



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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**JUNE, 2016**

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

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

When I decided, at the age of 34, to study for the priesthood, I was living and working in Philadelphia. I could have stayed there and studied for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia but I decided to return to my family home in Kearny and to study for the Archdiocese of Newark. It was almost 17 years since I had lived in New Jersey and I did not have a strong connection to my local parish. But when I entered Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, my home parish, St. Stephen's in Kearny, truly embraced me as their own and so did the parish's Knights of Columbus Council.

It was in that Council, # 6928, that I became of First Degree Knight. Throughout my five years at Immaculate Conception Seminary, I knew that I could always count on the Knights of Columbus for encouragement, support and prayers. When I was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ, all the Knights celebrated with me. I will always be grateful to those brother Knights who provided so much assistance to me during my seminary years.

On April 27, 2016, Archbishop Myers appointed me Chaplain of St. John's Council, #1345. I am grateful to the Archbishop for granting me this appointment and I am grateful to all of you for asking me to accept this appointment. I pray, that with God's grace, I may faithfully serve the Knights of Columbus and I pray that we all may work together for the glory of God.

God be praised.

*Fr. Stephen Carey, Chaplain*

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

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

The time for my role as your Grand Knight has come to an end with reminiscence of a year that I can describe as a year full of fun, education, hurdles, and challenges.

It was fun working with my brothers who have given their full support to me and to the council as a whole. I really appreciate the time and effort not only by helping with the events in setups, kitchen, waiters, and bar but by attending the events as guests as well. It was educational because of the lessons I learned in working with the members. Hurdles because whatever we do, there were some bumps on the road. Challenges because after expecting to receive the full support from some individuals, it did not materialize. All of these experiences combined made me a stronger and wiser person.

At this time, I would like to thank each and every one of you who assisted and supported us not only in our council events, but also with our Columbian Club rental as well. There are so many of you, and I don't think that the space allotted for my message will suffice to list all the names.

But permit me to say my special thanks to President Nina DiCostanzo and our Sister Columbiettes for their un-ending support to the council, and to Steve Martin and George DiCostanzo who have shown their leadership and dedication by making the Council's "Shake the Can Drive" a successful one despite the limited resources. To my co-officers this year, my gratitude for all your support.

Finally, to the Grand Knight Elect Frank Gallacher and newly elected officers, I wish you a very successful Columbian year ahead and I am here to provide my support in every way possible. I would like to ask all of you my brothers, to extend your support to them so we can continue to do great works of Charity to our churches and community.

May God Bless you, your families, and Council #1345!!!

Vivat Jesus

*Larry Rivera, Grand Knight*

## **2016-2017 Slate of Officers**

As chairman of the nominating committee, it is my honor to announce the slate of officers for the 2016 – 2017 Columbian year. The incoming officers are as follows:

Grand Knight – Frank Gallacher  
Deputy Grand Knight – Ivan Hannibal, PGK  
Chancellor – Gerry Flood  
Warden – Ken Armellino  
Recorder – Louis Labetti  
Inside Guard – John Racanelli

Outside Guard - Kevin Sheridan  
Outside Guard - Willie Cintron  
Treasurer - Kevin Mulhern  
Trustee 3 year's - Larry Rivera, PGK  
Advocate - Rich Oldfield

I would like to thank Ivan Hannibal, PGK for stepping up to take the Deputy Grand Knight position for the upcoming year. The official election will take place at the June 6, 2016 regular meeting. Please come down and join us that night as your vote counts.

*Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK*

*Chairman – Nominating Committee*

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 (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Rev. Stephen Carey	201-384-0557
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	551-795-7480
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**

Bldg. Maintenance	John Graham	201-387-0419
Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Lou Pidi, PGK	201-707-7253
Council Activities:	Ken Armellino	516-220-9333
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Drug Awareness:	Rich Merkovsky,	201-494-9912
Family Activities:	Frank Polise	201-370-0547
Feeding Homeless:	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
Mail Committee:	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Membership:	Frank Polise	201-370-0547
Newsletter Editor:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Parish Roundtable:	L. Rivera, GK	201-315-0456
Program Director:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
Publicity:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Rel & Civil Rgts:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
Rosary Hour:	John Scalice	201-338-2789
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
SMA Mission Rep	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
St. John Church Rep	Ezekiel Osdana	201-245-3559
St. Mary Church Rep	Ed Kostka	201-387-9482
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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 May 16, 2016**

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

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

**Members**

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

**Relatives & Friends**

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Betty Duffy, widow of the late Thomas Duffy.
- Brian Long, son of Jack Long.
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Donna Hayes, wife of PGK Matt Hayes;
- 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;
- Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
- Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
- Mary Rudolph, widow of late Art Rudolph.
- Nunzia, 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:

Relatives & Friends:

- Jim Hans - father-in-law of Larry Miloscia;
- Marty Moylan - friend & usher from St Mary's

**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 **JUNE**.

Anyone interested in becoming a trustee in the Columbian Club, please call Phil at 201-321-6695.

