



# The Knight Times

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## Grand Knight's Message

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

A New Year has almost arrived. It is during this time of year when all of us will look back on 2017 recalling its highs and lows while also looking forward to 2018 and the milestones and celebrations that will fill our lives and the lives of our family and friends with joy, happiness and peace.

Our Council Family has a reason to celebrate with the recent addition of 8 new members-Michael Rowley, Paul Hecker, Russ Brown, Dennis Cano, Chris Fanelli, Deano Miano, Mike Neal and Val Rodriguez, Jr. My officers and I and our entire membership welcome these Catholic gentlemen to our Order. I know these men want to be an integral part of our Council. What a great way to start 2018!

Our charitable works continue as we begin 2018. Brothers George Corbo, John Scalice and Bob Armbruster will lead our efforts on January 10, 2018 when our Council will participate once again in the Family Promise of Bergen County Program in Hackensack, New Jersey. Our Council will provide meals for our neighbors who really need our help. I truly believe that in this endeavor, our Council continues to follow God's Word and Jesus' Message and the Gospel of St. Matthew- "*Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*"

Continuing that theme, I remind everyone that our Council will continue to collect food supplies for the hurricane victims of Puerto Rico and school supplies for the Bernard School in Nigeria. Containers for these donations will be in the Council Hallway until mid-January.

I want to invite everyone to a special, new and different event at our Council-the Father John F. Murray Memorial Dinner & Concert on January 27, 2018. Domenick Panfile will present his vocal and wonderful talents that evening-an evening that will be filled with enjoyable music and song and fraternity. All proceeds from this Dinner & Concert will benefit our Council's Scholarship Fund and the Fr. Murray Scholarship Fund. Please come out and support this great event-an event that directly supports families of our Members.

I also want to recognize the contributions of the Columbiettes who are led by Laura Labetti. They offer their time and herculean efforts for the betterment of our Council. Thanks to their efforts, our Council Hall and Lounge embody the spirit and message of Christmas -the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the Son of God. Thanks Ladies, the Council looks great!

Please mark your calendars-Our Council Christmas Party will be held on January 6, 2018. If you couldn't make our snowed out December date, please join us on January 6.

The March for Life will be held on January 19, 2018 in Washington D.C. and the Knights of Columbus will march in support of Life and in opposition to the 1973 Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade. Our Council and St. John's Church sponsor 2 buses to take anyone who wants to participate in the March.(We do ask for a \$10 donation on the day of the March). The day starts with a 6:00am Mass at St. John's. A Continental Breakfast follows and you are on the bus at 7AM. Please contact our Respect for Life Chairman & Deputy Grand Knight Matt Connell at 201-387-7187 to reserve your seat.

### Upcoming Events:

January 6, 2018-Council Christmas Party, 7PM

January 10, 2018-Feed the Homeless, 3PM (Meet at the Council)

January 12, 2018-Friday Night Social-Chicago Hot Dogs

January 27, 2018-Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance, 7PM

Vivat Jesus,

*Steve Martin*, 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 again I offer for your reflection this simple prayer.

**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, & 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 & months, of holydays & holidays, of feast & 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

### **Council Officers 2017-2018**

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Rev. Stephen Carey	201-384-0557
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### **Council Chairmen 2016-2017**

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Arturo Ilano	917-288-8407
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	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
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### **Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2017-2018**

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Vice President:	Tom Formoso	201-540-7950
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Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Bar Chairman:	Frank Gallacher, PGK	201-957-2683
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Caretaker Chmn:	Juan Melendez	201-580-1883
Cook Team Chmn:	Frank Fundaro	201-577-4787
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Purchasing Chmn:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Rentals Chmn:	Norm Saunders	201-832-0105
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President:	Laura Labetti	201-387-7479
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### **BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2017-2018**

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Asst. Scoutmaster –	Billy Cook	201-566-5036
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### ***Knight Times Newsletter***

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### ***Sick & Wake Report – as of Dec. 17, 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: James Tardibuono;**

**Relatives & Friends:**

**-Alex Grosso, cousin to Nina Di Costanzo**

### **Reservations Procedure**

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

--Email: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). OR,

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

### **Hall For Rent**

Planning a party or wedding? Call Norm Saunders at 201-832-0105, or email [TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com](mailto:TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com), or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org). **The hall is for rent with or without food catering.**

### **Keep Christ in Christmas Program**

Look for our banners at St. Mary's in Dumont or St. John's in Bergenfield. Also, Look for our Nativity Creche at Dumont Police Headquarters next to the time clock. Thanks to Mayor Jim Kelly (member) and Police Chief Michael Conner for allowing us to display our Faith.

### **Feeding the Homeless**

Wednesday, Jan. 10 in Hackensack. Help needed to prep on Tues, & serve on Wed. Call John Scalice 201-338-2789 to help.

