



The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus
Bergenfield & Dumont – (201) 387-9750
Website: www.kofc1345.org



ONE NATION UNDER GOD...Be a Proud Catholic American citizen

MARCH - 2012

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Knights, Columbiettes, Boy Scouts, and Squires:

Please God we are still climbing that **Mystic Mountain of Holiness** by going to **Holy Mass** as often as possible, by saying our **Rosary Daily** and by Reading the 15th chapter and 11th verse of **St. Luke's Gospel** and following it. And by getting to know everyday how much God loves us.

This **March message** is different for the times we live in are different. So let us still keep on climbing that **MYSTIC MOUNTAIN OF HOLINESS** and become the people of the Resurrection, or better yet like **CHRIST** we too shall live forever.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. John F. Murray, SMA

Chaplain and State Father Prior Emeritus of the Columbian Squires

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires, & Scouts,

I would like to thank all the Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, and Squires who worked very hard in January and February on all the council events that we had. I would also like to thank PGK Tom Ciotti for an excellent job in running our annual Father John F. Murray Scholarship Dinner Dance. The food and all the service that the kitchen crew, waiters, and bartenders gave was second to none. Also great thanks to Columbian Club President Phil Fredericks for the great job he did as Master of Ceremonies. It really was an honor to have our State Deputy Dan Rossi and State Secretary Andrew Lipenta and their Ladies in attendance.

We also had our corporate communion breakfast, chaired by Carmine Grillo at the SMA Fathers on January 29. We had good attendance even though it was 8:00 am mass following the Murray dance the night before. Thank you John McKay for all your help with the set up. Thank you Father Brendan Darcy for the use of the SMA Hall to hold the breakfast.

We held our first Pancake Breakfast on February 12, chaired by our Worthy Warden and it was a success. All we heard was good compliments on how good and hot the food was. I think this is the start of something that will continue to be a huge success for our council.

Now as March approaches, there is a lot of rental and charity events coming up and continuous help will be needed. Saturday March 10, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, we will be hosting a Pasta and Meatball Dinner in honor of our Seminarians. These are young men who are entering the Priesthood and need financial help. Please come out and support them.

Then on Saturday, March 24, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, we will be hosting another Pasta and Meatball Dinner for Frances Giordano, one of our neighbors in Dumont who is suffering from lung cancer. She recently lost her job and benefits and is in danger of losing her home. This is where we as all members of #1345 shine. We work as a family for those who are in most need. This I ask you to please come out that day to help and support this cause, because this is what we do not only for our order, for mankind.

Please try to make meetings and somehow get involved with some committee at the council. This I have been asking for since I became Grand knight. Imagine what we could do in our council if we had all members participating in one way or another. If you know of any Catholic Gentleman who may be interested in joining our order, bring him down to a Friday night social. There is always an officer there who can be of service to answer any questions. Thank you all for all the support you have given me this far, may God bless you and your family, and may God bless #1345.

Vivat Jesus,

Louis Pidi, Grand Knight.

**2011-2012 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

Council Officers

Chaplain	Rev. John F. Murray	201-567-0450
Grand Knight	Lou Pidi	201-439-1985
Deputy GK:	John E. McGill, PFN	201-384-7511
Chancellor	Charles Hollis	201-265-6012
Warden	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
Recorder	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Treasurer	William Horn	201-385-7652
Advocate	Edward Trawinski	201-385-0972
Financial Secy:	Geo. DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	Martin Naughton	201-387-1103
Outside Guard I	Ed Kostka	201-387-9482
Outside Guard II	Willie Cintron	201-951-9164
Trustee – 3 yrs.	B. Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
Trustee – 2 yrs.	Steve Martin, PGK	201-262-2764
Trustee – 1 yr.	Tom Trank, PGK	201-385-4324
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	Don Stappenbeck	551-265-3489

