



# The Knight Times

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

We enter into the month of February and normally Lent would begin sometime this month but because Easter is late this year, on April 20, Ash Wednesday will not occur until March 5. So February is a month of Ordinary Time, when the cold of winter is at its peak and we long for the warm months ahead. During this month let us take courage from the holy men and women before us who we commemorate this month like: St. Claudine Thevenet (February 4), St. Agatha (February 5), St. Josephine Bakhita (February 8), St. Scholastica (February 10), and St. Valentine (February 14).

On February 3 we remember a woman who is up for canonization, Mary Elizabeth Lange from Baltimore, Maryland. She lived from 1784-1882. She was an emancipated Haitian slave who settled in the city of Baltimore. Mary Elizabeth Lange saw that there was no education for black children so she opened the first school for them in Baltimore. With the help of the Sulpician Fathers she established an academy for girls and founded an order of Religious Sisters known as the Oblate Sisters of Providence. This was the first religious order for women of African descent.

During her long life, Mother Mary Elizabeth opened more schools, orphanages and helped nurse the victims of the cholera epidemic that hit Baltimore. She fought against racism and believed in the dignity of every person. Jesus' message of mercy and love was at the heart of Mother Lange's life. She died on February 3, 1882. If you go to the Motherhouse of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and visit their chapel you will find the remains of Mother Lange there. Someday soon we will be honoring the first Haitian American saint, Mary Elizabeth Lange.

May her message and example warm our hearts during the cold month of February.

May God be praised,

*Fr. Dominic*

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Boy Scouts, Family, Widows and Friends...

I hope that the winter has not been hard on you this year. We are moving at a quicker pace the second half of the year as our events and fundraisers begin to kick in.

On January 10, the Lorraine Riordan-Mooney fundraiser was held in our council. I would like to extend a humbling thank you to all my brother Knights and sister Columbiettes that were there either serving, cleaning, moving food to the next station, tending bar and just making sure that we were represented. This was a night that we shined and outshone the sun! Our first principle of the order is charity and that night it was evident that we are the most charitable organization in the area. We helped raise an awful lot of money that night, our PGK Lou Pidi won the 50/50 and quickly donated it back, our bartenders donated all of their tips for the night to the fund. If this is not charity and the Knights at work, then I do not know what is. I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of all of you who helped make this night extra special. **THANK YOU!!!**

There is a small but diligent group of people within our council who always goes unnoticed. These men and women are the ones who give of their time to come down and set up our hall for our rentals, fund raisers and council events. Without them, our functions would not look as nice as they do. The setup team led by Chancellor Larry Rivera consists of Frank Gallacher, Frank Polise, Gloria and Bill Horn, Ed Orr, John McGill, Joe Welsh, Nina and George DiCostanzo, if there is anyone I missed, please accept my apologies. Just let me know and I will mention you in the next newsletter.

The council will host a third degree on **February 7, 2014**. I would like to see as many brother Knights there as possible to show the unity that this council has in front of all the new third degree candidates. This degree will be in honor of PGK Dave Benson. Dave is a 50 year member and serves at times as a replacement trustee when needed. It is an honor he deserves. The February Dinner is the **Valentine's Day dance** on **February 15, 2014**. Come on down with your valentine and enjoy the sounds of love in the air. Hope to see you then.

Vivat Jesus,

*Charles Hollis*

Charles (Chuck) Hollis, Grand Knight

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of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

**Council Officers**

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Church Activities:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
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-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo	201-244-6579
-SMA Mission	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Parish Roundtable:	Charles Hollis, GK	201-314-8599
Program Director:	Carmine Grillo, DGK	201-244-6579
Publicity:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Rel & Civil Rgts:	Tom Ciotti, PGK	201-424-5472
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Carmine Grillo	201-244-6579
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Rosary Hour:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Scholarship:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Sick & Wake:	Bill Connington, PGK,	201-385-9697
Squires:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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Sentinel:	Pauline Scalice	201-338-2789

**Squires - Circle #1622**

(inactive)	-----	-----
	<b>Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts</b>	
Scoutmaster(new).	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912

**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report - as of Jan. 15, 2014**

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

To add a name to list, contact **Bill Connington 201-385-9697.**

**We are starting a new sick list beginning with this February 2014 issue. If you would like to continue to have our council pray for family and friends, contact Bill as noted above.**

**Members**

*Ed Kostka*

**Relatives & Friends**

*Laurie, wife of Bob Knott;*

**Wakes**

Members:

*-George Connelly;*

Relatives & Friends:

*-Eileen O'Leary, widow of the late Frank O'Leary;*

*-Helene Coll, wife of Joseph Coll;*

*-Lorraine Riordan-Mooney, St. Mary's Church;.*

**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***

*Birthdays* wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in February. Late birthday wishes to our Chaplain Emeritus Fr. John F. Murray, 91 years on Jan. 25.