### *From the News Desk*

**Birthday** wishes to our Brother Knights and their family members who may be celebrating a birthday in January. For Dom Panfile Sr on Jan. 30.

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

**Message from Supreme.** Thanks to the generous support of our members and friends like you, we raised more than \$138,000 during our KofC #GivingTuesday campaign to help Christians and those in their care in the Middle East.

This equates to almost 70 families being able to move back to their homes. Or, more than 1,970 families receiving food for an entire month. Together, we have made a difference — thank you!

Our Council made a donation to the Christian campaign.

### *Chancellor-Membership*

Brothers, this month we welcome six new First Degree Knights: Russell Brown, Dennis Cano, Christopher Fanelli, Deano Miano, Michael Neal, and Val Rodriguez, Jr. Let's keep them in our prayers as they journey towards full Knighthood.

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.

January 9 - Admission (First) Degree - 7PM

January 18 - Formation (Second) Degree - 8PM

January 28 - Admission (First) Degree - 8PM

*Kenneth Armellino, Chancellor*

### *Financial Secretary Report*

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

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*

### *Murder Mystery Show*

It was a hit last year, we are doing it again this year.

**Friday, January 19, 7-11pm.** The show is performed by the Dumont High School Drama Club, and a portion of the proceeds is donated to the Drama Club. The performers are graduates of the Drama Club. See enclosed flyer for all details.

*Willie Cintron, Chairman*

### *Respect for Life Report*

We pray that all had a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year Celebration.

Now let us pray that this will be the LAST March for LIFE on Friday January 19th in DC (44th March commemorating Roe Vs Wade Supreme Ct Decision) Come join us for this special March for Life. We have 2 busses leaving from St John's at 7 AM. First Mass at 6 AM followed by coffee and bagels etc. Will return approx 10:30 PM .

Other K of C Councils are invited. Let us fill both buses. Cost \$15.00/ person Save a seat. Call Matt Connell at 201-387-7187. PS bring a sandwich & beverage on the trip to DC We will stop at a Chesapeake House on return for dinner. Tell all you friends.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### *Seminarian Report*

Communicating with a seminarian through letters/cards and prayers is an important part of their support system as they pursue their vocation to the priesthood.

Moris Montoya, our seminarian, can use your prayers and support. His address: Immaculate Conception Seminary, Att: Moris Montoya, 400 So. Orange Ave, So. Orange, NJ 07079.

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*

### *Adult Christmas Party*

The snowstorm prevented our party in December, but it did not dampen our spirit to celebrate Christmas with our friends at the Council. Party is re-scheduled for **Jan. 6, 2018.**

Note: you must reserve your seats again. Call Ken, the flyer with all details is enclosed in this mailing.

Reminder: Gift grab-bag for those who wish to participate. Collection drive for (a) canned and dried foods for Puerto Rico; (b) school supplies for the Catholic School in Nigeria.

*Rich Oldfield, Chairman*

### *Fr Murray Memorial Scholarship Dinner & Concert*

Please join us for our annual scholarship-supporting event, with proceeds going toward the state sponsored Father Murray Scholarship fund and our own Council Scholarship Program.

Over just the last four years, St. John's Council has distributed over \$27,000 in scholarships for those starting out in college or at a Catholic high school. This year, we are having a dinner and concert featuring Domenick Panfile and Peter Greco. It promises to be a great evening!

The flier for the event is included with The Knight Times and can be found on the Council website. The cost per person is just \$35 and reservations are required. Call Ken at 516-220-9333 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). Please include your name, phone number and the number of people attending in your message.

We also welcome donations to both the Father Murray and Council scholarship funds. Checks for the Fr. Murray Scholarship should be made out to the *Father Murray Scholarship Fund*. Checks for the Council scholarship should be made out to *St. John's Council #1345*, with a note in the memo area indicating "scholarship". Checks for the dinner/concert should also be made out to *St. John's Council #1345*.

Advance payment for the dinner/concert and donation checks should be mailed to: St. John's Council Scholarship Dinner – PO Box 211, Dumont NJ 07628.

*Brian O'Dowd, Chairman*

### *Calling Post Phone Calls*

In an effort to bring you up-to-date information as it happens, (*ie: wake calls, events not listed in the newsletter, reminder calls to make reservations*), the Council will enter into an agreement in January with Calling Post to make automatic phone calls of our messages to our members, and friends that attend our events.

