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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Reverend Fathers, Family and Friends,

As this Columbian year comes to an end, I would like to thank all of you for your support of our council and especially your support of me. We have done some great things and will continue to do so as we continue to be the greatest Knights of Columbus council in the county.

Unfortunately, I have some sad news to report, our wonderful Chaplain, Father Dermot Roache, SMA is stepping down. Father Dermot has been appointed as Liaison to the Holy See for the SMA. I will and I know you all will miss him terribly. Good luck in your future adventures leading others as you have led us. However, I do have good news, Father Sean Manson of St. John's has agreed to take over for Father Dermot. A letter has been sent to Cardinal Tobin requesting his appointment as our Chaplain and we are awaiting confirmation.

We have some great events coming up. June 14th will be the beginning of our Friday Night Dining Deals. Our Worthy Financial Secretary Ken Armellino will do the cooking with pasta and meatballs on the menu for the night. Join us from 6:30 – 8:30 pm; cost is \$15 per person, children 13 and older \$10, and \$50 per family (immediate family only). It's bound to be a great night. On June 28th we will be hosting a viewing of the iconic movie, JAWS. The show will start at 8:00 pm. Please contact Tom Formoso for more information. Hot dogs, popcorn and snacks will be available for purchase. Also, keep the date of July 20th as the date for the Installation of Council Officers, more details will follow immediately after the elections.

Lastly, a big Thank you to those who attended the convention and kept all in attendance well fed and nourished. Thanks to Mike Rowley, Bob Feigle, Tom Formoso, Anthony Marti, Jeff Meeks and Steve Martin. Job well done lads, job well done!

Like the gold of the sun, Like the light of the day, May God's love and protection, Shine bright on your way.

God Bless,

Chuck Hollis, Grand Knight, FDD

Chaplain's Message - Thank you Fr. Dermot!

In lieu of a Chaplain's message this month, we send our best wishes and prayers to Fr. Dermot on his appointment as the Liaison to the Holy See for the Society of African Missions (SMA). We are grateful for your friendship and guidance over the years.

*You have blessed us, O God, with the gift of friendship,
the bonding of persons in a circle of love.*

*We thank you for such a blessing: for friends who love us,
who share our sorrows, who laugh with us in celebration,
who bear our pain, who need us as we need them,
who weep as we weep, who hold us when words fail,
and who give us the freedom to be ourselves.*

Bless our friends with health, wholeness, life, and love. Amen.

Council Officers 2023-2024

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Healing and Wake Report

As of May 30th, 2024

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, please call Jim Callahan: 201-655-2634.

Notice: The Healing List for members, family and friends of members will be updated every 3 months and names will be removed from the list after 3 months. If you want a name to remain/be placed back on the list, please email Jim Callahan at: jmc712@aol.com.

Members

-Don Wuertz	-Brian O'Dowd
-Dan Taylor	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Fred Schuld	-Michael Siano
-Lou Sciarino	-Jeff Martin
-John Graham	-Joseph Welsh
-Mike Cremin	-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain
-Andrew Santulli	-Bill Flores

Relatives & Friends

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray
-Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio
-Nancy Hecker, wife of Paul Hecker
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan
-Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarino
-Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK
-Ann Meyer, wife Herb Meyer, FSD
-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
-Maryjo Harris, wife of Emil Harris
-Isaac Alcantara, friend of Jim Callahan
-John Roache, father of Fr. Dermot Roache
-Dyane Guardino, daughter of Columbiette, Annette Rogie
-Cathy Hollis, wife of Chuck Hollis, GK
-Roger Carney, brother of Maureen Italiano
-Maria Meeks, wife of Jeff Meeks
-Dolores, O'Dowd, wife of Trustee Brian O'Dowd
-Linda Beck, Sister in law of Mike Rowley

Wake

-**Donna Hannibal**, former Columbiette, wife of Ivan Hannibal, PGK

Organ Donor Program

Brothers, with your family and friends, become an Organ Donor. The life you save is precious, and could be family, a relative, or a friend. Sign up at: www.registerme.org/knights or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

The school years winds down, our students graduate, and our council gets ready to move to a new Columbian year, with new challenges and opportunities. By now you may have learned that our chaplain, Father Dermot Roache will be moving on from that role due to new responsibilities he's taken on for the SMA Fathers. We so much appreciate, Father Dermot, your spiritual guidance, your thought-provoking homilies, and just being there for us when we needed you. We will miss you as Chaplain, but will always keep you close to our hearts. Know that you are one of our own and the welcome mat is always out for you!

The good news for our council is that Father Sean Manson, the pastor of St. John the Evangelist, has kindly agreed to serve as our new chaplain. Please keep Fathers Dermot and Sean in your prayers during this transition time. And say thanks to Father Dermot while welcoming for Father Sean!

