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Grand Knight's Message

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

As the Columbian year comes to a close, so does my term as your Grand Knight. I am extremely grateful for all the love and support you have shown to me. Although we faced challenging times and circumstances, we never allowed disagreement to become discord. We came together with new ideas and new activities. Some things worked while others did not. However, the officers always gave their very best and displayed a level of commitment second to none.

I must also acknowledge the support and encouragement of our Columbiettes. With a strong sense of team work and endless enthusiasm, they are an incredible group. It was truly a pleasure to stand beside these wonderful ladies.

Boy Scout Troop 1345 also remains an important part of our council. The Scout leaders and Scouts continue to show a strong commitment to our community while upholding many of the values which we, as Knights, hold in high regard.

Finally, I come to the Columbian Club. I thank the members for the support during this past year. I specially acknowledge the President and Vice President for providing me their solemn promise to hold a special election and restructure the Columbian Club to meet the challenges ahead.

May God continue to bless you in your everyday lives and guide our council as we serve those in need.

Vivat Jesus,

Frank Gallacher,

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Once Mother's Day and First Communions are over, you can be sure that graduation time is here at last. It does not matter if it is grammar school, high school or college; graduation ceremonies are always called commencement ceremonies because for those who are graduating, it may be the end of one phase of their lives but a whole new adventure is about to begin.

In my last parish, one of my favorite duties as pastor was to give out the diplomas for the children graduating from kindergarten. These little kids were so excited as they came forward to receive their diplomas because they knew that it meant they were moving on to first grade, to learning new things and to making new friends. They really saw their Kindergarten Commencement ceremony as the start of something big.

The important thing for all graduates to remember is that learning never stops. Each day is a chance to learn something new. We must always see ourselves as students and we should always remember that each person we meet may have something to teach us.

Let us pray for all those graduating this spring. May they keep learning and keep growing knowledge and wisdom. May they always use the gifts and talents that God has given them for the betterment of our world and may they be open to the guidance of the Spirit as they move on to wonderful new adventures.

Vivat Jesus

Rev. Stephen Carey,

Chaplain

Council Officers 2016-2017

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 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 | Brian O'Dowd | 201-385-2859 |
| Treasurer | Kevin Mulhern | 201-247-5602 |
| Advocate | Rich Oldfield | 201-214-9375 |
| Financial Secy: | G. DiCostanzo, PGK | 201-338-2617 |
| Inside Guard | (open) | |
| Outside Guard I | Willie Cintron | 201-951-9164 |
| Outside Guard II | Kevin Sheridan | 201-844-3180 |
| 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

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| Bldg. Maintenance | John Graham | 201-387-0419 |
| Church Activities: | Matt Connell | 201-387-7187 |
| Community Affairs: | | |
| Council Activities: | | |
| Council Reservation: | Kenneth Armellino | 516-220-9333 |
| Drug Awareness: | Rich Merkovsky, | 201-494-9912 |
| Family Activities: | | |
| Feeding Homeless: | | |
| Fr. Murray Scholar | Bill Bocchicchio | 201-385-9015 |
| Mail Committee: | Dave Benson | 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 |
| Scholarship: | Dr. Geoffrey Sadock | 201-387-0240 |
| Sick & Wake: | George DiCostanzo, PGK | 201-338-2617 |
| SMA Mission Rep | Gerry Flood | 551-795-7480 |
| Special Projects: | Brian O'Dowd | 201-385-2859 |
| St. John Church Rep | | |
| St. Mary Church Rep | | |
| Webmaster: | Brian O'Dowd | 201-390-7968 |
| Youth Activities: | | |

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2016-2017

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|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| President: | Jerry Passano | 201-403-8980 |
| Vice President: | Phil Fredericks | 201-321-6695 |
| Secretary: | (open) | |
| Treasurer: | Mike Cremin | 201-956-2782 |
| Bar: | Phil Fredericks | 201-321-6695 |
| Kitchen Cooks | Phil Fredericks | 201-321-6695 |
| Dishwasher Chmn: | (open) | |
| Purchasing: | John Orsino | 201-244-5875 |
| Rentals: | Matt Connell | 201-387-7187 |
| Servers/Waiters: | Steve Martin, PGK | 201-262-2764 |