It will come in as an unrecognizable phone number, BUT, not to worry. If you don't answer, Calling Post will leave a message on your answering machine, unlike telemarketing calls. We welcome your feedback by writing to: Phone Calls, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK*



### **Dates to Remember**

#### **Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at 6pm.**

Sun, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve party 8pm - 1 am.
Mon, Jan. 1	Council Closed - New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Setup for Christmas party 7pm.
Thurs, Jan. 4	Friday Social 8-11pm,
Fri, Jan. 5	Adult Christmas Party, 7-11pm,
Sat, Jan. 6	Rental - Buda Eagle Ceremony 3-7pm.
Sun, Jan. 7	Scouts Setup for Eagle 1pm. Feast of the Epiphany
Mon, Jan. 8	AARP mtg. 10am-2pm. Baptism of the Lord
Tues, Jan. 9	Admission (First) Degree 7pm. Prep Turkey Meal for Homeless all day
Wed, Jan. 10	Feed the Homeless 3pm. Col Club mtg, 8pm.
Thurs, Jan. 11	Setup for Rental 7pm.
Fri, Jan. 12	Friday Social 8-11pm.
Sat, Jan. 13	Rental - Flood Sweet 16, 7-11pm.
Sun, Jan. 14	Rental - Rossmann baby shower 1pm. Setup for Rental 12pm.
Mon, Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Day Council General mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Jan. 17	Columbiette Christmas party 7pm,
Thurs, Jan. 18	Setup for Show 7pm.
Fri, Jan. 19	Murder Mystery Show 7-11pm. March for Life bus trip to DC 6am mass.
Sat, Jan. 20	Rental - Merkovsky Eagle ceremony 2pm. Scouts Eagle Setup 11am-12pm.
Wed, Jan. 24	Bergen Federation mtg. 8pm
Thurs, Jan. 25	Setup for Scholarship Concert 7pm.
Fri, Jan. 26	Friday Social, 8-11pm.
Sat, Jan. 27	Fr. Murray Scholarship Concert 7-11pm.
Sun, Jan. 28	Admission (First) Degree 5pm.
Thurs, Feb. 1	Setup for Rental 7pm.
Fri, Feb. 2	Friday Social 8-11pm.
Sat, Feb. 3	Rental - DHS Athletic Boosters 7-11pm.

### **Twin Boro Columbian Club Report**

As I write this report, the good news is that we will finish 2017 in the black. Our rental business continues to be robust.

As I have been reporting, our Friday Night Socials are going very well, with many members, wives, and guests attending.

The Game Room has the pool table & dart board. **Now we have added a Shuffle Board game to the bar area.** Just more options for our Friday night guests to enjoy playing games.

**New Safety Rules:** effective immediately, no member or guest at any of our functions is allowed behind the bar area, in the Game Room area, or in the kitchen area. This rule is strictly for the safety of our members, guests, and especially for the Council & Columbian Club. Liability insurance is expensive. I know since I just signed new policies to save us some money with better protection. We don't want anyone to be injured, especially with all the Council events, and rentals we have in the next six (6) months.

If you need something, ask either the Bartenders, Head Waiters, or Servers to help you. Your cooperation will be much appreciated. Thank you.

*George Di Costanzo, TBCC President*

### **Columbiette Report**

**"Time passes much too quickly  
When we're together laughing"**

***I wish I could sing it to you...oh,***

***I wish I could sing it to you***

***(Chicago, 1972)***

Happy New Year 2018! The Columbiettes will be kicking off the new year with a Post-Holiday celebration at Lietto's Restaurant in New Milford on January 17 at 7:00pm. This is in lieu of our January meeting.

If you are planning on attending, please RSVP (as we do need a head count) to Laura Labetti at 201-387-7479 [labetti250@optonline.net](mailto:labetti250@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.

And speaking about money....our 2018 Membership Dues (which are \$25.00) are now due! You can bring your dues the night of our holiday meeting or you can mail it to our Financial Secretary, Lillian Holmes at 191 Beech Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

Upcoming events for the 2018 year will be our second "Spud-tacular" and our new event, "Pocket Book Bingo!" 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!

*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](http://www.registerme.org/knights)**

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

### **Religious and Civil Rights Report**

The US Supreme Court is hearing a case involving Religious Freedom. It is about a baker refusing to design a cake for a wedding reception that goes against his religious beliefs.

It will not be adjudicated till June 2018. Keep a lookout for it and pray that the Supreme Court makes the right decision regarding Religious Freedom.

*Matt Connell, Chairman*

### **NJ Veteran's Home Paramus - Masses**

The Bergen Federation K of C has a program of offering masses to our Catholic Veteran's at the NJ Vets Home every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Our Council has been affiliated with this program dating all the way back to Bob Dondero.

For too long, getting a priest to celebrate mass on these Saturdays has been a problem. This year I volunteered to coordinate getting priests there on the 2nd & 4th Saturday.

That only solves part of the problem. The next problem is getting K of C volunteers to come on those Saturdays to transport the veteran's from their room to the area where mass is being celebrated. Local Boy Scout Troops are also needed.

***I am asking our members, especially 4th Degree Knights, and our Boy Scout Troop 1345, to help our Catholic veteran's to mass and receive the Eucharist.***

*George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK, PFN*