As I said in May's newsletter, let's think about and discuss what we can do not only to maintain our council, but also to help it to thrive while it serves our community and helps us in our growth as Catholic gentlemen. Vivat Jesus!

Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

Our proposed officers for the 2024-2025 Columbian year will be myself, President; Mike Rowley, Vice President; Tom Formoso, Secretary; Adrian Miller, Treasurer; and Anthony Marti, Ken Armellino and Jeff Meeks, Trustees. Bob Feigle and Paul Hecker are stepping down as Trustees but Bob and Paul have assured me of their continued involvement in the TBCC.

The TBCC had a very good year in generating revenue from its rentals, thanks to those noted above and numerous other Brother Knights. I think it is worth mentioning that the success of the TBCC allows us to cover the expenses of operating a very large building as well allowing the Council to continue its charitable work in the vision of our founder Fr, Michael McGivney, aiding those in need in our communities and supporting our churches and priests. Vivat Jesus!

Steven Martin, Proud TBCC President

Honoring Veterans on Memorial Day Weekend

Council 1345 had a successful Memorial Day Weekend honoring veterans and those who gave their lives for their country. Council 1345 marched in the Bergenfield Memorial Day Parade. A Missing Man Table was set up at Schreiber's Deli, Big Jim's Pizzeria, and TriValley Restaurant to honor those who died in service, POWs, and those who remain MIA.

Big Jim's Pizzeria and the Council teamed up to assist the Paramus Veterans Home and raised \$250. Schreiber's Deli had a collection bucket to support Council programs assisting veterans, and raised \$79.

Thank you to Schreiber's Deli, Big Jim's Pizzeria and TriValley Family Restaurant for all you do for the community and for making this Memorial Day Weekend a success. Lastly, thank you to all who have served their country, and their families, and especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Nominating Committee Proposes Slate for 2024-25 Columbian Year

As required, the Nominating Committee of Ken Armellino, Steve Martin, and Rich Oldfield has agreed to propose the following slate:

Grand Knight	Charles Hollis, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Knott
Chancellor	Justin Miller
Warden	William Flores
Recorder	George Corbo
Inside Guard	Frank Apablaza
Outside Guard I	Anthony Marti
Trustee 3-Year	Frank Gallacher, PGK, PFN

Twin Boro Columbian Club Proposes Slate for 2023-24 Columbian Year

As required, TBCC has proposed the following slate:

President	Steve Martin, PGK
Vice President	Mike Rowley
Treasurer	Adrian Miller
Secretary	Thomas Formoso
Trustee	Ken Armellino
Trustee	Anthony Marti
Trustee	Jeff Meeks

Elections for both slates will take place at the June 17th Council meeting.

Columbiette Report

*"While it's still free
I'm gonna soak up the sun
Before it goes out on me...
I'm gonna tell everyone to lighten up."
(Sheryl Crow 1996)*

We congratulate our officers who were elected at our May meeting and look forward to another successful upcoming Columbiette year.

It's hard to believe its June and time once again for the Columbiette Convention which will take place on June 21-23 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.

In the upcoming summer months, please watch for details about our "Fund-Raising 50/50 Raffle" to be drawn on New Year's Eve. There will be four prizes equal to 1/8th of the pot. The raffle will start in September, and ticket prices have yet to be determined.

On behalf of myself, my sister Columbiettes, and all the officers of St John's Council, we wish everyone a happy, safe and fun summer!

Peace!

Roberta Elwell, Past President

Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

Fri, June 7th Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's – **8:30 pm**
Fri, June 14th Pasta Night – **6:30 – 8:30 pm**
Mon, June 17th Council Meeting – **8:00 pm**
Wed, June 19th Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 pm**

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at **7:45 pm**

Eucharistic Adoration

DGK Bob Knott asks that you contact him at 201-675-2802 or email him at knottrj@optimum.net if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

Next Council Meeting - Monday, June 17th

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 17th at 8 pm. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter "1345" for the user and "armour" (case sensitive) for the password.

Upcoming Events:

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser - Calling all Chili Cooks! We are looking to have a Chili Cook-Off fundraiser in the Spring and want to see how your recipe stacks up against the competition! If you think you have a winning recipe and would like to help the Council fund its activities, please contact Rich Oldfield at 201-220-7127. More details to follow in a future newsletter.

Pasta Night - On **Friday, June 14th** from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm we will offer a dinner of **UNLIMITED** pasta and sauce with meatballs, bread, and cookies. Coffee, tea, soda, tap beer, wine and soda included. The cost will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 13 or younger, with a maximum of \$50 per family (immediate family only). **RSVP required** by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345reservations@gmail.com. See attached flyer for details.

