



# The Knight Times

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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Friends,

On Wednesday, February 18 we begin the Holy Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. A time for us Christians to reflect more intensely on our spiritual lives. See what faults we have committed and make amends. It's a 40 day period for us to change our lives in some way, even in a small way. The saints did this in their own lives. They were not perfect but on the spiritual journey they learned how to become better individuals. They are our examples.

One such saint who can act as a Lenten Guide for us is St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother (Feast day is February 27). He reflected a great deal during his short life on the Passion and death of Our Savior and on the Sorrows of Mary. As you read his story here ask St. Gabriel to help you make the most of this Lenten Season by helping you to make a total change of heart.

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother (1838-1862), who was born to a large family in Assisi, surprised his friends and family when, at sixteen, he announced his intention to join the Passionist order. Hardly a model of piety, he was known among his friends as a lighthearted prankster and something of a dandy. Unbeknownst to others, however, he had made a vow, during a serious illness, that if he recovered he would enter religious life. Afterward he could not be dissuaded.

St. Gabriel applied himself avidly to his spiritual formation, seeking in all things to find the way to holiness. "I will attempt day by day to break my will into pieces", he wrote. "I want to do God's Holy Will, not my own." After continuously rejecting Gabriel's plea to practice more severe mortifications, his spiritual director finally, as a lesson in humility, ordered him to wear a barbed chain outside his clothing, "so that all may see what a man of great mortification you are." Gabriel complied cheerfully.

After only four years in religious life Gabriel showed the first sign of tuberculosis. As his condition worsened, all were struck by his ability to maintain his good cheer and gentleness. He died on February 27, 1862. Canonized in 1920, he was declared a patron of Catholic youth.

***St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother: Pray for Us!***

May God be Praised,

*Fr. Dominic*

Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain

**GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:**

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

Here we are in February and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. As we move into February we have a few events coming up. On February 1 we will be hosting a Super bowl party at St. John's Council #1345. And on February 27 we are hosting a third degree exemplification at our council. We will be honoring our Worthy Treasurer Bill Horn for his many years of service to our council.

On another subject, we are looking for our missing Brothers to come back and get involved in your council and church. The first principle of our order is Charity and as Knights of Columbus we are called to serve our church and community. I ask my fellow Brothers to come back as an active member of St. John's Council #1345. Come down on a Friday night, have a drink and something to eat and get to know your Brothers as there have been many changes since you were here and you may actually enjoy yourself.

Vivat Jesus,

*Carmine Grillo, Jr.*

Carmine Grillo, Grand Knight

2014-2015 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries  
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345

| <b>Council Officers (new)</b> |                         |              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Chaplain Emeritus:            | Rev. John F. Murray     | 201-567-0450 |
| Chaplain:                     | Rev. Dominic Ciriaco    | 201-384-0557 |
| Grand Knight                  | Carmine Grillo          | 201-244-6579 |
| Deputy GK:                    | Lauro Rivera            | 201-315-0456 |
| Chancellor                    | Matt Connell            | 201-387-7187 |
| Warden                        | Keith Hilcken           | 201-993-4476 |
| Recorder                      | Frank Gallacher         |              |
| Treasurer                     | William Horn            | 201-385-7652 |
| Advocate                      | Phil Fredericks, PGK    | 201-321-6695 |
| Financial Secy:               | G. DiCostanzo, PGK      | 201-338-2617 |
| Inside Guard                  | Ken Armellino           | 516-220-9333 |
| Outside Guard I               | Kevin Sheridan          | 201-566-8194 |
| Outside Guard II              | Tim Hickey              | 201-417-7776 |
| Trustee 1 yr.                 | Steve Martin, PGK       | 201-262-2764 |
| Trustee 2 yr.                 | B. Bochicchio, FDD, PGK | 201-385-9015 |
| Trustee 3 yr                  | Dave Benson, PGK        | 201-385-1839 |
| Lecturer                      | Dr. Geoffrey Sadock     | 201-387-0240 |
| Insurance Agent               | John McAvinue           | 973-563-0120 |

