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Grand Knight's Message

I hope that you all have enjoyed a glorious Christmas Season surrounded by family, friends and loved ones. In 2016, we had a great year which included; new endeavors, new members and the continued commitment of our Council Family. Please accept my sincere congratulations on an outstanding achievement driven by your faith, charity and continued support. I would ask that you take a moment to reflect on the achievements of the last year and accept that you have touched others and enriched lives.

As the new year begins, we must continue our efforts to strengthen our Council and remain steadfast to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. While this may sound like a tall order, it is one that you have risen to year after year. I ask for your continued support for our charitable events and to introduce others to our Council so that our numbers may continue to grow.

There will be two important events in January. We will host a Murder Mystery Night on January 13th which will support local talent. Additionally, we will celebrate our Chaplain Emeritus Father Murray with the Father Murray Dance on January 28th. The Father Murray Dance supports the Father Murray Scholarship Fund for Squires and our own Council Scholarship Fund and provides us with the opportunity to celebrate and honor our beloved Chaplain.

Vivat Jesus,

Frank Gallacher, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

As one year ends and a new one begins, we are called to consider the passing of time. And so for your reflection, I offer you this prayer. Yours in Christ,

Fr. Carey

A Blessing of Time

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice.

Lord, we thank you for your gift of the seasons. Through your reflected beauty, they help us to mark the passing of time.

Bless us with your special accuracy, those who help us be organized and on time, who help us keep our schedules and appointments.

Bless us with sensitivity when we impose on the precious time of others.

For those whose time is now eternity, share the blessing of your light and peace.

You said, "Watch and pray, for you know not the day or the hour." May the anticipation of your coming turn us to you each day.

Take from us the guilt and failure of the past by deepening our faith in your forgiveness.

Spare us all anxiety and worry for the future by strengthening our trust in your ever watchful and loving providence.

Teach us to live each day in your love, cherishing each moment as we experience it, leaving all else safely in your hands.

Hear us now in your mercy and extend your blessing to the instruments, calendars and timepieces we use to measure time.

Bless our clocks and watches so we may experience the miracle of each second. May they help us not miss what is important while you keep us from our machine-like routine. Free us from being clock watchers, make us time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of weeks and months, of holy days and holidays, of feast and fasts, all our special days of remembering.

And finally, Lord, bless this new year, each of its days and nights. Bless us with full moons and new moons, with happy seasons and healthy lives.

Grant to us, Lord, your gift of love and peace. Amen.

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
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Treasurer	Kevin Mulhern	201-247-5602
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Trustee 1 yr.	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Trustee 2 yr.	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
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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:		
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
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:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Vice President:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Secretary:	Lou Pidi	201-707-7253
Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Bar:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Kitchen Captain:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Kitchen Cooks	Lou Pidi	201-707-7253
Dishwasher:	(open)	
Purchasing:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Rentals:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Servers/Waiters:	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764

Columbiette'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 Dec. 21 , 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.	- <i>Matt Hayes, PGK</i>
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn
-Bill Connington, PGK	-Jun Adel

Relatives & Friends

- Barbara Ann Lissi, Columbiette'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 the late Ed Kostka.
- Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;*
- 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 Columbiette Pat Barkley.
- Therese DeFalco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.
- William Borrows, Jr, son of Bill Borrows

Wakes

Members: Patrick O'Donoghue; Joseph Matarazzo FDD;

Relatives & Friends: Amelia Rivera, mother of PGK L. Rivera; Carol Ajello, wife of Al Ajello; Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio.

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 or check our website: 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 **JANUARY**. Late birthday wishes to Darcy Gallacher, wife of GK Frank Gallacher on Dec. 23; John Orsino on Dec. 28.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was recognized by *The Sunday Visitor* as an outstanding Catholic leader for contributions to the Church and society throughout the year.

Chancellor/Membership Report

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Our membership drive will get off to a great start in 2017 when we will have three new members take their 1st Degree.

Please help in keeping our drive for new members going. If each of us could get just one new member to join our great Council, it would be an amazing achievement.

I look forward to your continued support.

First Degree dates:

-Tues, Jan. 10 in Westwood

-Sun, Jan. 22 in Ridgefield

Second Degree date:

-Thurs, Jan. 19 in Teaneck

*Meet at Council at 7pm for transport to degree site.

Gerry Flood, Chancellor.

Financial Secretary Report

Dues bills for 2017 were mailed the last week of December. **Annual dues are due by January 30.** Look for your dues bill in your mail

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 anything out.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Respect Life Report

Brothers and Sisters Pray for good weather for Friday January 27th 2017. The 44th March For LIFE will occur. St John's Council and Parish will provide 2 buses for the March.