Council Chairmen & Directors

Church Activities:	George Corbo	201-450-1205
Community Affairs:	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
Council Activities:	John E. McGill, PFN	201-384-7511
Drug Awareness:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
Event Reservations:	Charles Hollis	201-387-9750, #3.
Family Activities:	Carmine Grillo	201-244-6579
Loaves & Fishes:	John E. McGill, PFN	201-384-7511
Mail Committee:	Dave Benson, PGK	201-385-1839
Membership:	Charles Hollis	201-265-6012
Parish Liaison's:		
-St. John Church	Bob Knott	201-501-8737
-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo, Jr	201-244-6579
-SMA Mission	John McKay	201-244-1237
Parish Roundtable:	Lou Pidi, GK	201-439-1985
Program Director:	John E. McGill, PFN	201-384-7511
Publicity-Photo:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
Rel & Civil Rgts:	Tom Ciotti, PGK	201-424-5472
Respect for Life:	Matt Hayes, PGK	201-387-2310
Retention:	John E. McGill	201-384-7511
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	615-557-5787(c).
Scholarship:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Sick & Wake:	Ed Kostka	201-387-9482
Squires:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-8828
Youth Activities:	Ivan Hannibal, PGK	646-528-9592

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers

President:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695
Vice President:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Secretary:	Bob Dondero, FDD, PGK, PFN	862-200-5557
Treasurer:	Ivan Hannibal, PGK	646-528-9592
Trustee:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Bar Chairman:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Cooks & Kitchen:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Dishwasher Chmn:	John E. McGill, PFN	201-384-7511
Purchasing Agent:	Charles Dietz	201-384-7106
Rental Agent:	G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN	201-338-2617
Waiter Chairman:	Steven Martin, PGK	201-262-2764

Columbette's Ladies Auxiliary

President:	Roberta Elwell	201-244-1323
Vice-Pres:	Donna Fredericks	201-387-6680
Secretary:	Joan Winant	201-385-5957
Financial Secy:	Laura Labetti	201-387-7479
Treasurer:	Patricia Barclay	201-384-7353
Sentinel:	Linda Grana	201-387-0315

Squires – Circle #1622

Chief Squire:	Thomas James Passano	201-384-4894
Chief Counselor:	Phil Fredericks, PGK	201-321-6695

Troop #134 – Boy Scouts

Scoutmaster:	Keith Hilcken	201-993-4476
--------------	---------------	--------------

KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER

Editor: George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN; Email: papagdc@aol.com.

Photographs courtesy of Brian O'Dowd.

Send comments or notices to Editor, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Knight Times, published monthly, is the official publication of St. John's Council #1345, K of C. Information contained therein does not purport the Knights of Columbus at large. Subscription to all members in good standing.

Sick & Wake Report – as of Feb. 15, 2012.

Call Ed Kostka at 201-387-9482 to add or delete a name on this list.
Italic indicates new name or change in condition.

Members

<i>Brian O'Dowd</i>	Jack O'Brien
Dick Dorozynski	Fred Jacobsen, PGK
Bill Connington, PFN	Peter Duffy
Bill Murphy, PGK	Nicholas Slade
Frank McCoo	Walter Boettger
Richard Burke	George Forbes
Larry Frisby	Timothy Keating
Rev. John Murray, SMA	John Dillon, PGK
Tom Schmidt	John Regina
Libero Rubbo	Joe Matarazzo, FDD
Joe Carpanzano	Joe Devaney

Relatives & Friends

Ann Taxter, wife of Al Taxter;
Ben, nephew of Dom Panfile;
Betty Duffy, widow of Thomas Duffy;
Dianne Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;
Ed & Norma McCabe, parents of Kathy McCabe, Columbiette.
Father-in-law of PGK Barry Bernard, FDD;
Francine Corbo, wife of George Corbo;
Geraldine Cleary, wife of John Cleary
Herta Nelson, mother in law of Ed Trawinski;
John Laferrera, brother of Fr. Bob, former pastor at St. Mary's.
Jonathan Jacobi, grandson of the late PGK Frank Messina;
Joseph Idell, son of the late George Idell;
Lauren Hollis, niece of Chuck Hollis;
Marge Montagna, wife of Vincent Montagna PGK
Millie Graziano, sister-in-law of the late Art Rudolph;
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien;
Nicole Cafarelli, niece of Bob Wrightington;
Peggy Keating, wife of Timothy Keating
Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.
William Whelan, son of Jim Whelan;

Wakes

Helen Wojick, cousin of Dick Dorozynski;
Gabriel Di Lorenzo; Dan Glover, son of Raymond Glover;

Reservations Procedure

Important note: please include the names of your guests when making your reservation so that they can be listed on seating chart. Reservations for all of our functions are a must! There are three (3) ways to reserve your place or table:

1. Reply form at the bottom of the flyer enclosed with our newsletters. And you can include your check payment too. This is the preferred method.
2. Call 201-387-9750; let it ring until you hear menu and press #3. Leave your name, phone #, and # of guests with their names.
3. Email reservations to: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. Leave all of the same information as above.