| <b>Council Chairmen &amp; Directors</b> |                       |              |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| Church Activities:                      | John Scalice          | 201-338-2789 |
| Community Affairs:                      | Lou Pidi, PGK         | 201-707-7253 |
| Council Activities:                     | Keith Hilcken         | 201-993-4476 |
| Drug Awareness:                         | Keith Hilcken         | 201-993-4476 |
| Event Reservations:                     | Larry Rivera          | 201-315-0456 |
| Family Activities:                      | Mike Cremin           | 201-956-2789 |
| Loaves & Fishes:                        | John Scalice          | 201-338-2789 |
| Mail Committee:                         | Dave Benson, PGK      | 201-385-1839 |
| Membership:                             | Matt Connell          | 201-387-7187 |
| Newsletter Editor:                      | G. DiCostanzo, PGK    | 201-338-2617 |
| Parish Liaison's:                       |                       |              |
| -St. John Church                        | Bill Horn             | 201-385-7652 |
| -St. Mary Church                        | Carmine Grillo        | 201-244-6579 |
| -SMA Mission                            | Matt Connell          | 201-387-7187 |
| Parish Roundtable:                      | Carmine Grillo, GK    | 201-244-6579 |
| Program Director:                       | Lauro Rivera          | 201-315-0456 |
| 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:                              | Lauro Rivera          | 201-315-0456 |
| Retreat:                                | Tony Tulli            | 732-608-0784 |
| Rosary Hour:                            | George Corbo          | 201-450-1205 |
| Scholarship:                            | Dr. Geoffrey Sadock   | 201-387-0240 |
| Sick & Wake:                            | Bill Connington, PGK, | 201-385-9697 |
| Squires:                                | Phil Fredericks, PGK  | 201-321-6695 |
| Webmaster:                              | Brian O'Dowd          | 201-385-2859 |
| Youth Activities:                       | Ivan Hannibal, PGK    | 646-528-9592 |

| <b>Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers(update in Sept.)</b> |                 |              |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| President:  | Louis Pidi      | 201-707-7253 |
| Vice President:   | Phil Fredericks | 201-321-6695 |
| Secretary:  | Randy Dunkin    | 201-800-2381 |
| Treasurer:  | Mike Cremin     | 201-956-2782 |
| Bar:  | Phil Fredericks | 201-321-6695 |
| Kitchen:  | Jerry Passano   | 201-403-8980 |
| Dishwasher:   | John Graham     | 201-387-0419 |
| Purchasing:   | John Orsino     | 201-244-5875 |
| Rentals:  | Robert DeWald   | 201-264-6290 |
| Servers/Waiters:  | Timothy Hickey  | 201-417-7776 |

| <b>Columbette's Ladies Auxiliary (new)</b> |                 |              |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| President:                                 | Joan Winant     | 201-696-1159 |
| Vice-Pres:                                 | Nina DiCostanzo | 201-338-2617 |
| Secretary:                                 | Annette Roge    | 201-384-4260 |
| Financial Secy:                            | Laura Labetti   | 201-387-7479 |
| Treasurer:                                 | Lillian Holmes  | 201-342-5142 |
| Sentinel:                                  | Pauline Scalice | 201-338-2789 |
| <b>Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts</b>            |                 |              |
| Scoutmaster                                | Rich Merkovsky  | 201-494-9912 |

**Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)**

**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake Report – as of Jan. 18, 2014**

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

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

**Members**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| -Fr. John F. Murray, SMA; | -Ed Orr          |
| -Jack McHugh, Sr.         | -Joseph Johnson  |
| -Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK    | -John Scalice;   |
| -Dick Dorozynski          | -Jim McEntee     |
| -John McGill, PGK;        | -Bill Horn       |
| -Tom Trank, PGK           | -Tom Ciotti, PGK |
| -Bill Connington, PGK     | -John Orsino     |

**Relatives & Friends**

-Andrew DiCostanzo, grandson of PGK G. DiCostanzo;  
-Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;  
-Barbara Dunkin, wife of Randy Dunkin;  
-Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman  
-Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;  
-Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;  
-Nunzia, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;  
-Raymond Johnston (Tuck), cousin of Dr. Geoff Sadock.  
-Robert Murphy, nephew of PGK Dave Benson;  
-Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;  
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barkley.

**Wakes**

Members: None.

Relatives & Friends:

-Kevin Healey, friend of Al Moriarty.  
-Father-in-law of Michael Licameli.

**Prayer 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."*

**Reservations Procedure & Payment**

Advanced Payment and Reservations for all of our functions are a must. Mail in the reply form found at the bottom of our montly event flyers.

--Email: lbrivera@optonline.net, OR,  
-Call: DGK Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456.

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

**Scholarship Applications**

Applications for 2015 awards are available at the Council beginning on Friday January 30. Just ask the bartender for a complete set, including instructions.

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman*

**NJ K of C State Convention**

Friday & Saturday, May 15-16. Applications are now available. Call PGK George DiCostanzo for a copy, or email to: papagdc@aol.com.

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

*Birthday wishes* to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in February, 2015.

*Congratulations* to Fr. John Murray SMA celebrating his 58th year of ordination on February 9. Father also celebrated his 92nd birthday on January 25.

*Congratulations* to Tom and Joan Trank celebrating 58 years of marriage on February 9.