### **Deputy Grand Knight Report**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have attended our events over the last eleven months. I would also like to thank all of our volunteers who have made these events possible. The dedication of our volunteers continues to be the foundation of our success.

Everyone is invited to attend our Beef and Brew on Saturday, June 25 @7:00 – 11:00 PM. This is our annual year-end event with food cooked on charcoal grille. Cost is \$30 per person and includes char-grilled steaks, burgers, hotdogs, salads, beverage, dessert, coffee and tea. Advanced Payment and Reservations for all of our functions are preferred. -- Email: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com). OR, -Call or Text to: Kenneth at 1-516-220-9333. **\*\*Mail your check when you make your reservation\*\***

We will be holding our Grand Knight Installation and Dinner Dance on July 16, 2016. Kindly mark that date in your calendar. Details will follow on our next bulletin.

*DGK Frank Gallacher, (201)957-2683*

### **Chancellor Report - Membership & Recruitment**

Congratulations to Innocent Amaefule, and Timothy Donegan, who took their 3rd Degree in May.

Our council will host a 2nd Degree on Wed, June 8. If you're a 1st Degree, now is the time to take your 2nd.

*Frank Polise, Membership, 201-370-0547.*

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Thank you to all the members who paid their dues on time, and supported our Council Scholarship Fund.

*George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK*

### **Columbiette Auxiliary Report**

*"I got my first real six-string  
Bought it at the five-and dime  
Played it till my fingers bled  
It was the summer of '69"  
(Bryan Adams, 1985)*

We congratulate all of our officers who were elected at our May meeting...and speaking of congratulations, St John's Columbiettes are proud to announce that the NJ State Council 2016 Charity Award, honoring Outstanding Catholic Women, was awarded to Kathy Sylvester (who is Director of Campus Ministry at Academy of Holy Angels and the Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA at St. Mary's Church) for her charitable works in education. She was presented with her award at the Charity Award Luncheon held on May 1.

Kathy has always believed that education is key. She said, "In my ministry in the parish I sought to further the education of the parish in matters of the "head" and the "heart." My work with Cornerstone, Liturgical Ministry Training and various ministry days in the parish, all deal with helping people to become the best ministers they can be and encourage them to grow spiritually, responding to their baptismal call."

We thank Kathy for all of the many good works that she does for us and St Mary's!

It's hard to believe that it's June and time once again for the Columbiette Convention which will take place on June 24-26 in Piscataway, New Jersey. We always look forward to seeing our sister Columbiettes and hearing all of the many good deeds they have done in the past year.

As summer fast approaches bringing those lazy, hazy, crazy days I, along with my fellow Columbiette Officers, wish all of our sister Columbiettes, and Brother Knights...a happy, healthy, fun, summer!

*Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity*

### **Respect Life Report**

The NJ Respect Life Committee of St. John's Parish in Bergenfield gave away 500 baby bottle banks on Mother's Day. They are to be filled with coins or dollars and returned Father's Day. The funds raised go to Crisis Life Centers in Bergen County. Great Idea

*Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman*

### **Collection Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities**

With the generous efforts of so many members, sister Columbiettes, and friends, we were able to collect \$8066.00 this year for distribution to service agencies for the intellectually disabled.

**To show our gratitude, we will have an "appreciation night" for this year's volunteers on Friday, June 17 at 7:30pm. Mark your calendar, and try to attend.**

*Steve Martin, Chairman  
George DiCostanzo, Co-Chairmen.*

### **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**

It is time to think about spending a weekend at the Lord's summer retreat house. The dates are Friday July 15 to Sunday July 17. Enjoy the beautiful ocean, good food and good talks. Most of all enjoy the fellowship with other men.

Cost will be \$210.00. Please ask any other man that you think would enjoy the peace and quiet of a retreat. More info in the July issue. Any questions, call me at 732-608-0784.