Lecturer Program

Our guest speaker for the March program will be Vicki Sidrow, Director, Vantage Health Service, in Dumont. Try to attend.
Dr. Geoffrey Sadock, Chairman

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday in March, or a special occasion. PGK George DiCostanzo March 14; PGK Bill Bochicchio March 17.

Healthy Food Notes: Chili Peppers: aids digestion, soothes sore throat, clears sinuses, combats cancer, boosts immune system.

Buy American... BUY AMERICAN MADE PRODUCTS. Read the barcodes for products made in the USA & Canada that begin with the numbers 00-09. Exercise our principles of *charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism* by supporting USA made products.

ASCPG pilgrimage to Lourdes... last call for prayer petitions. If you would like to have a petition taken to Lourdes, place it in an envelope, and mail to: ASCPG Petition, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Remember...no cash; prayer intention only.

Religious Liberty... "THE ROAR OF THE CROWD" from all religious communities and our USCCB bishops led by Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan has forced a minor change in the mandated Healthcare law.

Bergen Federation News... Bishop's Night March 29 at Ramapo Council in Oakland. Convention applications are available at bergenfederationkofc.org.

Jesus statue wins reprieve at resort. The U.S. Forest Service had ordered the statue removed from a ski resort mountaintop. The statue has been on federal land since 1955 when it was placed there by the local Knights of Columbus council. The Forest Service received a fire-storm of criticism from religious groups, residents and the state congressman, and reversed its decision. Once again, the collective voice of all religious groups prevailed.

Founder's Day... March 29 marks the 130th anniversary of Order.

Church Activities Report

Rosary Hour, every second Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm. The next rosary is Mar. 14, 2012. Refreshments served afterwards.

George Corbo, Church Activities

Prayer for the Month

Jesus emptied Himself, coming in human likeness. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him. (Philippians 2:7-9)

Saint's Corner

St. Katherine Drexel – U.S. 1858-1955; Feast Mar. 3

St. Katherine saw the destitution of the native Indian-Americans and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to serve them. She opened nearly 60 schools and missions as well as Xavier University of Louisiana, at the time the only predominantly African-American Catholic institution of higher learning in the U.S.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN.

Financial Secretary Report

Dues Bills: Second Notice dues bills were mailed early February and the response results have been dismal. **Brothers, if you have not yet paid your dues, they are due now.**

Come March 1 3rd notices will be mailed out...Knight Alert letters...a precursor to suspension, which is the 4th Notice. These are expenses to the Council that we should not have to expend.

Scholarship support: Thanks to the response from our members, and especially our Honorary Life members, we received \$1575.00 in donations for the Scholarship Fund. God bless those members for their charity.

Information Update: Are you married? What is your wife's name? Who is your next of kin when you deace? What is your phone number? Information like this is missing from the records of many members. Mail your information to Updates, P.O.Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

PGK George DiCostanzo,FS.

Columbian Club Report

Rental Catering... dates are available for June for graduation parties, or other celebrations. Call me at 201-338-2617 and give us a

chance to make a proposal. We promise 3 things: quality food, quality service, and an affordable price.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Rental Chairman

Membership & Recruitment Activities

I would like to again welcome our 2 newest members, Matt Bender and Bill Turner. Both have made their 1st degree and are on to bigger and better things as they prepare to take their 2nd and 3rd degrees.

Are there any 1st or 2nd degree brothers out there interested in taking a higher degree, if so please give me a call at 201-314-8599 or email catch321@optonline.net so we can make arrangements for you to become a fully inaugurated member of our council.