*K of C 2015 Bowling Tournament.* March 8-9, and March 14-15. Cost \$30 per bowler. Call Barry at 732-370-0562.

*Pope Francis* completed his trip to the Phillipines with mass with 6 million people in attendance, surpassing Pope John Paul II when he had 5 million people for his last mass.

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

***(note: new time 7:00pm)***

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

The next rosary hour is **Wednesday, MARCH 11, 2015.**  
*The February rosary hour is cancelled.*

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

December and January have been great in our council with the success celebration of our Christmas parties for both adults and kids, New Year's Eve and a Fr. Murray Dinner Dance . These events have been successful because of continued participation and cooperation of some of brothers, sister Columbiettes and friends.

Some of our brothers may not able to help on these celebrations because of family activities and cold weather on the past Christmas and New Year's season but I appeal to all of you to help us in the coming months on our coming rentals and council events. Any help in the kitchen, waiters, dishwashing, setup are greatly appreciated. An hour or two of your time is all what we ask for and it'll impact the future of our council especially to the charitable organizations we're involved with.

Again, I'd like to remind that our council is open every Friday from 8:00-11:00PM for all of us, friends and neighbors. Come on down and chat with your brothers, new friends while enjoying a complimentary snack.

*DGK Larry Rivera*

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

Brothers- St John's Council is hosting the 3rd degree on Friday Eve Feb 27th. Check in time is 7pm.

It is in honor of our own Bill Horn. We have 3 candidates for the degree. Come and welcome them and the others becoming full fledged members of our Order.

*Matt Connell, Membership Chairman*

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

**Dues:** Thank you to the members that have mailed in their dues already; it surely helps out the Council. A special thank you to our Hon Life members for their donations to our Scholarship Fund.

For those who still have not paid, Second Notice dues bills will be mailed the first week in February. ***We ask that you pay promptly upon receipt of this Second Notice.*** Repeated mailings cost the council extra money.

**Member Survey:** It's not too late to mail back your Member Information Form. The "yellow" from you received with the November newsletter. Important information is needed from you in order to serve you better as a K of C member.

Information such as telephone number, email address, spouse name, next of kin information, Mail it back with your dues.

As always, if you need my services, my complete contact information is on the back of the member ID card.

*George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

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

February, the month of Groundhogs & Shadows, Washington & Lincoln's Birthdays, Valentine Hearts & flowers....***AND Cod & God Fish Fry!***

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 20 as our very own Columbiette Cooking Team will be in the kitchen making all of the delicious dinners. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children (12 and under). Time is from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the council hall.

Dinner consists of, beer battered fish, French fries, macaroni and cheese ,cole-slaw, and of course, dessert! Cash bar will be available.

Reservations are a must! Please call Nina DiCostanzo @ 201-338-2617 or email Nina at ninad70@aol.com. Or, call Laura Labetti @ 201-387-7479, or email Laura at labetti250@optonline.net to let them know how many will be in your party.

If you're unable to attend this Cod & God Fish Fry, good news, the Columbiettes will be hosting another one on Friday, March 13. Details will be in the March Knights Times Bulletin.

So, don't be "a fish out of water".....come to one of these fish fry's, (or both!) and Enjoy!

*PP Roberta Elwell, Publicity*

### ***Lecturer Program***

On Monday February 16, at about 9pm, Father Mastroeni will speak on Blessed Miriam Teresa - "the answer to Jersey Housewives".

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman*

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

Our Super Bowl Party will be held on February 1, 2015. The doors will open at 5PM. The cost is \$25 per person which includes chicken wings, hot dogs, ziti, chili and beverages.

This event is also a fund raising event for one of our charities, the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group.

Therefore, advance reservations are a must for this Party! I want to avoid a cancellation of this fun event, so if you are planning to attend, it's not too early; call me at 201-262-2764.

***Even if you are a player in the pool, you must call to let us know you're coming.***

*PGK Steve Martin, Chairman*

### ***Basketball Free Throw Contest***

The St. John's Council #1345 of the K of C is sponsoring its Basketball Free Throw competition on Saturday, January 31 to be held at Conlan Hall (St. John) at 8:30AM. This event is open to boys and girls 10-14. All participants must bring proof of age. For further information and to register please contact Ivan Hannibal at hannibalid@aol.com.