Columbiette's Ladies Auxiliary 2016-2017

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 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 |

BOY SCOUTS – Troop #1345 / Crew #1345 – 2017

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| Scoutmaster – | Rich Merkovsky | 201-494-9912 |
| Asst. Scoutmaster – | Ray Ziemba | 201-410-0897 |
| Asst. Scoutmaster – | Billy Cook | 201-566-5036 |
| Crew Advisor – | Ray Ziemba | 201-410-0897 |
| Assoc Crew Advisor – | Tim Bright | 201-803-5602 |

Knights Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of May 17, 2017

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, call **George Di Costanzo, 201-338-2617.**

Members

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| -Bob Dondero, PGK | -John P. McHugh |
| -Steven Petraglia | -Dave Benson, PGK |
| -Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK | -William Borrows |
| -Dick Dorozynski | -Scott Manno, PGK |
| -Frank Uvenio | -Jim McEntee |
| -Brendan Thornton | -Michael Curran |
| -John Maguire | -Bill Horn |
| -Bill Connington, PGK | -Tom Ciotti, PGK |
| -James Keane | -Jim Kelly, Sr. |
| <i>-Tony O'Hare</i> | |

Relatives & Friends

-Addison Rose Palardy, granddaughter of PGK B. Bernard.
-Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
-Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
-Dolores O'Dowd, wife of Brian O'Dowd,
-Dyane, daughter of Columbiette Annette Roge
-Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.
-Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
-Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
-Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
-Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Maria Brooks, wife of Jim Brooks;
-Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
-Maureen Kostka, wife of the late Ed Kostka.
-Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. Di Costanzo;
-Paul Schmidt, brother of Tom Schmidt;
-Peggy Brennan, wife of Joseph Brennan
-Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
-Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;
-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 Barclay.
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.
-Valeria Lachina, daughter of PGK Bill Bochicchio;
-William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows

Wakes

Members: *James O'Meara;*

Relatives & Friends:

-Jacob DeCristofaro, nephew of Columbiette Mattea Truppe;
-Rosa Manginelli, mother of Guiseppe Manginelli
-Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
-Joe Tumeneng, usher at St. Mary's Church;

Reservations Procedure

Reservations for all of our functions are preferred.

--Email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. OR,
-Call or Text to: Kenneth Armellino at **1-516-220-9333.**

Hall For Rent

Planning a party soon? Call **Matt Connell at 201-387-7187**, email kofc1345rentals@gmail.com or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. ***The hall is available with or without food catering.***

From the News Desk

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

Membership Report

Congratulations to **Theodore Cebulski, Theodore Cebulski, Jr, and James Callahan** who took their Knighthood 3rd Degree in May.

Next Degree dates:

- Formation (2nd): Tues, June 6 at Madonna Council, Englwd;
- Admission (1st): Tues, June 13 at Westwood;
- Admission (1st): Sunday, June 25 at Ridgefield.

Financial Secretary Report

As we wind down to the end of this Coumbian Year, I want to personally thank each dues-paying member and each Honorary Life member for their donations to our Scholarship Fund. Your donations totalled \$3670.00. Thanks again.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Nominating Committee 2017-2018 Slate of Officers

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| -Grand Knight | - Steven Martin, PGK |
| -Deputy Grand Knight | - Matthew Connell |
| -Chancellor | - Kenneth Armellino |
| -Recorder | - Brian O'Dowd |
| --Advocate | - Richard Oldfield |
| -Treasurer | - Kevin Mulhern |
| -Warden | - Arturo Ilano |
| -Inside Guard | - Kevin Sheridan |
| -Outside Guard | - Gerry Flood |
| -Outside Guard | - Willie Cintron |
| -Trustee - 3 years | - Frank Gallacher, PGK |
| -Trustee - 2 years | - Larry Rivera, PGK |
| -Trustee - 1 year | - Dave Benson, PGK |

Thank you very much to Steve Martin & Matt Connell for stepping up to be Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight for the upcoming year.

