



The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus
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JULY - 2015

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

No message this month. Pray for Council Officers for the selection of our next chaplain.

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

I am honored and humbled to be elected as the new Grand Knight of our great council for the Columbian Year 2015-2016. I would like to thank all you my Brothers for giving your trust and confidence in me to lead this council in the coming year. Filling the shoes of our brothers who were in this position before is quite an undertaking but with your help, assistance, full support and cooperation, I know that we will succeed and continue to make our council as one of the best of the Knights of Columbus.

With your help my brothers, we'll continue our charitable work on the food drives, feed the homeless and donating food to the local churches food pantries. By helping those in need is the best way to show our love and compassion to the community we live in.

To achieve all our goals, we need to stay strong and united for I believe that the strength of this council lies in the strength and unity of its members. None of us is as good as all of us united. It's like a single strand of fiber that breaks easily but when joined together with other pieces of fibers, it can't be broken.

To start to show our unity, I am asking all of you my brothers, Sister Columbiettes and friends to join us on the installation of officers on July 18.

Please join me and all my co-officers in making this year at our council filled with unity, joy, fun and succeed in all charitable works. Remember that our council is open for everyone.

God Bless us all!!!

Vivat Jesus,

Lauro Rivera

Grand Knight

2015-2016 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345

Council Officers 2015-2016		
Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray	201-567-0450
Chaplain:	(open)	
Grand Knight	Lauro Rivera	201-315-0456
Deputy GK:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
Chancellor	Frank Polise	201-370-0547
Warden	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Recorder	Gerry Flood	201-873-8054
Treasurer	William Horn	201-385-7652
Advocate	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Financial Secy:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	Kevin Sheridan	201-566-8194
Outside Guard I	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
Outside Guard II	Bob Truppe	201-988-2289
Trustee 1 yr.	B. Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
Trustee 2 yr.	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Trustee 3 yr	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	John McAvinue	973-563-0120

Council Chairmen & Directors 2015-2016

Church Activities:		
Community Affairs:		
Council Activities:		
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Drug Awareness:		
Family Activities:		
Feeding Homeless:		
Mail Committee:	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Membership:	Frank Polise	201-371-0457
Newsletter Editor:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Parish Roundtable:		
Program Director:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
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:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Rosary Hour:		
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Bill Connington, PGK,	201-385-9697
SMA Mission Rep	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
St. John Church Rep		
St. Mary Church Rep		
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Youth Activities:	Ivan Hannibal, PGK	646-528-9592

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2014-2015

President:	Louis Pidi	201-707-7253
Vice President:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Secretary:		
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:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683

Columbette's Ladies Auxiliary 2015-2016

President:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Vice-Pres:	Laura Labetti	201-387-7479
Secretary:	Michele Sciarrino	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 2015-2016

Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
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Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)

KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER

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Sick & Wake Report – as of June 18, 2015

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.	-John Scalice;
-John LaRaia	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Dick Dorozynski	-Jim McEntee
-John McGill, PGK;	-Tom Trank, PGK
-Mike Daly	-Dave Benson, PGK
-Bob Dondero, PGK	-Geo DiCostanzo, PGK
-Gregg Ryan	-John Dillon, PGK
-Frank Polise	

Relatives & Friends

-Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
-Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
-Diane Olivo, daughter of PGK G. DiCostanzo.
-Elsa Auth, wife of Bob Auth;
-Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
-Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
-Josephine Di Costanzo, niece of PGK G. Di Costanzo.
-Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
-Maureen Kostka, wife of Ed Kostka.
-Nunzia, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
-Peggy Brennan, wife of Patrick (Joe) Brennan;
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbette Pat Barkley.
-Therese DeFalco Holmes, relative of Eli DeFalco

Wakes

Members: none

Relatives & Friends: none

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

New Chairman

Advanced Payment and Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.

--Email: **kenneth.armellino@yahoo.com, OR,**

-Call: **Kenneth Armellino at 516-220-9333.**

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

Twin-Boro Columbian Club

As required with our By-laws, during the first Council meeting following receipt of this Notice, there will be an election for two additional trustees of our Columbian Club, for a term of three years.

The two members that were nominated from the floor at the last meeting were Ivan Hanibal, PGK and John Orsino. Note -- prior to the vote. there will be additional nominations accepted from the floor.

Remember brothers, you don't have to be a Trustee to get involved. It's your club. We need your help.

Phil Fredericks, V-P & Trustee

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in especially Luke Garripoli who celebrated his 95th birthday on May 17. And for Joseph Kelly who celebrated his 47th birthday on June. 12.

Congratulations to Luke Garripoli and his wife Lee who will celebrate 68 years married on August 23.

Fr. Murray Update: Fr. Murray is still very ill, and is back at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck. Please keep him in your prayers.