*Anniversaries:* PGK Tom & Joan Trank Feb. 9. Fr. John F. Murray, 57 years a priest Feb. 9.

*Bergen Federation:* annual Communion Breakfast Sunday March 2. Coadjutor Archbishop Hebda will celebrate mass and be guest speaker. Cost \$20/pp; RSVP by Feb. 21. Call FDD Russ Petrocelli, 201-873-5879.

*Catholic Men's Conference,* at Seton Hall Univ, on Sat, March 15, with guest speaker Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

*Fourth Degree Exemplification,* Sunday, March 30, 2014 at Parsippany Hilton at 1pm.

*Pride in Priests Dinner* – Wednesday, May 7 at the Fiesta.

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

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

**The next rosary hour is Wednesday, Feb 12, 2014.**

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

Here we are just over half the Columbian year is past and we are moving forward. However, we need your help Brothers in continuing our mission of Charity, Unity & Fraternity.

Get involved with your council in some way and donate some time to the cause. Maybe you are a fledgling leader at our council but don't know it yet. Stop down on a Friday and enjoy a snack and a beer with us. God bless Brothers.

*Carmine Grillo, Deputy Grand Knight*

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

I am happy to report the addition of two new Brothers to our order and council by exemplifying the first degree in January. Join me in welcoming Brothers Robert Truppe and David Gallacher. David is the son of our Brother Frank Gallacher; Bob is the husband of Past Columbiette President Mattea Truppe. Welcome Brothers and congratulations as you begin your journey in the Knights.

The Third Degree will be exemplified at our Council on Friday, February 7, 2014 with PGK Dave Benson the honoree. Call Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456 if you want to complete your journey to knighthood. You will not regret it!

*Lauro Rivera, Membership Chairman*

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

*(editor's note: Ed suffered a broken ankle and required surgery to repair. There will be a temporary delay in the processing of dues and ID cards. Keep Ed in your prayers.)*

*Ed Kostka, Financial Secretary*

### ***Super Bowl Party***

Our Annual Super Bowl Party will be held on February 2, 2014. **Reservations are a Must!** The cost is \$25 per person. Contact Steve Martin at 201-262-2764 with your reservation.

*PGK Steve Martin, Chairman*

### ***Atlantic City bus trip***

ANNUAL ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP, to CAESARS CASINO FEBRUARY 9, 2014. BUS LEAVES 8:30 AM SHARP from the Council hall.

COST: \$30/pp, GETTING BACK \$25 CASINO CREDIT.

CONTACT TOM SCHMIDT 201-385-4871.

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

Thanks to all the Brothers and their Councils for their support for the March For Life in Wash, DC Jan 22, 2014 both spiritually and financially. We continue to pray for the unborn souls.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

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

Troop 1345 hosted its annual Klondike Prep weekend at Stony Point, New York in January.

Some 20 Webelos and parents 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 or March.

Six of Troop 1345's scouts have completed the Ad Altare Dei award from the Archdiocese of Newark Catholic Committee on scouting. That includes Daniel Adomilli, Matt Bambling, Daniel Cetera, Collin Delibero, Justin Merkovsky, and Trevor Moriarty. The award will be presented on Feb 9. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Troop 1345 once again has reached the GOLD AWARD in 2013 for scouting's Journey to Excellence program. This is a recognition that the troop is very proud of, showing that the troop delivers a quality program to our youth, and does so in a qualitative way. It is a reflection of dedicated youth members, dedicated leaders, and dedicated support from the Knights of Columbus. The troop has also been recognized by the Northern New Jersey Council as one of the stronger troops in the Bergen County area.

*Ray Ziemba, Adult Counselor*

### ***Columbiette Report***

AH...February... "will he or won't he?" ...and I'm not talking about Cupid! Will that pesky groundhog see his shadow or will we have an early spring? I know we always hope for that early spring, but, we know six more weeks of winter are on the way.

Plan to spend one of those winter nights, Friday March 14, at the Fish Fry that the Columbiettes are hosting at the Knights hall. Our very own "Columbiette Cooking Team" will be in the kitchen cooking dinner that night.

This is our first fundraiser for the new year so if you can help out in anyway please let President Joan Winant know. Any help you could give is very much appreciated!