Election will be held on June 5, 2017 on the council's regular meeting. I'm encouraging all our members in joining us as each vote counts.

Larry Rivera, PGK, Chairman - Nominating Committee

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen- There needs to be more conversation regarding the role of the Judiciary making law. For example The Roe vs Wade decision in 1973 legalizing ALL abortions. The 5 to 4 decision was based on a PENUMBRA?? What is that??

The definition "a margin of shadow within the rays of light from an illuminating body partly but not wholly intercepted." Now that is very enlightening Right?? The term is usually used in astronomy about eclipses. But the Supremes used it in Roe V Wade. People think abortion is a constitutional right- It is NOT. Constitutional rights are LIFE, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Matthew Connell, Chmn

Blood Drive

On Father's day, Sunday June 18th Community Blood Services will once again be at the Council Hall at 61 Armour Place in Dumont from 9am - 2pm collecting blood donations.

All donors are welcome. Feel free to walk-in or call Community Blood Services at 201-251-3703 to make an appointment.

Remember it takes 250 blood donations every day to meet the needs of all of the patients in the more than 30 hospitals we serve throughout New Jersey and New York. Let's all try and do our part.

Ken Armellino, Chairman

St. John's Council 109th Anniversary Beefsteak

Join us June 3rd 7pm - 11pm for a sit down dinner consisting of an appetizer, salad, ziti marinara, beefsteak with fries, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and beverages included.

Let's all celebrate the 109th Anniversary of the Council's founding with the music of the 50's, 60's and beyond presented by DJ Lady J. The price is \$35 per person. RSVP REQUIRED.

To make a reservation call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

Ken Armellino, Chairman

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Slate of Officers

The Officers & Trustee's up for election for the 2017-2018 year are:

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| President: | George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK |
| Vice Pres: | Tom Formoso |
| Secretary: | Bill Flores |
| Treasurer: | Mike Cremin |
| Trustee: | John Orsino |
| Trustee: | Juan Melendez |

The election is Monday June 6 after the Council election. I'm encouraging all our members to stay for the 2nd election as each vote counts. Other Col Club assignments will be published in the July newsletter.

Collection Drive for Disabled Persons

My co-chair George DiCostanzo and I would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2017 Shake the Can Drive which benefits handicapped adults and children. Thanks to the efforts of many Knights, Columbiettes, Scout Leaders, and Friends, we collected **\$9457.00**. You answered George's calls and my calls and we were able to cover numerous locations in Bergenfield and Dumont.

We collected at the corner of Madison & Washington on Saturday and Sunday and that was a big part of the money we collected. We have to thank Dumont Police Chief Conner for allowing us to return to that intersection to collect "in the streets". A lot of people ask "Where does the money go?"

The answer is that the NJ State Council donates 10% of the money all Councils collect to State charities benefitting handicapped adults and children. The remaining 90% is distributed by our Council to local organizations that aid and assist the handicapped. That's a big reason I love what the Knights do - Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter and dollar we collected goes to assist the handicapped. That's a great feeling.

Lastly, I want everyone to know I could not run this Drive without your help and a tip of the hat must go to Nina DiCostanzo, John Graham and Mike Cremin who provided their invaluable time and effort to this Drive.

PGK Steve Martin, Chairman

Religious & Civil Rights Report

Gentlemen The President of the United States has signed executive orders that would allow all religious people to practice their faith without fear of being prosecuted or fined for their religious beliefs. Thank God.

Matt Connell, Chairman

Dates to Remember

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

Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.

