



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Scouts and Friends,

The month of March signals the beginning of Spring. March is also an exciting month since it includes Saint Patrick's Day. Everyone is Irish during the celebration of Saint Patrick. We get the chance to come closer together and stand proud in our Catholic faith.

We, as Knights of Columbus, should hold this celebration in high regard. While we honor Saint Patrick, we are also reminded of our founder the Venerable Father Michael McGivney, the son of Irish immigrants.

I call upon all my Brother Knights to come out and March in the Bergenfield Saint Patrick's Day Parade. After the parade, we will meet back at the council for refreshments. The parade will take place March 12th at 2:00PM. We assemble at W. Englewood Ave and Washington Ave; arrive by no later than 1:45pm.

It is through our combined efforts that we can achieve great things!

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

Vivat Jesus,

Frank Gallacher,

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert to prepare himself for his public ministry. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert to prepare themselves to enter into the Promised Land. We are given the 40 days of Lent to prepare ourselves for the great celebration of our salvation. The question is what desert will we chose to help us get ready?

Lent is a time of sober reflection, reassessment and rededication of our lives to God. We review our lives, seek forgiveness, do penance and recommit ourselves to Christ. How is this possible in the business of everyday life and in the noise of our crowded world?

This first Sunday of Lent reminds us that each of us needs to follow Christ into the desert. This is a journey into the self. A journey where we too face temptations; a journey where we acknowledge our failures; a journey in which we allow the Spirit to guide us and where we come to understand our total dependence on the God who called us into being.

May our Lenten journey lead us not just to the joys of Easter but may it also lead us into a deeper and more profound relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Vivat Jesus

Rev. Stephen Carey,

Chaplain

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of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

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KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Feb. 20, 2017

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK	-Louis Labetti
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK	-William Borrows
-Dick Dorozynski	-Scott Manno, PGK
-Frank Uvenio	-Jim McEntee
-Brendan Thornton	
-John Maguire	-Bill Horn
-Bill Connington, PGK	-Tony O'Hare
-Michael Curran	

Relatives & Friends

- Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Dyane, daughter of Columbiette Annette Roge*
- 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 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. DiCostanzo;
- 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.
- William Borrows, Jr, son of Bill Borrows

Wakes

Members: -Matt Hayes, PGK; Francis Mc Aleer (2005);

Relatives & Friends: Margaret (Peggy) McCann, wife of John McCann; Evelyn Paulsen, Columbiette & mother of Laura Labetti, Kathleen Buchanan, widow of Stanley Buchanan; Rose De Leo, widow of Vito De Leo.

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 catering.**

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our members and friends celebrating a birthday or a special occasion in **March**. PGK G. DiCostanzo on 3-14; FDD B. Bochicchio on 3-17; Ed Tranwinski on 3-20.

Congratulations to James Jos. Kelly, 70 yrs a KofC member; and Ed & Janet Trawinski on birth of their first granddaughter.

Chancellor/Membership Report

Next Degree dates:

-First Degree, 8pm Tuesday, Mar. 14 at Westwood, and 6pm Sunday, Mar. 26 at Ridgefield.

-Second Degree, 8pm Wednesday, March 8 at Ridgewood Council.

-Third Degree, 8pm Friday March 24 at Dumont Council.

-Fourth Degree, 1pm Sunday, April 23 at Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany.

Gerry Flood, Chancellor/Chairman, 551-795-7480

Financial Secretary Report

As we enter the month of March, we still have many members who have not yet paid their dues. No matter what is said in this column, or written in the notes on the bills.

Repeated mailings to delayed-payers cost the council extra money in stationary and postage. Please pay on time.

The next mailing will be from the Grand Knight and the Trustee's. This is the beginning of due diligence leading up to suspension from the Order if you don't pay. Please make every effort to pay NOW.

If there is a financial problem, call me at 201-338-2617 for a private discussion. We can work anything out.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Lent Dinners - Friday Night Specials

The Council is open every Friday night for members and their friends for a few hours of fellowship and relaxation with a beverage and a complimentary snack.

As we begin the Lent Season, this month we offer two (2) Lenten Dinners starting at 5pm. Food service at 6pm. (*see enclosed flyer for details on both dinners.*)

1.) Friday, March 3, the Council Lent Dinner.