Hearing 'Under God' in Pledge of Allegiance does not violate rights of atheist students, NJ judge rules. Hearing the Pledge of Allegiance at school every day – including the words “under God” – does not violate the constitutional rights of atheist students, a state judge has ruled.

A student filed a lawsuit last year against the Matawan-Aberdeen school district in Monmouth County, arguing that the phrase “under God” fostered a climate of discrimination in the classroom because it exalted religion and made non-believers feel like “second-class citizens.”

Deputy Grand Knight Report

Calling all Brother Knights to our Friday Night Socials. What better way to cool off during the summer or just unwind after a busy week. Come share the camaraderie of your fellow Brother Knights and enjoy a snack. Why not bring a friend or coworker and introduce him to our council? You can show him, first hand, our spirit of Fraternity, Unity and Charity!!!

DGK Frank Gallacher

Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment

What a great Columbian year. Council #1345 is growing again. It will continue to grow with our new Chancellor Frank Polise and our new Grand Knight Lauro Rivera.

Men There is nothing better than to ask your Catholic friend to join "The strong right arm" of the Catholic Church.

The Council is hosting a 3rd Degree on Fri, June 19. Results will be published in the August issue.

Matt Connell, Membership Chairman

Financial Secretary Report

Enjoy your summer, but above all, be safe.

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

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Slate of Officers for 2015-2016

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Lou Pidi, PGK, Chairman, Nominating Committee

Respect Life Report

There are some good signs but with some reservations The Knights of Columbus is a PRO-LIFE organization- NOT a pro-death organization.

The supposed good sign is that surgical abortions have decreased in the US ; and teenage pregnancies has dropped down percentage wise. Sounds good However there are no statistics regarding the use of Plan B (the morning after pill) which can be purchased by any young adult at a Pharmacy bring home and have a Chemical Abortion,

Sooo the question is have abortions decreased or increased?? This present Federal Administration is PRO-DEATH and your tax dollars support it.. i.e. free contraceptives and planned parenthood.

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Grand Knight Installation Mass & Reception

Please be informed that the installation of officers is on July 18 at St. John's Church in Bergenfield. Mass will be held at 3:00 pm to be followed by a reception at our council at 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Music will be by Chad & Revival Disco DJ and Entertainment. Great foods such as roasted pig, Filipino (pancit) noodles, salad, vegetables and much more will be served. Cost per person will be \$30.00.

Similar to all our events, reservations are required and accepted by email to: kenneth.armellino@yahoo.com or you can call our Worthy Warden, Ken Armellino at 516-220-9333.

Larry Rivera, GK

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

"Sometimes I wonder what I'm gonna do 'cause there ain't no cure for the summertime blues."
- Eddie Cochran, *Summertime Blues*

The following slate of officers was voted on at our last meeting in June and will be installed at our September meeting. We congratulate the following:

- Nina DiCostanzo : President
- Laura Labetti: Vice President
- Treasurer: Lillian Holmes
- Financial Secretary: Maureen Italliano
- Secretary: Michele Sciarrino
- Sentinal: Marge Kenter

We also welcome Fr. Michael Trainor, of St Mary's Church, who will be our Chaplain. We look forward to the spiritual guidance he will give us at our meetings which will begin again in September.

Wishing everyone a very Happy 4th of July and let us remember as we celebrate our freedom, let us not forget to thank all those who have fought for this country to give us this day....Enjoy!

Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity

Scholarship Awards Report

Over the past year, the Scholarship Committee has run several fundraising events to supplement the generosity of the members of St. John's Council who have provided funds to support the scholarship with money included in their dues payments and various donations. This year, we have awarded a total of eight scholarships totaling \$7,000 – two \$500 awards to students advancing to the first year of a Catholic high school, and six \$1,000 awards for students advancing to the first year of college.

This year's winners are:

- Laura Armellino, daughter of member Kenneth Armellino - \$500
- Emily Pintarelli, the granddaughter of George V. Henshaw - \$500
- Nicholas DiCostanzo, the grandson of PGK George DiCostanzo - \$1,000
- Morgan Fazio, brother of Nicholas Fazio - \$1,000
- Katrina Flood, daughter of Jerry Flood - \$1,000
- Andrew Sheehan, grandson of PGK Tom Trank - \$1,000
- Eamon Stuckey, grandson of George R. Coberg (dec) - \$1,000
- Brittany Hallenbeck, granddaughter of Mike Cremin - \$1,000

We thank you for your support, and hope you will continue to support the Scholarship Program next year. Vivat Jesus!

Brian O'Dowd, Committee member

Dates to Remember

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

Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Fri, July 3 COUNCIL CLOSED. Enjoy holiday.
Sat, July 4 Independence Day - Fly the Flag.
Mon, July 6 Officer meeting 8pm
Mon, July 13 Council meeting 8pm.
Thurs, July 16 Feast-Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.
Sat, July 18 GK installation mass & reception 3pm.
Mon, July 27 Columbian Club meeting 8pm.

