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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Scouts and Friends,

This month we celebrate Mother's Day. As we honor our own mothers, daughters, wives and sisters who have celebrated the gift of life, let us call out to our Holy Mother Mary, Queen of the Knights. That She may watch over mothers all over the world and continue to guide us as we support the culture of life.

I hope that each of you will take the time to celebrate with those special women in your lives. May the joy you gain from that special time together help to reinforce your commitment to the service of others. I am extremely grateful for all your hard work and continued support for our council.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Gallacher,
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

The 4th Sunday of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because each year we read a different part of St. John's Gospel about Jesus, the Good Shepherd who cares for all his sheep. This year, the Church has designated May 7th, the 4th Sunday of Easter to be a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While it is important to see that each of us is called to a particular vocation be it married life, single life or a vocation to priesthood or religious life, Good Shepherd Sunday reminds us of a special need to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

The sad reality is that more priests are retiring or are dying than are being ordained. If we do not see an increase in vocations to the priesthood, parishes may need to be merged or closed. In many parts of our country, it is not unusual for one priest to serve the need of three or more parishes. While the priesthood shortage has not yet seriously affected the Archdiocese of Newark, we have had to start merging some parishes and there are several others which do not have a priest in residence.

As St. Luke's Gospel reminds us we must "Ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Each of us must work to promote vocations. If you know a single young man, or maybe a not so young single man, ask him if he has ever considered a vocation to the priesthood. We must support those who are in the discernment process and in the seminary. But most of all, we must pray. Pray that God will call more men to ordained ministry and more men will respond with joy filled hearts.

Vivat Jesus
Rev. Stephen Carey,
Chaplain

2016-2017 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries

Council Officers 2016-2017

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
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Outside Guard I	Willie Cintron	201-951-9164
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Council Chairmen & Directors 2016-2017

Bldg. Maintenance	John Graham	201-387-0419
Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:		
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Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Drug Awareness:	Rich Merkovsky,	201-494-9912
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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
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Respect for Life:	Matthew Connell	201-387-7187
Retention:	Gerry Flood	551-795-7480
Retreat:	Tony Tulli	732-608-0784
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Sick & Wake:	George DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
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St. John Church Rep		
St. Mary Church Rep		
Webmaster:	Brian O'Dowd	201-390-7968
Youth Activities:		

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2016-2017

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 Captain:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Kitchen Cooks	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Dishwasher:	(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

President:	A. Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Vice-Pres:	Laura Labetti	201-387-7479
Secretary:	Michele Sciarrino	201-387-2916
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Treasurer:	Lillian Holmes	201-342-5142
Sentinel:	Marge Kenter	201-384-4423

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

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
Associate Crew Advisor – Tim Bright	201-803-5602

Knight Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of April 24, 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
- Steven Petraglia
- Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK
- Dick Dorozynski
- Frank Uvenio
- Brendan Thornton
- John Maguire
- Bill Connington, PGK
- James Keane
- John P. McHugh
- Dave Benson, PGK
- William Borrows
- Scott Manno, PGK
- Jim McEntee
- Michael Curran
- Bill Horn
- Tom Ciotti, PGK
- Jim Kelly, Sr.

Relatives & Friends

- Addison Rose Palardy, granddaughter of PGK B. Bernard.
- Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- David Torebka, member of Rochelle Park Council;
- 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. 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.
- William Borrows, Jr, son of Bill Borrows

Wakes

Members: none.

Relatives & Friends:

- Giuseppe Calamita, usher & friend from St. Mary's Church
- Stefano Piccinich, father of Columbiette Mattea Truppe, P.P.
- Cemidio Nadoban, husband of Columbiette Lillian Nadoban.
- Antoinette Marino, aunt of Col Club Pres Jerry Passano;

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 **MAY**. Jill Moriarty May 14th.

Congratulations to my granddaughter Julianne DiCostanzo, inducted into the National Honors Society in her 3rd year at Emerson High School.

Mark the Date: Sat, June 3, council 109th anniversary party.