2.) Friday, March 10, the Columbiette Fish Fry.

*see enclosed flyer for menu and cost details.

WE MUST HAVE YOUR ADVANCED RESERVATION TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FOOD.

PGK G. DiCostanzo, Chmn. & Pres. N. DiCostanzo, Chmn.

Collection Drive for Developmentally Disabled

Brothers, Sister Columbiettes and Friends, I am the Co-Chairman of our annual "Shake the Can" Drive. This Drive collects monies for developmentally disabled children and adults in our community. A small amount of the monies we collect (10%) is sent to the NJ State Council for their distribution to State charities that assist these children and adults. Therefore, 90% of our efforts directly benefit people with developmental disabilities in Bergenfield, Dumont and several Bergen County agencies. In 2015 we collected \$10035; and in 2016 we collected \$8066. The difference is in the help available.

This year, Dumont Police Chief Conner has graciously permitted us to seek donations at the intersection of Washington and Madison Avenue in Dumont. This is a "high

volume" location that will allow us to increase the monies we can collect. I say "can" collect because we need everyone to respond to the phone call you will receive from me or my Co-Chairman George DiCostanzo asking you to donate 2-3 hours of your time during the Drive.

Our Shake the Can drive will run from Thursday April 20 to Sunday April 23, 2017. I need members "to work the streets" on Thursday April 20, Friday April 21, Saturday April 22 and Sunday morning April 23.

If you can't help in the streets, George needs your help seeking donations in front of several stores in Bergenfield and Dumont. He needs 40 volunteers per day for Thurs-Sat.

This Drive really makes an impression on our Community. This Drive puts the Knights of Columbus physically in front of our Community. This Drive shows our Community what the Knights of Columbus is all about—adhering to the First Principle of our Order - Charity.

Please answer our call. Surely, everyone can offer 2-3 hours of their time for this great cause. We look forward to speaking with you and we look forward to your participation.
Trustee, PGK Steve Martin; FS, PGK George DiCostanzo

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance (Irish Night)

Join us for one of our most popular events. The evening will consist of an authentic Irish menu including Irish Soda Bread and a sit-down dinner consisting of Bangers & Mash, Corned Beef, Potatoes, and homemade Scones. Coffee, tea, and beverages are included. Live Entertainment by Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. All for \$35 per person. RSVF REQUIRED.

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

Al Moriarty, Chairman

Respect Life Report

The March for Life 2017 Washington DC was packed with hundreds of thousands (some say 500,00) Marchers for LIFE.

We had 2 buses with a total of 90 great people representing 4 K of C Councils. A great Group.

The Rosary we carry always gains attention. In fact the Smithsonian Museum approached me to have it displayed as a religious symbol in America. We shall see.

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Scholarship Report

Council Scholarships - The applications and eligibility rules for 8th Graders attending a Catholic High School in September and for High School Seniors attending a 4 year College or University in September are available on the Council website www.kofc1345.org.

Applicants must be the child or grandchild of a member in good standing for at least one year. Children and grandchildren of deceased members remain eligible. Completed applications are due April 30th.

Ken Armellino, Co-Chairman

Upcoming Events

-St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sun, Mar. 12, at 2pm.. March with us in the parade. Enjoy after-parade social at Council. All are welcome at about 4pm.

-Volunteer Workers Party - Sat, Mar. 18. A "Thank You" party for all of our volunteers. Spouses invited.

Dates to Remember

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

Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Wed, Mar. 1	Ash Wednesday
Fri, Mar. 3	Council LENT dinner 5pm.
Sat, Mar. 4	Col Club 70'-80's Dance 8:30pm.
Mon, Mar. 6	Regular Council meeting 8pm.
Tues, Mar. 8	Second Degree - Ridgewood 7pm.
Fri, Mar. 10	Columbiette LENT Dinner 5pm.
Sat, Mar. 11	Col. Club Texas Hold-Em Poker 6pm.
Sun, Mar. 12	St. Patrick's Parade - Bergenfield 2pm Council social after parade - 4pm.
Mon, Mar. 13	Officer meeting 8pm.
Tues, Mar. 14	First Degree - Westwood 7pm.
Wed, Mar. 15	Columbiettes meeting 7:30pm.
Fri, Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Feast Day
Sat, Mar. 18	Volunteer Worker's party 7pm.
Sun, Mar. 19	Eagle Scout Ceremony D'Anna 3pm.
Mon, Mar. 20	St. Joseph's Day Feast
Fri, Mar. 24	Third Degree - Dumont 7pm.
Sat, Mar. 25	St. Pat's Irish Night Dance 7pm.
Sun, Mar. 26	First Degree - Ridgefield 6pm.
Mon, Mar. 27	Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Fri, Mar. 31	Troop 1345 Pasta Dinner 5pm.
Sat, Apr. 1	Veteran's Council Fundraiser 7pm.