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| Tues, May 30 | Columbian Club meeting 8pm. |
| Wed, May 31 | Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. |
| Fri, June 2 | Chinese Food social 8:30-10pm. |
| Sat, June 3 | Council 109th Anniversary Party, 7-11pm. |
| Sun, June 4 | Pentecost Sunday |
| Mon, June 5 | Regular Council mtg 8pm. Election night, Council & Columbian Club |
| Tues, June 6 | 2nd Degree Formation 7pm-Englewood |
| Fri, June 9 | Rental - Honiss School 7pm. |
| Sun, June 11 | Most Holy Trinity Solemnity |
| Mon, June 12 | Officer meeting 8pm. |
| Tues, June 13 | 1st Degree Admission 7pm Westwood |
| Wed, June 14 | Flag Day - Fly the Fly Proudly |
| Sat, June 17 | Eagle Scout Ceremony - 3pm. DiPaolo |
| Sun, June 18 | Father's Day Blood Drive 9am to 2pm. Corpus Christi Solemnity |
| Mon, June 19 | PGK Reunion Celebration 5:30pm. Council meeting 8pm. |
| Wed, June 21 | Columbiettes meeting 7:30pm. |
| Sat, June 24 | Rental - Christian Overcomers 4pm |
| Sun, June 25 | Council 109th Anniversary 1st Degree Admission, 5pm, Ridgefield |
| Mon, June 26 | Columbian Club meeting 8pm. |
| Fri, June 30 | Special Friday Night Social 8pm. |

Troop 1345 Scout Report

Brian DiPaolo passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on March 26, becoming the troop's seventeenth (17th) Eagle Scout. Brian's leadership project entailed building a fishing information kiosk at the Oradell Reservoir. Kyle Buchheister and Sean Adomilli are currently awaiting their Eagle Scout Boards of Review.

Troop 1345 participated in the NJ State Police National Guard Camporee at Sea Girt, NJ on May 19-20-21. It was the third time that the troop has been able to participate in this event, which tends to be one of the largest Boy Scout events in the country, hosting an average of 10,000 scouts.

The troop had 36 members registered for this event. This program occurs once every three years and is hosted by the NJ State Police, State Troopers Eagle Scout Assoc, and the NJ Nat'l Guard at the NJ Nat'l Guard Training Center and NJ State Police Academy.

Ray Ziemba, Asst Scoutmaster

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

"Callin' out around the world

Are you ready for a brand new beat?

Summer's here and the time is right

For dancin' in the streets."

(Martha & the Vandellas, 1964)

We congratulate all of our officers who were elected at our May meeting and say thank you to our out-going President, Nina DiCostanzo for her two years of service. Nina, in her new position of Immediate Past President will be of assistance to our new President and will now be a member of the "Past Presidents Club!"

And speaking of congratulations, St John's Columbiettes acknowledges Ann Marie Bishopp who was awarded with a certificate from the New Jersey State Council of Columbiettes for being nominated for the NJ 2017 State Council Charity Award. This award honors Outstanding Catholic Women for charitable works and education. Ann Marie directs the volunteers for Simple Supper Ash Wednesday, Cornerstone Retreat Director, Co-Director of Vacation Bible School and Director of Liturgy of the Word at St Mary's Church and is also a Eucharistic Minister. Ann Marie is a teacher at Palisades Pre-School and Kindergarten. She was presented with this award at the luncheon which was held on April 29.

It's hard to believe that it's June and time once again for the Columbiette Convention which will take place on June 23-25 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, Past Pres, Publicity

The 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

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

San Alfonso Retreat

Brothers, It is time to think about the retreat in July. Come down and enjoy good food, spiritual talks, and fellowship. The dates are July 14-15-16, 2017.

Cost is \$210.00/pp, and check in time is Friday July 14 at 4:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

They want me to submit a list by no later than July 5. Please let me know if you will be attending. If you need a first floor room let me know ASAP as they are limited.

Tony Tulli, Chmn, 615-557-5787.

Happy Father's Day to all Grandfathers, Fathers, Sons with children and Sons in general. This is their Special Day.

And, a special THANK YOU and RECOGNITION to our active members, past and present, who have and continue to give up family time so that they can serve God, Country, and Community through the Knights of Columbus. God Bless Them!

Flag Day

Wednesday, June 14 is our national observance of Flag Day. I encourage every member of our Council to fly their flag if they have one.

If you do not have a flag, ask your local VFW, or American Legion for one of their small flags. I'm sure they'll be happy to give it to you.

See the enclosed flyer about our Flag. As Knights, let us lead the way and display the flag proudly.