Membership Report

Congratulations to **Sir Knight William Flores**, and **Sir Knight Dr. John A. McHugh**; they took their Fourth Degree - the Patriotic Degree - in April.

Next Degree dates:

-Knighthood: Fri, May 5 Wash Tsp.

-Formation (2nd): Tues, June 6 at Madonna Council, Englwd;

Financial Secretary Report

A special **THANK YOU** to all members and Honorary Life members for their gracious and charitable contribution to the Council Scholarship Fund. May the blessings of our Risen Lord be with you and your family.

Those members still delinquent in their 2017 dues have been sent the final notice "Intent to Retain" letter. If still not paid within 60 days, they will be suspended from the Order.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK

Nominating Committee Report

The proposed slate of officers for the 2017-2018 year is:

Grand Knight:	Steve Martin, PGK
Dep Grand Knight:	(still pending)
Chancellor:	Ken Armellino
Advocate:	Rich Oldfield
Treasurer:	Kevin Mulhern
Warden:	(still pending)
Recorder:	Brian O'Dowd
Inside Guard:	Kevin Sheridan
Outside Guards:	Willie Cintron & Gerry Flood
Trustee's:	Frank Gallacher, Dave Benson, Larry Rivera.

Cinco de Mayo Friday Night Social

Friday, May 5 from 8:30pm to 10pm at the Council Hall we will have special Cinco de Mayo snacks and themed beverages available. Don your favorite sombrero and come join us for fellowship or a game of pool.

Bring a guest if you know of someone interested in the Knights of Columbus. Bring your spouse or just a friend and participate in our 50-50 "attendance raffle" that night.

Sock Hop Scholarship Benefit

Saturday May 13 from 8pm - 11pm join us for a Sock Hop to raise money for the Council's Scholarship Fund. Light refreshments consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, onion rings and Root Beer Floats will be available.

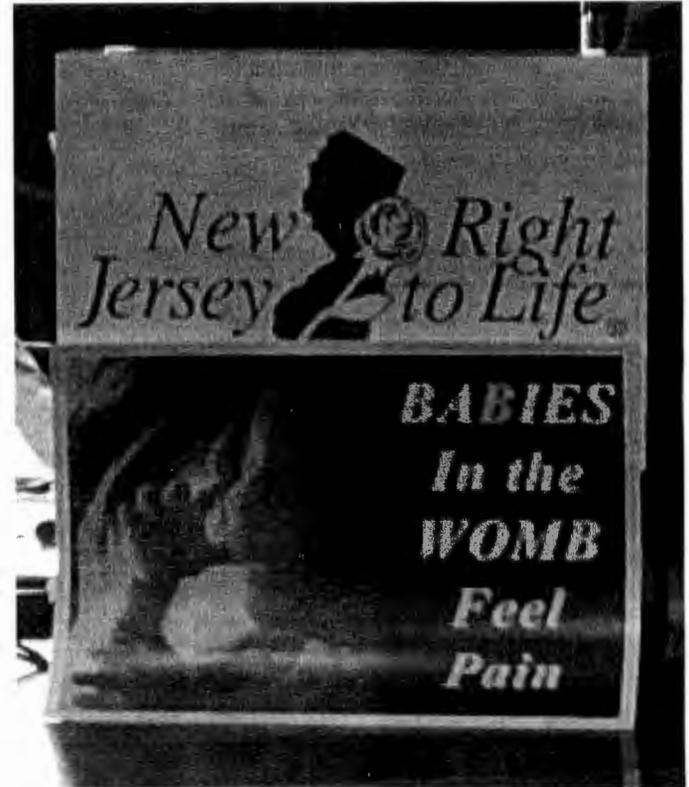
Many prizes and awards will be given, including best outfits and best dancers. Entertainment and dance instruction by DJ Lady J and her helpers.

The price is \$30 per person. **RSVP REQUIRED**. To make a reservation call or text Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com. See enclosed flyer.

Respect Life Report

Great news- More planned Parenthood (supposed Clinics) are closing. And some states have stopped funding Planned Parenthood and the U.S.Congress has introduced bills to defund P.P. Let us pray they pass that legislation.