Remember, all it takes is for 1 existing member to bring in 1 new member for our ranks to grow and our council to become stronger. We should all be carrying a form 100 with us at all times; you never know who you will run in to! Our spring recruitment drive is just around the corner and will be upon us quickly; with your help manning the recruitment tables I know we can increase our ranks.

Remember...all it takes is 1. Peace,

Charles Hollis, Chairman, 201-314-8599.

Scholarship Program

Donations... I want to share with you donations to our Scholarship Awards program to date.

- \$500 – from our Columbiette Auxiliary;

- \$500 – from our Council charity distribution;

- \$1000 – from an anonymous member donor;

- \$1575 – from member & Hon Life members;

Thank you so much and God bless you.

Applications for this year... are available now, and must be in hand by no later than April 30. Get them from our website, or at a meeting, or on a Friday night.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Chairman

Hungry & Homeless

Wed. April 25, 2012 is our next scheduled feeding of the Hungry & Homeless. At the time of this newsletter we only have three donated turkeys. We usually need at least 150 to 175 lbs. of turkey meat to serve, which translates to about a dozen good size turkeys. However, during these tuff economic times this could change by the time we serve the meal.

I want to thank all the people who have already donated turkeys or cash donations that make it possible to feed the ever growing number of people whom we feed. I will be calling on my usual volunteers and asking for new volunteers to help me clean, cook, carve-up and prepare and serve all the food. Mark April 25, 2012 on your calendars. Now! Any questions, contact me.

John E. McGill, Chairman 201-384-7511

Irish Night Dinner Dance

It's that time again for everyone to be Irish! Irish Night will be on Saturday, March 31 from 7-11pm. The cost is \$27.00/pp which includes corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, bangers and mash, and homemade scones.

Enjoy the sounds of the Emerald Isle with Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. Fill out the reply form, call 201-387-9750 or email reservations to kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

Your leprechaun, Al Moriarty

Free Throw Contest winners

The following are the winners of the Council Free Throw contest. They all won the District and are all going to the Regionals. The date has not yet been announced.

Jennifer Hrniciar age 13 girls; Zachary Naveo age 13 boys;

Erin Martin age 14 girls; Colin Hollis age 11 boys.

PGK Ivan Hannibal, Chairman

Dates to Remember

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

Sat, Mar. 3	Rental – Dumont Ice Hockey fundraiser
Mon, Mar. 5	Council meeting 8pm.
Thurs, Mar. 8	Setup 7pm.
Sat, Mar. 10	Seminarian pasta dinner 4pm. Catholic Men's Conference
Sun, Mar. 11	Daylight Savings Time-push ahead one hour. St. Patrick's Parade 2pm After parade reception 4pm
Mon, Mar. 12	Officer meeting 8pm.
Wed, Mar. 14	Rosary Hour 8pm.
Thurs, Mar. 15	Setup 7pm.
Sat, Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day
Sun, Mar. 18	Rental 3pm – Eagle Court of Honor
Mon, Mar. 19	Council meeting 8pm. Lecture program at 9pm.
Wed, Mar. 21	Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.
Fri, Mar. 23	Troop 1345 pasta dinner fundraiser
Sat, Mar. 24	Giordano pasta dinner fundraiser
Sun, Mar. 25	Columbiette Tea Party 2pm.
Mon, Mar. 26	Feast – Annunciation of the Lord
Tues, Mar. 27	TBCC meeting 8pm – new date.
Thurs, Mar. 29	Setup 7pm
Sat, Mar. 31	Irish Night 7pm.
Sun, Apr 1	Palm Sunday

Columbiette Report

This month is our Garden Tea Party. Marge Kenter is our chairwoman and I am sure she is planning a special afternoon for everyone. This fun event has become very popular so this year we are requesting advanced reservations. Details and ticket information are included below.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 – Gen'l Mtg – 7:30pm.

Sunday, March 25, 2012 - Tea Party – Once again we are hosting our annual “Old Fashioned Tea Party” complete with finger sandwiches, desserts, and of course a variety of teas. So put on your best Sunday hat, and join us for this popular event with your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and friends. *Advanced reservations are required.* \$10.00 for adults, \$ 5.00 for children 12 and under, and free for children under 5.

Friday May 11, 2012 - “The Neighborhood”– mark your calendars for this event! More details next month.