*Tony Tulli, Retreat Chairman*

### **At the NJ K of C State Convention**



### **Dates to Remember**

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

**Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.**

Sat, June 4 Rental - Christian Overcomers 4pm.  
Sun, June 5 Pancake Breakfast 9am-1pm.  
Mon, June 6 Council mtg, 8pm. also, Election Night.  
June 8-11 St. Mary's Carnival 6pm.  
Wed, June 8 Second (2nd) Degree at Council 7pm.  
Fri, June 10 Rental - Honiss 8th Grade; **Council Closed.**  
Mon, June 13 Officer mtg 8pm.  
Wed, June 15 Columbiette mtg. 7:30pm.  
Fri, June 17 Collection Drive "appreciation night" 7:30.  
Sat, June 18 Rental-Passano graduation 7pm.  
Sun, June 19 *Father's Day*  
Mon, June 20 Council mtg 8pm  
Fri, June 24 Rental-Gormley Sweet 16; **Council Closed.**  
Sat, June 25 Rental-Barry Eagle Scout 11am-3pm.  
Beef & Brew Dinner Dance - 7pm.  
Mon, June 27 Columbian Club mtg 8pm.  
Sat, July 2 Rental - Rossmann Anniversary 4pm.

### **Religious & Civil Rights Report**

Gentlemen: Some disconcerting news. Research says Catholics under the age of 60 that 70% do not go to Mass each week. Why is that?? Probably several reasons. Number One would be the diminishing number of Catholic schools in New Jersey. Both K thru 8 and High Schools over the last 50 years. The reasons being several. One the teaching Nun Orders hardly exist any longer. The Schools have to hire lay teachers who naturally earn more money than the Nuns.

So tuition at Catholic schools have risen greatly: the main reason New Jersey has the HIGHEST REAL ESTATE Taxes in the nation. Parents just cannot afford the taxes and pay tuition to a Catholic school. VOUCHERS would be a great start. The dioceses in NJ should put more dollars and emphasis on good Catholic education. Stop closing schools. The effect may be the reason of that statistic on the first line of this piece.

I, personally think the Catholic Church's hierarchy has failed to teach the TRUE FAITH over the last 50 years in this country and in Europe as well. We need accurate Church teaching with logic and passion. I believe we Catholics have fallen into the "Ecumenical trap" i.e. the American Catholic Church acts in a more Protestant fashion rather than the True Catholic one.

We need MORE Catholic Schools.

Catholic Bishops are fearful about losing their tax exempt status and so they shy away from anything political. It seems Freedom of Speech is for everyone except the Roman Catholic Clergy. We need more accurate Catholic teaching from the pulpit weekly and daily.

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

### **Troop 1345 Scout Report**

Troop 1345 held its annual bridging ceremony at Camp Alpine recently, and the troop welcomed in 10 new scout families (picture attached). The troop continues to grow and thrive under the leadership provided by Scoutmaster Rich Merkovsky, the other adult leaders, a strong troop committee, and of course the talented youth leaders in the troop. Troop 1345 currently has scouts from seven towns (Dumont, Bergenfield, Cresskill, Tenafly, River Edge, New Milford,

Alpine). There are currently 55 active scouts involved with the troop.



Troop 1345 continues its legacy of encouraging young men to work towards their Eagle Scout rank, and the troop currently has 13 Eagle Scouts on its honor roll between 2008 and 2016. One sure sign of a strong troop is that we currently have 16 Life Scouts within our troop, which shows the dedication that these young men put into the troop.

Life Scouts typically are the older high school aged boys who remain actively involved in the troop, provide youth leadership, and remain active within their community. Our Life scouts are young men who do well in school, are actively involved in athletic activities, remain active in school programs such as band, and provide solid role models to the younger scouts in the troop. 10 of the 16 Life scouts are currently working towards their Eagle Scout rank, and are actively working on some phase of their leadership projects, providing valuable community service and support to organizations throughout the neighborhood.

The troop is currently planning out its busy summer schedule, which will take the troop on several major journeys, including summer camp in upstate New York, a high adventure trek at Floodwood, and a road trip that will take travel from NJ to Carolina to Canada and back.

*Ray Ziembra, 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 Ryan:** -cell #: 201-919-2535; email: [gregryan151@gmail.com](mailto:gregryan151@gmail.com);

**Phil Fredericks:** -cell #: 201-321-6695; email: [pfredericks512@gmail.com](mailto:pfredericks512@gmail.com).

*Greg Ryan, Chairman*

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Sun, June 5 from 9am-1pm. Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, juice, coffee/tea. Cost \$8/adults, \$4/children 10 & under, family rate \$25. Call 516-220-9333 to reserve. We need to know you're coming for adequate food supply.