 years.

In this Christmas Season, and beyond, if you wish to send Moris a card or letter, his address is as follows:

-Immaculate Conception Seminary,

-Moris Montoya,

-400 So. Orange Ave,

-So. Orange, NJ 07079

I am certain Moris will appreciate hearing from his sponsoring council.

PGK G. DiCostanzo, FS

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".

Dates to Remember

Fri, Dec. 1	Rental-Dmt Jr. Football 7pm Setup - Thurs, Nov. 30 7pm.
Sat, Dec. 2	Rental-Living Word Church 6:30pm. Setup - Sat morning 11am.
Sun, Dec. 3	Rental-Vantage Health 3pm. Setup - Sunday 1pm.
Thurs, Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day - Fly the Flag. Columbiettes Convention mtg 7:30pm.
Fri, Dec. 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception - holyday Christmas Social Friday night 8pm.
Sat, Dec. 9	Adult Christmas Party 7pm. Setup - Thurs, Dec. 7, 7pm.
Sun, Dec. 10	Children's Christmas party 2pm.
Mon, Dec. 11	AARP mtg. 10am Council Officer mtg. 8pm.
Tues, Dec. 12	Rental - Dmt Women's Club 12pm. Setup - Tues Dec. 12, 9am. Lounge. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wed, Dec. 13	Col Club mtg 8pm.
Fri, Dec. 15	Friday Night Social 8pm.
Sat, Dec. 16	Rental -Shop-Rite Christmas party 7pm. Setup - Thurs, Dec. 14 7pm.
Sun, Dec. 17	Rental - Stop & Shop Christmas party 4pm. Setup - Sun, Dec. 17, 1pm.
Mon, Dec. 18	Council Mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Dec. 20	Columbiettes mtg. 7:30pm.
Fri, Dec. 22	Friday Night Social 8pm.
Sat-Mon	Christmas Weekend - Council Closed.
Wed, Dec.27	Col Club New Year's mtg, 7:30pm.
Thurs-Sat	Setup - New Year's Eve party 7pm.
Sun, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve party 8pm - 1am.
Mon, Jan. 1	Council Closed - New Year's Day

Columbiette Report

**“Welcome to my Christmas song
I'd like to thank you for the year
So I'm sending you this Christmas card
To say it's nice to have you here”
(Elton John, 1973)**

Time to deck those halls and trim those trees.....Christmas is almost here!

We will rock the night away at Knights Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9. 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 I have inside information that Santa will be making a guest appearance and he's bringing the Mrs. with him.

Our next Columbiette meeting is on December 20 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 2018! 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, PP, Publicity

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.

Sign up at: www.registerme.org/knights

*Greg Ryan, Chairman,
201-919-2535*

Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 hosted its annual camping recruitment at Camp Bullowa, and had 22 scouts from Pack 131 and several inner city scouts from Scoutreach join them recently.

The program teaches younger scouts about camping techniques, and it is a great way for younger scouts to determine if they want to move onto Boy Scouting. *Ray Ziemba, Asst Scoutmaster*

Religious and Civil Rights Report

I am now an Octogenarian. I remember in all Public Schools a portion of the Old Testament was read daily at the beginning of class and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by students and teachers. What happened?

God has been taken out of schools and the Public Square because equal time and space must be given to atheists. I didn't know atheism was a "religion" but I think it is fair to say that ALL religions have lost followers since this has happened in the U. S.

Maybe some people should see a motion picture by the title of "Let there be Light". Great acting and a Greater message - an Atheist is converted to a person who recognizes God, God's love and everything our Almighty God does for us.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Photo Gallery



Our Chaplain, Fr. Stephen Carey, presiding at our Memorial Mass for Deceased Member & Columbiettes.



THANK YOU from The Palardy Family. Baby Addison being held by mom Patricia Bernard Palardy.