### **Dates to Remember**

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

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Sun, Feb. 1   | Super Bowl party 5pm.  |
| Mon, Feb. 2   | <i>Presentation of the Lord solemnity.</i><br>Council meeting 8pm.           |
| Tues, Feb. 3  | <i>St. Blaise solemnity, blessing of throats.</i>                            |
| Mon, Feb. 9   | Officer meeting 8pm.   |
| Tues, Feb. 10 | <i>Our Lady of Lourdes solemnity.</i>  |
| Sat, Feb. 14  | <i>Valentine's Day</i><br>Rental 7pm.  |
| Sun, Feb. 15  | Newsletter Deadline for reports.<br>Rental - fundraiser                      |
| Mon, Feb. 16  | <i>President's Day - fly the flag.</i><br>Council meeting 8pm. Lecturer 9pm. |
| Wed, Feb. 18  | <i>Ash Wednesday</i><br>Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.                          |
| Fri, Feb. 20  | Fish Fry 6pm by Columbiettes.  |
| Mon, Feb. 23  | Columbian Club meeting 8pm.  |
| Tues, Feb. 24 | Newsletter mailing 10am.   |
| Fri, Feb. 27  | Third Degree 7pm. COUNCIL CLOSED.  |

### **Troop 1345 Scout Report**

Troop 1345 is proud to announce its newest Eagle Scout – Matthew Bambling. Matt passed his Eagle Board of Review on January 11, becoming the Troop's eighth Eagle Scout. Matt earned his Eagle Scout rank by completing all of his required merit badges, displaying leadership during his project (building a gazebo in the prayer yard at Sacred Heart Church in Haworth), and by providing leadership and guidance to his fellow scouts. Matt is a member of Troop 1345's first recruiting class from April 2008. Matt demonstrated the hard work, character, integrity, and honor that go into earning the Eagle Scout rank. Congratulations Matt!

Troop 1345's winter program started off with a weekend camping trip to Camp Bullowa in Stony Point, NY, on January 31. The troop had over 25 Webelos scouts participate in the program, some of whom are anticipated to be joining the Troop 1345 family in February or March. The scouts spent the weekend learning about Emergency Preparedness and outdoor skills.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Troop 1345's annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will be held at the Knights of Columbus on Friday, March 6 from 5pm until 8pm. Details will be emailed to all members in February, or you may contact Jill Moriarty at 201-280-6667.

*Ray Ziembra, Assistant Scoutmaster*

### **San Alfonso Retreat**

On November 9, 2014, I was invited to a captains meeting, mass, and dinner at the Retreat House. At the meeting, the 2015 retreat schedule was discussed.

Our retreat will be July 17-19, 2015. The topic, theme, menu were talked about. A lot of the rooms are going to be done over and made more comfortable.

I am happy to tell you that all damage from Sandy has been fixed. Boardwalk is complete, new gazebo and new benches have been installed. Come enjoy a great weekend of

companionship, food and relaxing. Get a chance to get closer to God. Please bring a friend. God Bless.

*Tony Tully, Chairman*

### **Shelter Help Needed**

My friend Erne Linn does a lot of work with the homeless shelter that helps families in Bergen county. The families are hosted at different churches in the area for a week or so.

Help is desperately needed for when the shelter is hosted at the Korean church in Closter.

**The following dates represent the dates for 2015:  
2/8 Sunday for one week; 3/1 Sunday for one week'  
11/1 Sunday for one week**

There are a few different jobs where help is needed but the biggest need is for people to stay overnight. There are new, comfortable air mattresses and the people are wonderful.

Overnight volunteers need to get the residents up for breakfast and on the bus by 6am. On Saturday and Sunday volunteers need to stay until 7:30am.

Please consider getting involved at whatever level of commitment you are able to. If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information please contact Erne. Her e-mail address is [ernelinn3@gmail.com](mailto:ernelinn3@gmail.com). Thanks a million.

*Tom Ciotti, PGK*

### **Right to Life Report**

The March for Life in Washington Dc on Thursday Jan 22 2015 on the 42nd Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs Wade SCOTUS decision was a success with 2 busses from St John's going to DC.

Hundreds of thousands marched on Constitution Ave to the Supreme Court to protest the decision. We pray we will not have to do this march again. Save the babies.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### **Collection Drive for Disabled Persons**

Mark the dates - April 30, May 1, May 2, May 3. We'll be calling for volunteers from our local members and our sister Columbiettes to help with the collection. 2-hour shifts at our local stores.

*PGK Steve Martin, Chairman*

### **K of C Insurance**

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Call our Ins Agent John McAvinue 973-563-0120.

### **Upcoming Dates**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| -Fri, Mar. 6  | Scouts Troop 1345 pasta dinner 5pm.                                     |
| -Sun, Mar. 8  | Daylight Savings Time begins<br>Pancake Breakfast for Scholarship Fund. |
| -Sun, Mar. 22 | Columbiettes 10th anniversary mass 12pm.                                |
| -Sat, Mar. 28 | St. Patrick's Dinner Dance 7pm.   |

### **Photo Gallery**

*none this month.*