For further information, reservations or to help out on committees, call Secy Joan Winant at 201.696.1159 or eMail Fin Secy - Laura Labetti @ labetti250@optonline.net

Dues are being collected, \$20.00. Watch your mail and eMail for notices from Fin Secy Laura Labetti.

The nominating committee will be meeting this month to collect names for a slate of candidates for the 2012-2013 Columbiette year. Candidates will be announced at our April meeting. If you are interested in becoming more involved as an officer, please contact Chairwoman Donna Hannibal @ opal1dmh@aol.com.

If you need a ride to the meetings, or any of the events, please call VP Donna Fredericks and she will work with the officers in providing transportation for you.

Come join the fun while supporting those in need. Why not consider becoming a member of the Columbiettes Auxiliary? For further details, please call VP, Donna Fredericks @ 551.427.7180

Joan Winant. Secretary / Publicity

Support Seminarian Vocations

Many seminarians who are answering the call to serve, while they are clothed, fed and sheltered by the Catholic Church, they normally receive no more than \$100 a month to support themselves.

Here's your chance to help support a young Seminarian by coming to our first annual pasta dinner to support Catholic Vocations at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Saturday, March 10 from 4pm to 8pm. Cost is \$20.00/pp and the

menu includes: pasta, meatballs, salad, bread/butter, coffee/tea, soda, and dessert.

Follow reservation procedures as listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Carmine Grillo, Chairman

Prayer for Vocations

“Heavenly Father, your Divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly beg you to bless our Archdiocese and our world with many priest and religious who will love you fervently and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen”.

Troop 1345 Boy Scouts Report

Boy Scout Troop 1345 is proud to announce that in 2011, the troop had three scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Ryan Ziemba, Timothy Bright, and Domenic Fierro. There are a few additional scouts currently working towards the Eagle Scout rank, and perhaps will add to the total in 2012. There are 2 Eagle Scout Courts of Honor scheduled: Mar 18-Timothy Bright; Apr 29-Domenic Fierro.

Troop 1345 recently had its winter recruiting campout in Stony Point, New York. The camping weekend held this past January invited new potential scouts and their parents to see what kind of outdoor activities the troop is involved with. There should be a good number of these young scouters joining Troop 1345 this March, adding to our family.

Troop 1345 will be supporting one of its own scouts, Cassidy Wilson, in the Muscular Dystrophy walk to “Make A Muscle” on March 11 at the Prudential Center in Newark. Anybody interested in joining Cassidy's Crew or making a donation can contact Scoutmaster Keith Hilcken or Boy Scout Cassidy Wilson. All proceeds go to the MDA to continue searching for a cure for muscular dystrophy.

Troop 1345 will be holding its Pasta Dinner on Friday evening, March 23, at the Knights of Columbus from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Cost is \$10, and \$5 for children age 6 to 10. Tickets are available in advance from any scout member, or can be purchased at the door. All proceeds from the pasta dinner are used to support troop activities, trips, and campouts.

Keith Hilcken, Scoutmaster

Ladies Night – The Return

This was a popular evening gathering for the ladies of the council and their friends that has not been done for some time.

We would like to bring it back. We invite all the ladies of the council, their friends, extended friends, and any lady who would like a night out with other ladies to play a card game and have some fun.

The date is Wednesday night, April 25, 7:30-10pm at the council hall. Mark your calendar now.

Bring an “unwrapped” gift of \$5.00-\$7.00 value and let the fun begin playing “Nina's game”.

Call us and let us know you plan to come. We promise an evening of fun, relaxation, and friendship. Refreshments will be served.

Nina DiCostanzo, 201-338-2617;

Nina Messina, 201-385-2794.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 11, 4pm to 7pm – join us as we celebrate after the parade with the Bergen County Council of Irish Associations in a buffet of corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes. Cost is \$20.00/pp. Music provided by the O'Brien Band. Advance reservations required for an adequate food supply. Call 201-387-9750 menu #3 and let us know how many are coming. Those members who usually attend and or march will be admitted free.

Saturday, March 24, 4pm to 8pm – a pasta fundraiser for a Dumont resident – Frances Giordano- to help with medical bills for her cancer care. Cost is \$25.00/pp. Call 201-387-9750, menu #3.