



The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus
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July-August, 2009

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

About 15 years ago, a Bishop had an article in Columbia, the Knights of Columbus Magazine, that all Catholic men should be members of the largest Catholic Lay Organization in the Mystical Body, the Knights of Columbus. Yes, that was the Bishop's dream.

Our State Motto for this Columbian Year is "Recapture the Dream", and with Our Lord's words "Serve not to be Served" and we of the Knights of Columbus SERVE. So let this Columbian Year be great as St. John's Council is great in their 102nd year. "RECAPTURE THE DREAM".

Congratulations to all the new Officers of the GREAT COUNCIL and many thanks to all the former Officers. Please God, I'll see many people at St. Mary's Church for the Installation ceremony in August.

Being the July-August issue of the "Knight Times", I didn't forget a prayer for a safe vacation but, please God, you won't forget there is NO VACATION FROM GOD. The prayer is a mixture of my wordings with St. Matthew's chapter 28:20.

Prayer: "Dear Lord, please take care of all of us (my family and myself). Protect all of us in these trying times. We ask all of this through Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever, Amen.

Vivat Jesus,

Fri. John F. Murray, S.M.A.

Chaplain of St. John's Council #1345 (Senior Knights);
Father Prior of St. Dominic Savio Circle #1622 (Junior Knights);
Chaplain of the St. John's Columbiettes (Ladies Auxiliary);
State Father Prior of the Columbian Squires (Junior Knights).

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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires, & Scouts:

"Worthy Grand Knight". I have heard, and said, these words hundreds of times over the last few years but their full gravity didn't hit me until the membership did me the great honor of electing me to the office.

That night, when I arrived home, I began reading through the Centennial Journal and really reflecting on the imprint that the One Hundred and One outstanding Catholic gentlemen who came before me in this position have left on St John's Council 1345 and most importantly the Parishes they have loyally served.

To succeed or fail in an endeavor that is completely new and uniquely your own has it's own type of pressures but the challenge is much greater when the position is with an organization that has such an impressive history; not to mention a history that is living and continues to deepen it's reputation in the community.

To read, hear and see how much this Council has consistently accomplished since 1908 is a testament to what type of men, women and young adults are the heart and soul of our extended family. Yes, the Grand Knight steers the ship for a year but it's his Brother Knights, Squires, Sister Columbiettes and most recently the Boy Scouts that continually propel the ship forward to do the work Our Lord calls us all to.

Please join the officers and me in making this another year filled with joy, success in our charitable aims, and most importantly our beautiful Faith.

I am very proud to be a member and Officer of this Council, and I am grateful and deeply humbled to have been chosen to pick up the mantle of Grand Knight. My number one goal for the year is to truly earn the adjective "Worthy" before the title of Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

INSTALLATION – NEW DATE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2009

MASS 3PM - RECEPTION 5PM

2009-2010 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345

Council Officers

Chaplain	Rev. John F. Murray	201-567-0450
Grand Knight	Tom Ciotti	201-385-7424
Deputy GK:	David Benson	201-385-1839
Chancellor	Lou Pidi	201-439-1985
Warden	John McGill	201-384-7511
Recorder	George Corbo	201-384-0972
Treasurer	William Horn	201-385-7652
Advocate	Edward Trawinski	201-385-0972
Financial Secy:	Bob DeWald	201-384-2259
Inside Guard	Tony Tulli	201-385-6148
Outside Guard I	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
Outside Guard II	Charles Hollis	201-265-6012
Trustee - 3 yrs.	Tom Trank, PGK	201-385-4324
Trustee - 2 yrs.	B. Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
Trustee - 1 yr.	G. DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	201-338-2617
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	Don Stappenbeck	201-664-2599

Council Chairmen

Drug Awareness:	Keith Hilcken	201-933-4476
Loaves & Fishes:	William Horn	201-385-7652
Mail Committee:	PGK G. Olszewski	201-384-9524
Newsletter Editor:	PGK G. DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Parish Roundtable:	GK Tom Ciotti	201-424-5472
Respect for Life:	PGK Matt Hayes	201-387-2310
Retention:	Dave Benson	201-385-1839
Retreat:	PGK G. Olszewski	201-384-9524
Scholarship:	PGK G. DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Sick & Wake:	PGK G. Olszewski	201-384-9524
Rel & Civil Rgts:	GK Tom Ciotti	201-424-5472
Webmaster:	GK Tom Ciotti	201-424-5472
Event Reservations:	Charles Hollis	201-265-6012