Troop 1345 Scout Report

Troop 1345 is proud to announce its newest Eagle Scout – Jack Zimmerman. Jack passed his Eagle Board of Review on June 17, becoming the Troop’s tenth Eagle Scout since 2008.

Jack earned his Eagle Scout rank by completing all of his required merit badges, displaying leadership during his project (collecting \$10,000 dollars and making some 47,000 meals to feed the food challenged people in Northern New Jersey), and by providing leadership and guidance to his fellow scouts.

Jack demonstrated the hard work, character, integrity, and honor that go into earning the Eagle Scout rank. Congratulations Jack! Jack joins his brother Sam as a fellow Eagle Scout with Troop 1345.

The troop is diligently preparing for summer camp this July, where they will be going to Ten Mile River in upstate New York. The troop will have some scouts going on a 50 mile trek through the woods during the week, while other scouts will participate in the more traditional summer camp program. The troop will have over 30 scouts participating in summer camp this year.

Ray Ziembra, Assistant Scoutmaster

Columbiette President Farewell Report

To my Sister Columbiettes & Brother Knights,

It is with bittersweet emotions that my 2 year term as President of St. John’s Columbiettes comes to an end. I am so fortunate to have been among such strong women...everyone a leader in their own right who have brought the Columbiettes to where we are today, whether at the Supreme, State, Chapter or Auxiliary levels. We are a sisterhood, vibrant & growing.

This has been an especially exciting year for our Auxiliary as we celebrated the 10th anniversary of our charter. WOW 10 years...it is hard to believe! Our activities have included Murder Mystery Dinners, Trips to AC, luncheon at Renault Winery, our popular Annual Garden Tea Party, “God & Cod” Fish Fry Lenten Dinners, Tricky Trays, our newest “Spud-tacular” buffet...and more... including assisting our Brother Knights with fundraising and rental activities. While all of these require teamwork and a lot of elbow grease, we are a sisterhood and enjoy knowing that we are all working toward a common goal - to help those less fortunate.

I am proud to announce the charities we are supporting this Columbiette year(2014-2015) which include: Julia’s Butterfly Foundation-terminally & chronically ill children(Wyckoff), Juvenile Arthritis Foundation, Jenna’s Rainbow Foundation – pediatric brain & spinal cord injuries(Tenafly), as well as St. Mary’s & St. John’s food pantries, Fr Murray Scholarship, Twin Boro Columbian Club & the Knights of Columbus Council #1345.

Over the past 10 years, the fruits of our labors of St. John’s Columbiettes have resulted in the following:
-Almost \$40,000 in donations to local women’s & children’s charities
--300+ backpacks filled with school supplies
-Hundreds of toiletry items for the homeless or less fortunate
-Thousands of can tab tops for Ronald McDonald house
-“Pennies from Heaven” & Memorial FundVocation programs -St. Mary’s own Seminarian Ernesto has been selected to receive financial support throughout his years in the seminary until he is ordained.

My Sisters, congratulations to all of you and especially the Presidents who have preceded me at St. John’s. Without all of your hard work, none of this would have been possible. I wish our new Auxiliary President and her officers the best of luck for a successful and productive 2 years.

May God Bless the Columbiettes & Knights of St. John’s Council #1345. Have a wonderful summer!

Joan Winant, President (2013-2015)

San Alfonso Retreat

The Lord is coming to the sea shore. Let us all join him again. The dates are July 17-19, 2015 and the cost is \$200.

Registration is Friday the 17th at 4:00pm. Dinner will then be served at 6:00pm. If you need any special needs, please let me know.

I am at 108 Chesterfield Lane, Toms River, NJ 08757. Phone is 732-608-0784. Please feel free to ask a friend to come as the Lords house is open to all that come. Enjoy a weekend of sunshine, good food and fellowship. Feel free to call me with any questions.

Tony Tulli, Retreat Chairman

Photo Gallery

PGK Reunion Dinner



Top Row: GK C. Grillo, and PGK’s L. Pidi, T. Trank, J. McGill, P. Fredericks, C. Hollis DD, B. Bochicchio, M. Hayes.
Front Row: PGK’s D. Benson, G. DiCostanzo FS, B. Dondero, J. Dillon.

Scholarship Award Winners



From left: GK C. Grillo, Laura Armellino, Katrina Flood, Andrew Sheehan, Brittany Stuckey, Nicholas DiCostanzo, Eamon Stuckey.

Columbiette Annual Christmas Dinner



Pres. Joan Winant is 3rd from the right side.

Lecturer Program

No report this month. The series will resume in September.

Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

The Rosary Hour

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

The next rosary hour will resume on September 9th.