Blood Drive - The next blood drive is **Monday, July 22nd** from 2 pm to 7 pm at the Knights of Columbus Council (61 Armour Place, Dumont). This is an easy way to save multiple lives. An appointment is encouraged to donate. You can schedule your appointment by going to: <https://tinyurl.com/1345Blood-24-7> or calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

Convention Fun



Memorial Day Weekend





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PASTA NIGHT

Friday June 14th, 2024

From 6:30pm – 8:30pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET OF:



- Bread
- Penne Pasta with Sauce
- All Beef Meatballs
- Cookies, coffee, tea
- Tap Beer, Wine, & Soda Included



**Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email
kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP**

\$15 per person

Children 13 and older \$10

Immediate Family max \$50

Family & ProLife News Briefs

June 2024

Standing for Life in a Mixed-Up Culture

Churches, Religious Groups Called Right-Wing Extremists

The Diocese of Albany, NY, said it would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court after New York's highest court ruled that NY can continue to require companies with health insurance plans to cover what it called medically necessary abortions. Catholic Charities, churches and other religious groups argued that the regulation could force some employers to **violate their religious beliefs**. Yet Gov. Hochul said: "While right-wing extremists attempt to undermine our fundamental freedoms, New York will continue standing strong to protect women's health care and safeguard abortion rights." Dennis Poust, exec. dir. of the NY State Catholic Conference, said that Hochul "delted into name calling, referring to the plaintiffs in the case as 'right-wing extremists.'" [excerpted, Kate Scanlon, OurSundayVisitor.com, 5/22/24]

Born the Size of Her Father's Hand

Baby Wren was born at just 22 weeks and was the smallest baby (14 oz) her neonatal intensive care unit had ever seen, measuring about the same size as her father Rob's hand. The family just celebrated her first birthday by visiting the neonatal unit to thank the medical staff who helped Wren survive.

When she was only 22 weeks pregnant, Naomi went into hospital after noticing unusual symptoms. "I didn't know you could go into labour that early. We didn't know what to expect, we were shocked", she said. "There wasn't much hope and we were told to prepare ourselves as **she was unlikely to survive**. Yet, she exceeded all expectations. By all accounts Wren shouldn't have survived, but she did. She is the happiest smiley baby. We are so lucky & I couldn't be prouder."

The latest annual abortion statistics for England and Wales (2021) reveal that 755 abortions were performed when the baby was at 22 or 23 weeks gestation. But, according to a recent study, there were 261 babies born alive at 22 and 23 weeks who survived to discharge from hospital in 2020 and 2021. This means there could be doctors at one end of a hospital fighting to keep a baby born at 23 weeks gestation alive, and, at the other end, there could be other doctors aborting the life of a 23-week baby. [excerpted from Right to Life UK, 5/20/24]



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Will Baby Bonuses Save South Korea?

South Korea's birth rate continues to remain at an all-time low, slowly **reducing the nation's population**. In a Bloomberg column, American economist Tyler Cowen wrote that Korea is considering "baby bonuses of 100 million won (**US\$73,500**) each," two times the nation's average annual income per capita. "At current birth rates, the plan would cost more than US\$16 billion a year."

"Unfortunately, it is impossible to say how much impact the subsidies would have, as there is no precedent," Cowen wrote, noting that the only precedent that could account for such financial incentives would be Hungary's childbearing subsidies and tax exemptions, which were only instated a few years ago. Having children changes everything you do and how you do it. If you are not interested in that life-altering transformation, a birth subsidy is not going to make a difference. Subsidies might convince a couple with two children to have a third, because now the additional child is easier to afford. The problem of course is that so many families are not having two children to begin with. "We all would learn from the results," he concluded: There is not enough social experimentation in the world, and humanity has to **try something to avoid disappearing**." [excerpt from Madalaine Elhabbal, catholivote.org, 5/21/24]

*We, the entire church, having given our fixations & absolute certainties a primacy of place, and become **infused with idolatry**. Oh, we still display the "I love Jesus" certificate on the mantel, but now ... our fervent ideas stand before it, reflecting what truly enthralls us -- our politics, our celebrity obsessions, our outsized liturgical scruples ..., our focus on our climate or sexuality or gender, our gadgets and -- most destructively -- the chaotic black mirror of our smartphones. Their addictive invitation to fall ever-more deeply down the echoing well of thought-narrowing self-reflection draws us away from silence and the natural world, where we may so readily find something greater than ourselves.* Elizabeth Scalia, OurSundayVisitor.com, 5/22/24.