Come join us for Mass at St John's lower Church at 6 AM (there will be coffee and bagels) And the Bus leaves at 7 AM and returns to St John's parking lot at 10:30 to 11 PM.

Tell your friends this March for Life should be super. We have a new administration, which is PRO-LIFE.

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

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.

Ken Armellino, Chairman

Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Dance

Please join us for this year's Fr. John F. Murray

Scholarship Dance being held on:

Saturday January 28th 2016- 7-11 PM. This dance helps fund the Fr. Murray and our council scholarships.

Our meal will consist of Chicken Cordon Bleu, potato, and vegetable. Dancing for your enjoyment followed by dessert, coffee and tea. The cost of all this is only \$35. Per person.

Reservations are a must. Please call or text Ken Armellino at

516-220-9333 or

Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all at this special event

Bill Bochicchio, FDD, Phil Fredericks, PGK

What Christmas is all about

(reprinted from our Chaplain's Pastor message column just before Christmas)

With all the rushing around and all the worry about making sure that everything is done; all the gifts are bought, all the cards are sent and all the decorations are in place, it's sometimes hard to remember what Christmas is all about.

I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus for the banner on our front lawn that reminds us to "Keep Christ in Christmas" but, even for a priest, making this a reality is not always easy.

What does this mean? It means our "Keep Christ in Christmas" program is noticed, not only by our church communities, but by everyone.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Super Bowl Party

Remember our Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 5th. Details will be issued by email, facebook, and our website

Steve Martin, PGK/Chairman

Dates to Remember

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

Sun, Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Mon, Jan. 2	New Year's Day (observed).
Fri, Jan. 6	Council Closed; Rental - Rehearsal Dinner 6pm.
Sun, Jan. 9	Feast of the Epiphany
Mon, Jan. 9	Council mtg 8pm. Lecturer at 8:45pm. Baptism of the Lord
Fri, Jan. 13	Murder Mystery Show, 7pm.
Sat, Jan. 14	Rental - Eagle Scout 1:30pm.
Sun, Jan. 15	Rental - SJC Women's Cornerstone 2pm
Mon, Jan. 16	Officer mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Jan. 18	Columbiette annual dinner
Fri, Jan. 20	Social Night - Pasta/meatballs snack
Mon, Jan. 23	Council mtg. 8pm.
Fri, Jan. 27	March for Life bus trip
Sat, Jan. 28	Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance 7pm
Sun, Jan. 29	Corp Communion - ASCPG Orientation 1pm.
Mon, Jan. 30	Bergen Federation mtg. 8pm.
Sat, Feb. 4	Rental - Sweet 16 party 7pm
Sun, Feb. 5	Super Bowl party 5pm.

Troop 1345 Scout Report

No report this month.

Ray Ziemba, Asst Scoutmaster

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

***"Time, time time, see what's become of me
While I looked around for my possibilities
I was so hard to please
Don't look around
The leaves are brown
And the sky is a hazy shade of winter".
(Simon and Garfunkel, 1966.)***

Happy New Year 2017! The Columbiettes will be kicking off the new year with a Post- Holiday celebration at Lietto's Restaurant in New Milford on January 18 at 7:30pm. This is in lieu of our January meeting. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP (as we do need a head count) to Nina DiCostanzo at 201-338-2617 ninad70@aol.com or Laura Lebeti at 201-387-7479 labeti250@optonline.net by Friday, January 13. As I am writing this before our December meeting to discuss the details of this event, the cost has not yet been set.

Upcoming events for the 2017 year are our "Cod and God" Fish Fry and our ever popular "Tea Party". Discussion for these events will take place at our meetings. Remember all of the money generated from these events will go to the charities that we support. Your participation in all of the events is always needed and very much appreciated!

Here's to the new year! May we find peace, health and happiness! *Peace,*

Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity

Religious & Civil Rights Report

Brothers & Sisters-- 2017 AD should be more favorable for Religious Liberty. The reasons will become apparent in 3 months.

Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman

Lecture Program

Our guest speaker for January 9th will be Fr. Anthony Mastroeni. His talk will be about St Teresa of Calcutta.

Arrive by 8:30pm. Lecture should start by 8:45pm.

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.

Photo Gallery



GK Frank Gallacher presenting a \$2000 check to Columbiette President Nina DiCostanzo and other Columbiettes for their share of the Adult Halloween Party proceeds.