Council Directors

Church Activities:	George Corbo	201-384-0972
Community Affairs:	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
Council Activities:	John McGill	201-384-7511
Family Activities:	Charles Hollis	201-265-6012
Membership:	Lou Pidi	201-439-1985
Parish Liaison's:		
-St. John Church	George Corbo	201-384-0972
-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
-SMA Mission	John McKay	201-244-1237
Publicity-Photog:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-8828
Program Director:	DGK Dave Benson	201-385-1839
Squires:	PGK Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Youth Activities:	PGK Ivan Hannibal	646-528-9592

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers

President:	Bob Dondero, PGK, PFN	201-387-2368
Vice President:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Secretary:	Jerry Passano	201-384-4894
Treasurer:	Anthony Schiralli	201-384-0014
Purchasing Agent:	Charles Dietz	201-384-7106
Rentals Agent:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Bar Chairman:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Waiter Chairman:	Steven Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
Trustee:	Peter McHugh	201-387-6274

Columbette's Ladies Auxiliary

President:	Donna Hannibal	646-528-9681
Vice-Pres:	Roberta Elwell	201-244-1323
Secretary:	Donna Fredericks	201-387-6680
Financial Secy:	Joan Winant	201-385-5957

Squire's - Dominic Savio Circle #1622

Chief Squire:	Thomas Formoso, Jr.	201-501-8911
Chief Counselor:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695

Boy Scouts - Troop #1345

Scoutmaster:	Keith Hilcken	201-933-4476
Asst. SM:	Ray Tiennes	

NIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER

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Sick & Wake Report - JULY-AUGUST.

To add or delete a name on this list, call PGK George Olszewski at 201-384-9524. *ITALIC* indicates new names or change in condition.

Brothers

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Ken Malesky
Frank Messina, PGK	Dick Dorozynski
<i>Anthony Martignetti</i>	Peter Duffy
Bill Murphy, PGK	Nicholas Slade
<i>George Olszewski, PGK</i>	<i>Carmine Grillo, Jr.</i>
Richard Burke	George Forbes
John Dillon, FDD, PGK	Larry Frisby
Jack McHugh, Sr.	Joseph Staszewski

Relatives & Friends

Anne Taxter, wife of Al Taxter.
Anthony Zally, PSD
Benjamin, nephew of Dom Panfile;
Bill Cannon, father of Danny Cannon;
Bill, son-in-law of PGK Tom Trank;
Cassidy, granddaughter of Brian O'Dowd;
Diane Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
Helen Cavallo, wife of Frank Cavallo;
Jason, grandnephew of John McGill
Jean DeFalco, wife of Eli DeFalco
Joan Winant, wife of PGK Don Winant;
Joanne, sister-in-law of Dick Dorozynski.
Jonathan, grandson of PGK Frank Messina.
Karen Glover, wife of Ray Glover
Marie Fitzgerald, wife of Bob Fitzgerald
Maureen McDonald, wife of Bob McDonald;
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien.
Nina Messina, wife of PGK Frank Messina
Norma, widow of late Jim Campbell.
Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.
Rose Rush, widow of James J. Rush, PGK.
Sister Andre, sister of Fr. John Murray
Tim Lynch
Yolanda, wife of Peter McHugh.

Wakes

Robert Lipane, brother-in-law of PGK Matt Hayes.

Upcoming Degree Dates

First Degree:	Tues, July 14 at Westwood; 201-666-4173.
Second Degree:	Wed, July 22, Wash Twp; DD 201-314-4437.
Third Degree:	none posted.
Fourth Degree:	October, 2009.

Email Notifications

Email notification is an easy and efficient method of getting time sensitive messages to our members on events and notices that happen in-between newsletter mailings.

Such messages can be about a wake service, prayer service, a Friday Night Social, or a reminder of a scheduled event.

If you are not on the list, don't miss out on these information notices. Send your name and email address to Editor, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to members who celebrate birthdays in July and August.

Catholic League for Religious & Civil Rights...check out their website at www.catholicleague.org and get all the latest information on Catholic issues that are being defended on many fronts.

The Year of the Parish Priest (July 1-June 30) was announced by Pope Benedict XVI. The State Council hosts a "Pride in Priests" night in each archdiocese to celebrate our priests and their vocation. Take this opportunity to thank your parish priest for his works. On May 23 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 23 priests were ordained.

Missionary Journey...Rev. Eliccer Sandoval SMA was ordained a priest at the SMA Chapel in Tenafly, NJ and will serve in Africa.

The Year of the Volunteer was announced by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for this Columbian Year. As Catholics and men of faith, Knights are called to imitate Christ and give generously of themselves. "If we each contribute a bit of our time, and a bit of our talents, we can make an incredible difference." Call the Grand Knight Tom Ciotti (201-424-5472) and find out how you can help.