More Pro-Lifers Charged

The U.S. Dept. of Justice (DOJ) has announced a lawsuit against even more pro-lifers for supposed violations of the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act, as sentencing continues for nine pro-life advocates convicted last fall of the same. Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke, citing the FACE Act, said: "The Civil Rights Division is committed to enforcing federal law to protect the rights [sic] of those who seek and those who provide access to [abortion]." Pro-lifers entered Northeast Ohio Women's Center in Cuyahoga Falls last June by falsely claiming to be patients, then began distributing roses to women in the waiting room and encouraging them to leave (five reportedly did so). *continued on page 2*

More Pro-Lifers Charged (continued)

“Red Roses Rescues DO NOT violate the FACE Act,” said Monica Miller, the head of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society who oversees RRR. “In an RRR pro-lifers never block anything or anyone – and if the Department of Justice is coming after us for our peaceful life-saving efforts it’s because they will simply play fast and loose with the FACE language having to do with ‘physical obstruction’ that prevents ‘freedom of movement.’ There have been 37 RRRs. We have NEVER been charged with FACE, and indeed, for the RRR we did at the PP in Bedford Heights, June 5, 2021, one of the two that involves this DOJ accusation, all charges were dropped!” Since May 2022, when the U.S. Supreme Court’s intention to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was first leaked, “there have been at least 90 attacks on pro-life pregnancy centers,” the *Daily Signal* reports. Yet the DOJ “charged only pro-life activists with FACE Act violations in 2022, and has since charged only five individuals with violating the FACE Act by targeting pregnancy centers.” At the same time, it has zealously pursued incidents involving pro-lifers, from the D.C. defendants to Philadelphia sidewalk counselor and Catholic father of seven Mark Houck. [Excerpted from Calvin Freiburger, LifeSiteNews, 5/21/24]

States Require Age Verification for Online Porn Access

To protect children, over a third of the states in the U.S. either have required age verification for access to pornographic websites or are in various stages of passing such legislation. In April, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a petition from a pro-pornography organization to block Texas from enforcing its age verification laws. “We need to demand more protective measures from device manufacturers to filter out this content. Parents can always do more, but help from the institutions we build and fund is long overdue” said Family Research Council Senior Fellow Meg Kilgannon. Dani Pinter, senior legal counsel at the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, said: “Pornography can be extremely harmful to children, with negative impacts on the brain and relational development.” She continued, “Some studies show that pornography exposure is a tool in grooming and those exposed are more vulnerable to assault and predatory acts. Online pornography sites have allowed filmed child sexual abuse, rape, sex trafficking, and other non-consensual explicit material on their websites — material that normalizes criminal activity.” A Common Sense Media survey released last year revealed that a lack of age verification laws impacts and harms minors: 73% of current teens aged 13 to 17 said that they had been exposed to internet pornography by the age of 12, most of them through porn advertisement links. [excerpts, S.A. McCarthy, *The Washington Stand*, 5/21/24]

Growing Skepticism of Gender Transition Procedures for Minors

The case for treating children with gender transition procedures is falling apart in real time before our eyes. Earlier this month, the German Medical Assembly overwhelmingly voted for restrictions, as more evidence shows the harms of these procedures & lack of benefits. No substantial studies show that children with gender dysphoria live happier lives if affirmed in their delusion. Advocates demand others to “trust the science” (meaning experts) when they themselves do not “follow the science” (data). Also, the Assembly passed a resolution disapproving of “self-ID” legislation and stated that minors should not be allowed to “self-identity” gender without psychiatric diagnosis.

Countries like the U.K. once performed gender transition procedures on minors at government-run health care centers. But, after a four-year review led by Dr. Hilary Cass, the nationalized health care system turned sharply away from procedures for which there was such “remarkably weak evidence.” An updated draft guidance released by the UK secretary of state for education says students older than nine will find that “biological sex” is the program foundation rather than a narrative that claims gender is on a spectrum. [Susan Berry, CatholicVote.org, 5/21/24] Last week, Dr. Cass criticized American medical associations for “holding on to a position that is now demonstrated to be out of date by multiple systematic reviews.” A study published last month found that people who underwent gender transition surgery were 12 times more likely to attempt suicide than those who did not. [excerpted, Joshua Arnold, *The Washington Stand*, 5/21/24]

New Report on Pregnancy Centers (PRCs)

Produced in collaboration with Heartbeat International, Care Net, National Institute of Family and Life Advocates, and Focus on the Family’s Option Ultrasound Program, the report by the Charlotte Lozier Institute highlights the following:

- The value of goods and services provided in 2022 by over 2,750 U.S. PRCs was nearly \$367 million.
- The total number of both in-person and virtual client sessions in 2022 was over 16 million.
- From 2019 to 2022, there was a 41% increase in attendees for parenting and prenatal education programs.
- There was a 142% increase in PRCs providing and overseeing the abortion pill reversal protocol & providing resources and support for women following drug-induced abortions between 2019-22. This resulted in at least 5,000 women successfully continuing their pregnancies after taking abortion drugs and regretting that decision.

At a time when the federal administration is trying to cripple pregnancy centers and the national media smears them, it’s important to demonstrate the value they provide and the real choices they give to pregnant and parenting moms. (See *Newsweek*, 5/22/24 article by Chuck Donovan, “End the War on Pregnancy Resource Centers.”)