



# The Knight Times

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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Scouts, and Friends,

This year's Carnival at St. Mary's was a tremendous success. I can only say this because of the hard work of so many dedicated volunteers. I want to express my sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus for all of their efforts. The Knights insured that the Food Tent was always well staffed which meant that everyone was always well fed.

Recently, there have been calls for Knights of Columbus councils to work more closely with their local parishes. This is already happening with our Council. The hard work of the Knights in insuring the success of St. Mary's carnival is a perfect example of what is being called for.

As I move forward as Pastor of St. Mary's and as your Chaplain, I hope that there will be more opportunities for us to work together to build up the Kingdom of God and give witness to our faith.

God be praised.

*Fr. Stephen Carey,*

*Chaplain*

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Scouts, and Friends,

I must first express my gratitude to our immediate Past Grand Knight, Lauro Rivera. Lauro has revitalized our council and laid the groundwork for our future success. Additionally, I have grown as a knight and as a person due to the support and friendship I have received from him. Thank you for your service Lauro!!!

It is my great honor and privilege to have been elected Grand Knight of St. John's Council 1345 for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year. I am sincerely grateful to all my brother Knights, sister Columbiettes, family and friends for the outpouring of love and support which you have bestowed upon me. It is my greatest hope that I may provide a year which is challenging and fulfilling as we pursue the goal of all good Catholics to help and assist our fellow man.

However, I cannot do this alone. Therefore, I have surrounded myself with a core group of driven and motivated men also known as the Council Officers. These men have already provided me with great ideas and challenging goals which will help drive our council to a successful year. Together with the officers, we are ready to move forward, but, there is one final component that is vital to our success.

You are that final component. We need the support, dedication and participation of our members and friends to continue our worthy endeavors. So I ask for your continued involvement and support. I hope to see you all at our Installation on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

May God continue to bless us in all our endeavors and our daily lives!!!

Vivat Jesus,

*Frank Gallacher*

*Grand Knight*

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
Recorder	Louis Labetti	201-249-0393
Treasurer	Kevin Mulhern	201-247-5602
Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-220-7127
Financial Secy:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
Outside Guard I	Willie Cintron	201-951-9164
Outside Guard II	Kevin Sheridan	201-566-8194
Trustee 1 yr.	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Trustee 2 yr.	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
Trustee 3 yr	Lauro Rivera, PGK	201-315-0456
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, PGK	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:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Louis Labetti	201-249-0393
SMA Mission Rep	Gerry Flood	551-795-7480
St. John Church Rep	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
St. Mary Church Rep	Ed Kostka	201-387-9482
Webmaster:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Youth Activities:	John Racanelli	201-206-6425

**Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2015-2016**

President:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Vice President:	Lou Pidi	201-707-7283
Secretary:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Bar:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Kitchen:	Jerry Passano & Lou Pidi	201-403-8980
Dishwasher:	(open)	
Purchasing:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Rentals:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
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 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 2015-2016**

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 June 20, 2016**

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

To add a name, contact **Louis Labetti, 201-249-0393.**

**Members**

-Bob Dondero, PGK	
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK	-William Borrows
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Frank Uvenio	-Jim McEntee
-Jack McHugh, Sr.	
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn
-Jun Adel	-Brian O'Dowd

**Relatives & Friends**

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan*
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Carolyn Day, mother of William Day.*
- Donna Hayes, wife of PGK Matt Hayes;
- Evelyn Paulsen, mother of Columbiette Laura Labetti*
- Fe Rivera, wife of GK Larry Rivera.*
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.
- Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
- Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
- Laurice Joyce Mulhern, daughter of GK Larry Rivera;*
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Mary Rudolph, widow of late Art Rudolph.
- Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- 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.

**Wakes**

Members: *John Kerner.*

Relatives & Friends:

- Rose Rush, widow of PGK Rush.*
- John Ragone, son of Columbiette MaryAnn Ragone;*
- Brian Long, son of John (Jack) Long;*
- Father of Jim Brooks;*

**Reservations Procedure & Payment**

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

--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,

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

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

**Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year  
December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016**

**From the News Desk**

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

The **Knights of Columbus** set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$175,079,192 in donations and more than 73.5 million hours of service.

Congratulations to Nancy & Ken Florio-60 years married.

**Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment**

Congratulations to Brian Larcheveque and Jack Fredericks on taking their 2nd Degree in June.