Until next month.....THINK SPRING!

*Peace, Roberta Elwell, Vice President*

### ***Scholarship Applications***

Applications and Instructions for the 2014 Scholarship Awards will be available at the Council (at the bar...ask the bartender). Applicants must have a parent, grandparent, or brother member to be eligible. Awards are for first year students only for College or Catholic High School.

*PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman, 201-338-2617.*

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Co-chairman, 201-387-0240.*

**Dates to Remember**

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

- Sat, Feb. 1 Rental - 6pm.
- Sun, Feb. 2 Super Bowl party 5pm.  
*Groundhog Day.*
- Mon, Feb. 3 Council meeting – 8pm.
- Wed, Feb. 5 *Ash Wednesday – Lent begins.*
- Fri, Feb. 7 Council Closed – Third Degree 7pm.
- Sun, Feb. 9 Atlantic City bus trip – 8:30am.
- Mon, Feb. 10 Officer meeting – 8pm.
- Tues, Feb. 11 *Feast – Our Lady of Lourdes*
- Wed, Feb. 12 *Lincoln’s Birthday*
- Fri, Feb. 14 *Valentine’s Day*
- Sat, Feb. 15 Valentine Day party – 7pm.
- Sun, Feb. 16 Rental – 12pm.
- Mon, Feb. 17 *President’s Day*  
Council meeting – 8pm. Lecturer 9pm.
- Wed, Feb. 19 Columbiettes – 7:30pm.
- Sat, Feb. 22 *Washington’s Birthday*
- Sun, Feb. 23 Rental – Blue & Gold dinner
- Mon, Feb. 24 Columbian Club meeting – 8pm.
- Wed, Feb. 5 *Ash Wednesday*
- Sun, Mar. 9 *Daylight Savings Time – clocks ahead.*
- Fri, Mar. 14 Fish Fry dinner – 5pm.

**A Daily Thought to Live by**

*"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile."*

*"If you approach life this way, always looking for ways to build instead of to tear down, you'll be amazed at how much happiness you can give to others and find for yourself".*  
Mother Theresa

**Photo Gallery**



(charity at work for a church friend in medical need, called to her eternal rest just before this fundraiser. Gratitude to anyone who participated.)

**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. OR,  
 --Call: Chancellor Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.

**Famous Knights of Columbus**

(submitted by Brother Matt Connell)

- James J. Braddock, (1905-1974), boxer aka Cinderella Man;
- James Connelly, (1868-1957, First American Olympian Gold Medalist;
- Vincent Lombardi, (1913-1970), football, Green Bay Packers & Washington Redskins coach, who also studied for the priesthood for two years;
- Connie Mack, (1862-1956), manager & owner of the baseball Philadelphia Athletics;
- Floyd Patterson (1938-2006), boxer, and Eucharist Minister;
- George Herman (Babe) Ruth, (1895-1948), baseball great.

*If you know of any other famous Knights of Columbus, mail it in to: Editor, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.*

*We'll keep this column going.....*

**Business Services Directory.**

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 Send business name, contact, phone, email, and service you provide.  
 Mail to: Bus List/Editor, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.  
 G. DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN, Editor

**Stewardship – A Way of Life**  
(a new monthly series)

Beginning with their baptismal call and strengthened by the Church, stewards become followers of Jesus in a personal way.

**Sadie Hawkins / Valentine’s Day Dance**

Put on your dancing shoes and grab your partner for the **Sadie Hawkins / Valentine’s Day Dance - Saturday February 15th, 2014 7:00 - 11:00 PM.** Girls now's the time to ask out the man you've had your eye on.

Sadie Hawkins Day is typically recognized as February 29. It rolls around once every four years (but can be celebrated annually). And the import of this unofficial holiday is that on **Sadie Hawkins Day it's considered acceptable for a woman to propose to a man (or at least ask him to the dance).**

You've been waiting for this dance for awhile, now you get the chance to ask out the guy (husband) you've had a crush on (or are married to). "Next chance you got, you have to ask him, no matter what."

It's February, it's cold - come join us at the Council for a fun filled evening. Dinner, dancing and general companionship all rolled into one. As usual, Cost is \$30.00 per person for entertainment, camaraderie, fine dinner and beverages.

To ensure we adequately prepare for the festivities, please make certain to confirm reservations on or before 02/01/2014 (see Reservation Procedure this page of The Knight Times). Any questions and / or concern, I am at your service...

*Timothy Hickey, Chairman, 201.417.7776*