VA eligibility rules changed on June 15 making it easier for veterans to enroll in VA's health care system. Some veterans not eligible for benefits may now be eligible. Check the website at www.va.gov/healtheligibility or call 1-877-222-8387.

Installation of Officers Mass and Dinner

The tentative date for this year's Installation of Officers is August 1st. The Mass will be at St Mary's in Dumont at 3pm, followed by a dinner dance at the Council starting at 5pm. All are welcomed who would like to join us.

The date remains tentative because Jill and I have not received our travel date to Ethiopia, for the adoption of our daughter Johanna. The agency has said we should be traveling sometime in early July but until it's confirmed the date of the Installation needs to stay fluid.

I'm sorry for any inconvenience that this might cause and appreciate everyone's patience as we work through this. As soon as we receive a firm date of travel I will update everyone with the help of PGK George DiCostanzo.

If you're planning to attend the installation, call our Reservations Chairman Charles Hollis at 201-265-6012. Advance reservations are a must. Thank you,

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

Novena & Prayer Services

As Knights of Columbus we are called by Our Holy Mother Mary, Queen of the Knights, to pray the rosary often.

At the Council: Rosary service every second Wednesday of the month at 8pm, beginning on September 9. Refreshments afterwards.

At St. John's Church: every First Friday of the month, from 7pm to 9pm, Rosary, Divine Mercy & Confession, with Mass at 7:30pm. Overnight Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00pm to 7:00am in the Notre Dame Chapel of the Parish Life Center.

At St. Mary's Church: Rosary for Peace every Friday 7:00pm; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena every Wednesday 7:30pm; Morning Prayer every Monday 6:30am; Miraculous Medal every Saturday after 8:30am Mass; All of these are held in the Lower Church.

George Corbo, Church Activities Chairman

Membership & Degree Advancements

June was a busy month of membership activity. We welcomed 2 new members...Robert Knott and Joys Mathew who took their First Degree, and 2 transfers...James Brooks and Joseph Perrone.

Then, these members took their Second Degree...Michael Sole, Joseph Franqui, and Sammy Ngera and Robert Knott.

And, these members took their Third Degree...Joseph Franqui, Robert Knott, Sammy Ngera.

On June 28, a recruitment drive was held at SMA Chapel in Tenafly, NJ.

Congratulations to each. We hope to see them at our meetings and become involved in the many activities of our Council.

Past Grand Knight Reunion



On June 24, sixteen (16) Past Grand Knights came together for the annual PGK Reunion Dinner hosted by Grand Knight Steve Martin. The dinner, prepared by his wife Patti Martin and by Michele and John Orsino, was superb with appetizers, entrée, coffee and dessert.

Pictured top row from the left: GK Steve Martin, PGK's Barry Bernard, Phil Fredericks, Bill Bochicchio, Marty Healy, Andy Connelly, Bob Dondero, Bill Gilligan, Andy Hogh, Tom Trank.

Bottom row: George DiCostanzo, Ivan Hannibal, Fred Jacobsen, Frank Messina, Chaplain Fr. John Murray SMA, John Dillon, Joseph Matarazzo and George Olszewski.

Columbiettes Report

Our last meeting of the year was June 17. We welcomed 3 new members. Congratulations to Erin Calev, Linda Connell and Evelyn Paulsen. It's so great and a blessing that our membership is growing.

We had a very successful year and were able to make several money donations to various charities.

Have a peaceful and wonderful summer. See you all on Wed, Sept. 16 as we begin another great year.

Nina DiCostanzo, Treasurer/ Publicity

Recognition Awards

Our Council was blessed this year with 10 members who reached a milestone...50 consecutive years of membership as a Knight. They are: Dave Benson, John McKay, Bill Connington, August Triola, John McDermott, Anthony Forty, Michael Flora, Jonathan Westray, Charles Seale and Francis McAleer.

Knights of the Year awards were presented by GK Steve Martin to Dave Benson, Ted DeSteno, Brian O'Dowd, and John Orsino at the Beef & Brew Dinner.

The Family of the Year award was presented to John Orsino, his wife Michele, and their two children Christopher and Katie.

Scholarship Awards



The Council presented two \$500 scholarship awards to Kaely Marie Walsh, daughter of Kevin Walsh, and William Kenny, grandson of Patrick Kiernan. Pictured above GK Steve Martin, William Kenny, Kaely Walsh, and PGK George DiCostanzo.

George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN, Scholarship Chairman

Centennial Souvenirs

Only a few keepsake souvenirs remain. Coffee mugs & beer steins @\$5 each; black golf shirts sizes Lg & Med @\$15 each. Journals @\$5 for postage. Checks payable to St. John's Council. Mail to Souvenirs, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN.