*Gerry Flood, Chairman*

**Columbiette Auxiliary Report**

*“Sandy, the fireworks are hallin’ over little Eden tonight  
Forcin’ a light into all those stony faces left stranded on this  
fourth of July”*

(Bruce Springsteen, 1973)

As this is the month for the stars and stripes, have you ever noticed the three stars that are on our Columbiette logo?...and do you know what they represent? These three stars represent the mediums of Faith, Hope and Charity. As we are a charitable organization, St John’s Council Columbiettes are proud to name the following charities we have contributed to this year. They are:

- St Mary’s Food Pantry: \$500.00
- St John’s Food Pantry: \$500.00
- Twin-Boro Columbian Club: \$500.00
- Several Sources: \$500.00
- Rainbow for all God’s Children: \$500.00
- Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund: \$500.00
- A.S.C.P.G.: \$300.00
- Center for Hope and Safety: \$250.00
- Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis: \$250.00
- SMA Fathers (In Memory of Fr. Murray) : \$250.00
- Jenna’s Rainbow Foundation: \$250.00

Total Donations: \$4300.00

Many thanks to all of our Sister Columbiettes who helped with the various fund raisers we had during the year to make all of these donations possible!



From left to right: Annette Roge, Pres. Nina DiCostanzo, Pat Barkley, and Vice-Pres Laurie Labette. Annette and Pat were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for all their service works.

*Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity*

**Respect Life Report**

Just a reminder to keep praying for babies not yet born.

*Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman*

**Grand Knight Installation Mass & Reception**

Please be informed that the Installation Mass will be held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary’s Church in Dumont at 3 PM. Our council, located at 61 Armour Place Dumont, will host a reception immediately following the mass.

Musical entertainment will be provided by DJ Kenny Manuever and the food will be catered by Tommy Fox’s of Bergenfield.

The menu will include: chicken francese, sausage and peppers, sliced steak demi-glaze, penne ala vodka, sheppard’s pie, eggplant rollatini, rice, vegetables and salad. Dessert, coffee and tea will follow the meal. Cost per person will be \$30 and a portion of all proceeds will be donated to a local charity.

Please be sure to make reservations in advance as the meal will be catered and the cut-off date for reservations will be Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Advanced Payment and Reservations for all of our functions are preferred. -Email: Call or Text Ken at 516-220-9333 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com).

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

**Help Us Help You**

Would you like more frequent and up to date information about the events occurring at the council? Do you have an email address? If so, please send us an email to: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com) and let us know you’d like to be added to our email list.

Please include your full name, a phone number, and whether you are a member, a spouse, or just a friend. All are welcome and please feel free to share this message.

*Ken Armellino, Warden/Reservations*

**July San Alfonso Retreat**

The time has come to make your reservations for the retreat. The dates are Friday July 15 to Sunday July 17. The cost is \$210. Registration is Friday at 4pm and dinner will be at 6pm.

The office has asked to have a list of retreatants by July 5th. Also if you need a special room such as 1st floor, let me know. Call me at 732-608-0784. Address: 108 Chesterfield Lane, Toms River, NJ 08757.

*Tony Tulli, Retreat Chairman*

**Scholarship Winners**

College students received \$1000 each; Catholic HS \$500 each.

College: Kathryn Passano	Sponsor: Jerry Passano
Rhiannon E. Hickey	Sponsor: Tim Hickey
Shannon Martin	Sponsor: Steve Martin, PGK
Alexa Affrunti	Sponsor: Mike Affrunti
Gabrielle DeNoia	Sponsor: Joe DeNoia
Kara Foley	Sponsor: John Foley
Erin Saunders	Sponsor: Norm Saunders
C.H.S: Mary Flood	Sponsor: Gerry Flood
Grace DeNoia	Sponsor: Joe DeNoia

In all, there were 18 applications in 2016; the competition was fierce, but the criteria the committee defined worked and enabled us to select winners based not just on academic achievement but also on community involvement, literacy (applicant’s essay), and the contributions of the sponsoring member of council 1345.

*Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman*

**Dates to Remember**

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

- Mon, July Council Closed.
- Sat, July 2 Rental - Rossmann Ann'y-Grad 6pm.
- Mon, July 4 Independence Day - Fly the Flag.
- Mon, July 11 Officer mtg. 8pm.
- Sat, July 16 Installation mass 3pm, St. Mary's  
Installation Reception 5pm, Council.  
*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Day*
- Mon, July 18 Council mtg. 8pm.  
Col Club Re-Org mtg. 9:30pm.
- Mon, July 25 Col Club mtg 8pm.
- Wed, July 27 Feed the Homeless, Help Needed.
- Sun, July 31 Corp Comm 10am St. Mary's.

**Religious & Civil Rights Report**

I have just finished reading a Gallup Poll which has been going on for 15 years. Needless to say I am disturbed. The Poll was taken by 5 groups. 1- Catholics, 2- Protestants, 3- Jews, 4 Mormons and 5 Non-religious. The questions were about issues each group was Morally ACCEPTABLE. 38% of Catholics thought abortion was OK, 47% Catholics Dr assisted SUICIDE was OK, 59% Catholics thought out of wedlock births were acceptable and 62% of Catholics thought homosexual acts were ok . Catholics ranked higher than Protestants. Who would believe Catholics would be more Liberal than Protestants!! In another Gallup Poll Catholics thought that cloning of animals was Terrible.

It really is too complicated for me. I am just a traditional Roman Catholic who still believes in traditional marriage 1 man & 1 woman. I still believe that taking a human life is MURDER. Life of the defenseless in the womb is murder.

I guess I am a fundamental Catholic who thinks that traditional Catholicism is under attack locally i.e. nationally by the Media, Supreme Court and Legal (DOJ) looking for a big payout by the Church.

Internationally, i.e. Europe No. Africa, Mid East etc. by Barbaric Islamist Fundamental Terrorists who hate and kill Christians, Jews and Buddhists.

This war has been going on for 1400 years between Christianity and Islam. The Jihad (religious war) has come to the USA. First 9-11, then Fort Hood, San Bernadino and now Orlando.

What should we do?? Pray to Our Lady of Fatima. Muslims believe in Her Immaculate Conception and her Virgin Birth to Jesus Christ. They don't Believe Jesus was the son of God- just a Prophet. Mary is mentioned 32 time in the Quran Mary at Fatima said to Pray for Russia and pray to convert Islam to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

So let us pray for the conversion of Muslims to become Christians. Amen

*Vivat Jesus, Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman*

**Troop 1345 Scout Report**

Troop 1345 recently had the honor of watching Jack Zimmerman receive an award for the 2015 Eagle Scout Project of the Year within the Northern New Jersey Council, which was presented to him at a dinner event along with speaker Robert Gates, the former secretary of defense. And if

that wasn't good enough, on June 14 Jack was presented with an award for winning the best Eagle Scout Project in 2015 for the entire Northeast District! As Scoutmaster Rich Merkovsky says, " Amazing Scouts Doing Amazing Things!".

Congratulations to all of our scouts that are graduating middle school and going to high school, as well as graduating high school and going to college.

*Ray Ziemba, Asst Scoutmaster*

**The K of C National Organ Donor Program**

The K of C National Organ Donor Program starts in New Jersey at St. John's Council #1345.

After many months Phil Fredericks PGK, Greg Ryan, and Karen and Ray Glover have completed speaking to 95% of the Federation and Chapter groups in NJ, urging members, and their families and friends to register to be Organ Donors.

We will take this programs message to every state in the U.S. with God's help and register as many Brothers we can.

Our national motto will be:

*Brothers, with your family and friends become an Organ Donor. The life that gets saved just might sit across from you at dinner tonight.*

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

Greg: cell: 201-919-2535; email: [gregryan151@gmail.com](mailto:gregryan151@gmail.com);  
Phil: cell: 201-321-6695; email: [pfredericks512@gmail.com](mailto:pfredericks512@gmail.com).

*Greg Ryan, Chairman*

**Corporate Communion**

Brother, Sisters, Family and Friends, please join us for a Corporate Communion on Sunday, July 31st. Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church at 10am. Refreshments will follow back at the council. This is a great way for us to come together and show our presence in the community.

**Photo Gallery**



*Kathy Sylvester from St. Mary's Church, receiving award from Columbiette State President Lisa Roberts for Educator of the Year.*



*From left: Sir Knight G. DiCostanzo PFN, and new 4th Degree members from St John's Council..Sir Knights Frank Fundaro, Louis Labetti, Rich Merkovsky.*