Troop 1345 Scout Report

On March 31, 2017, the troop will be hosting its annual pasta dinner to raise funds for the troop operations. Please come down and support us as you always have. The event runs from 5pm to 8pm and serves pasta, eggplant rollatini, salad, mac-n-cheese, and dessert. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for kids.

Troop 1345 is gearing up for a busy season coming up.

In early April the troop will be participating in a new program called Scout Reach. The program is designed to take scouts from areas where there is no organized program for them (such as Paterson or Jersey City) and allow them to go camping at Camp Lewis with the assistance from a local scout troop. Troop 1345 scouts and leaders will be one of the main troops running this effort and we look forward to a positive experience not only for us, but for the scouts that we will be helping.

Later in April we will be providing leadership from scouts and adults in the annual Weboree program hosted at Camp No-Be-Bosco. This is a program where younger Cub Scouts get a chance to spend the weekend at a camp program run by older scouts (in which Troop 1345 serves a large support role each year). We always have a great time at this annual event, and remain one of the larger support groups for that program.

Then in May the troop will be heading down to the National Guard / State Police training center for a weekend camporee. The NJ State Police Camporee is held once every three years, and tends to be one of the larger events throughout the country when it is hosted. The troop will once again be sending a large contingent of scouts and leaders to the event, and we anticipate another great time.

Ray Ziemba, Asst Scoutmaster

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

***"Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here,***

***Here comes the sun, here comes the sun and I say
It's all right."***

(The Beatles, 1969)

Remember our Fish Fry on Friday, March 10, from 6-8pm. Doors open at 5pm. (See enclosed flyer for all the details and especially the reservations so we have enough food.)

Spring makes it appearance this month on Monday March 20 and you know what that means?

It's almost time to get out your white gloves and hats for the Columbiette's Garden Tea party; it's almost here!

It will be held on Sunday, April 23 @ 2:00pm till 5:00pm at the council hall. Tickets for adults are \$20.00, \$5.00 for children ages 5 to 10, children 4 and under are free. We will have a delicious assortment of Tea Sandwiches, desserts and of course, Tea!

As you know, reservations are a must! Please call either Nina Dicostanzo @ 201-338-2671 or e mail her at Ninad70@aol.com or Laura Labetti @ labetti250@optonline.net or mail your reservation and payment to: Laura Labetti, 250 Dixon Ave, Dumont, NJ 07628. Please specify children's age and gender. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Plan on spending a wonderful spring day at our Garden party and enjoy the, "Sun, sun, sun, here it comes!"

Roberta Elwell, Past Pres, Publicity

Religious & Civil Rights Report

I have a problem with a word in the English language. It is "choice". We have a lot of choices in this modern world, especially in a supermarket.

Anyway, there is a group of Americans who use the word "choice" meaning they are in favor of killing babies in the womb. i.e. ABORTION. These same people do not want parents to have SCHOOL CHOICE. How Come???

Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman

Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament

Saturday, March 11th, registration at 6:00pm. Game starts at 7:00pm. \$100.00 buy in. Hot buffet and beverages included. (See enclosed flyer for all details.)

For reservations contact Ken At 516-220-9333

Jerry Passano, Col Club Pres.

Photo Gallery

from the Fr. Murray Scholarship Dance



From left: Peter Briody, Chris Ege, Bill Bochicchio, State Treasurer Bob Hatler, GK Frank Gallacheer, PSD Tom Ciborski, DD Chuck Hollis, Phil Fredericks.

Lecture Program

Carol Banacki, Dumont Historian, will speak to us in April (the 3rd), on the history of Camp Merritt. Assemblyman Bob Auth will speak at the March meeting (the 6th).

Geoffrey Sadock, Chmn.