Dates to Remember

Note: setups for rentals/council events are on Thursday's at 7:00pm, unless otherwise specified.

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

Fri, July 3	Friday Night Social – Pizza.
Sat, July 4	Independence Day – FLY THE FLAG
Mon, July 6	Council meeting, 8pm. Only one in July.
Sat, Aug. 1	Installation of Officers. (tentative).
Mon, Aug. 3	Council meeting 8pm. Only one in Aug.
Sat, Aug. 15	Feast of the Assumption
Sun, Aug. 23	Council Picnic, 1:30pm.
Sun, Aug. 30	Corp Communion Mass, St. John's 9am.
Mon, Sept. 7	Labor Day
Tues, Sept. 8	Council meeting, 8pm.
Wed, Sept. 9	Rosary Prayer Service 8pm.
Sat, Sept. 12	Dumont Day – help needed.

San Alfonso Retreat for Men

Time is running out if you are thinking of joining the Council's 3-day weekend retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ. Our weekend date is Fri-Sun, August 14-16, 2009.

Take inventory of your spiritual life. If it needs a "boost", this weekend retreat of renewal will do it. Call 201-384-9524.

PGK G. Olszewski, Chairman

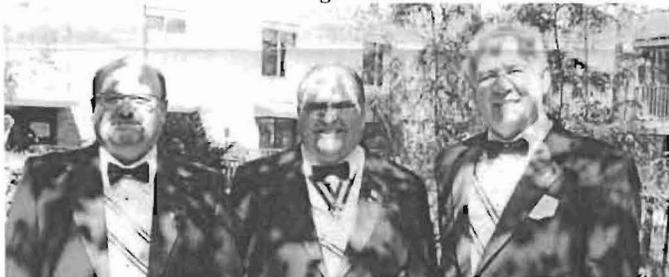
Religious and Civil Rights

As the society around us becomes more secular and in many ways anti-Christian, the Supreme Knight has requested that Councils empower their members and friends with information not generally shared by the mainstream media. I feel very strongly that we all need to learn about what's going on around us, and voice our opinions as members of the Catholic-American community. PGK George DiCostanzo has already begun this important work with his e-mail notifications list and I would invite you to contact him with your information if you are not already receiving his updates.

It is important to stress that this is not a partisan issue as both parties, in their own unique ways, fall far short of legislation that reflects our beliefs as Catholics. This is a new goal that we will be diligently working to improve throughout the year and we need your participation to succeed in grabbing the attention of our elected officials. Thank you,

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

New 4th Degree Members



Congratulations to Chancellor Lou Pidi, and Recorder George Corbo who received the honors of 4th Degree and the title of Sir Knight on Sunday, April 26

From the left: Sir Knight Lou Pidi, Sir Knight John McGill, and Sir Knight George Corbo.

Hungry & Homeless

At our last feeding in May, we served 120 patrons, serving 160 meals.

Our thanks to all who donated turkeys for our July 1 feeding. We have enough now but we'll need more turkeys for our Oct. 7 and Dec. 9 feedings.

Please keep our Hungry & Homeless in mind if you receive or have any turkeys you are not going to use. The number of patrons we feed has dramatically increased. Call either myself or Bob Dondero if you wish to donate a turkey.

Thanks to all who have donated. Thanks to St. John's Church Golden Age Club for their donation of food. And thanks to all our Brothers who help clean, cook, and serve at the shelter. Love you all.

Bill Horn, Chairman

Memorial Day Remembrance



Dumont Parade: GK Steve Martin (far left) and several members, plus members of the Columbiettes and Troop 1345.



Bergenfield Parade: from left Dave Benson, GK Steve Martin, DGK Tom Ciotti, and Charles Hollis.

Our Council marched in both parades that day, presenting ourselves with our Faith, Honor to our Veterans, and to our Communities of Bergenfield and Dumont.

Steve Martin, Grand Knight

A Letter of Thanks from ASCPG

Now that the dust has settled from another incredible Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes, I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude.

Since 1995 the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group has had the privilege of bringing over 150 special needs children and young adults to Lourdes. The Knights of Columbus, our own council as well as several others throughout NJ, have donated a tremendous amount of money toward that effort, in effect "sponsoring" 20 of those young people. St. John's Council alone has subsidized 12.

With a per-traveler cost of approximately \$2000, we are feeling the economic pinch like every organization. Please know that each dollar you have given to us is truly appreciated and well-spent (as you know, we are 100% volunteer-driven). With Our Lady's guidance and the Knights of Columbus behind us, we look forward to our 2010 journey...and beyond.

God bless,

Gerry Flood, Chairman