President Trump has reversed President Barach Hussein Obama's regulations that states could NOT defund planned Parenthood. Progress but keep praying for the Unborn.



Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Bergen Federation Yankee's Game

The date is Friday, June 9th, against the Orioles. The price per ticket is \$65. The busses will depart from the Westwood Council this year. Once again we will be parking in the 164th Street lot which is much closer to the Stadium than in prior years.

Time of departure to be confirmed, probably between 4:30pm-5:00pm. Cost includes bus transportation to and from, sandwich and beverages on the bus, and ticket to game.

Tickets are limited. If interested, call George D at 201-338-2617 and reserve a ticket quickly.

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".

Dates to Remember

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

Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Mon, May 1	Council mtg. 8pm.
Tues, May 2	PIP Dinner - 6:30pm.
Wed, May 3	Rental - Lifeline Screening 9am.
Fri, May 5	Cinco de Mayo Social 8:30-10pm. Open House for Prospects, KofC & Ettes.
Sun, May 7	Rental - Skalski 3pm. <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>
Mon, May 8	Officer meeting 8pm.
Fri, May 12	Rental - Meals on Wheels 12pm.
Sat, May 13	Sock Hop Dance - 8pm.
Sun, May 14	<i>Mother's Day</i>
Mon, May 15	Council meeting 8pm.
Wed, May 17	Columbiette meeting 7:30pm.
May 19-21	K of C State Convention Wildwood
Thurs, May 25	<i>Ascension of Our Lord</i>
Sat, May 27	Rental - Wedding 6pm.
Mon, May 29	<i>Memorial Day</i> 9:30am - Dumont Parade 2:00pm - Bergenfield Parade
Tues, May 30	Columbian Club meeting 8pm.
Wed, May 31	<i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>
Fri, June 2	Chinese Food social 8:30-10pm.
Sat, June 3	Council 109th Anniversary Party, 2pm-8pm.
Sun, June 4	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>

Troop 1345 Scout Report

Troop 1345 hosted a very successful Scout Reach program at Camp Lewis on April 8/9, where we hosted about 15 scouts from Jersey City for a weekend of camping. This gave the Jersey City scouts an opportunity to go camping, where many of them don't have that opportunity due to a lack of adult volunteers or a structured program.

Troop 1345 "officially" welcomed five new scouts into our family at our annual bridging ceremony at Camp Alpine on April 15. Four from Dumont and one from Bergenfield. Most of these scouts have been working with the troop since February, but this ceremony symbolizes the bridging from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

Joining the troop were Kevin Giannantonio, Costantino Krassos, Nathaniel Lord, Arthur Rosenberger, and Hans Victor Sto Tomas. The troop is continuously recognized by Northern New Jersey Council as one of the more successful scouting programs in Bergen County.

Rich Merkowsky has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 1345 since December 2013 (a little over three years). Rich was recognized for his leadership of the troop at a Northern New Jersey Council Recognition Dinner with his family on April 23, where he was presented the Service To Scouting award.

The Service To Scouting award recognizes adult leaders who support their scouting programs above and beyond the expectations of routine "an hour a week" programs.

Troop 1345 once again participated in the annual Weboree program at Camp No-Be-Bosco in Blairstown, NJ during the weekend of April 28-29-30. The troop helps to staff this event each year, and is one of the largest staff contingents present at this activity each year.

Ray Ziembra, Asst Scoutmaster

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

Columbiette Auxiliary Report

*"I've got sunshine on a cloudy day
And when it's cold outside, well I've
got the month of May
I guess you say what could make me feel this way....
My girl, my girl, talking about my girl."
(The Temptations, 1964)*

Our May 17 meeting is an important one.....Voting for our officers! The nominations were made at our April meeting and now is the time we VOTE! Please try to attend this very important meeting. Remember meetings start at 7:30pm.

We wish a Happy Mother's day to all of our Columbiettes who are Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and Aunts.

As we celebrate Mother's Day along with other May events as Cinco de Maya Day, Communion, May Crowning's and May Day celebrations, let us remember our veterans on Memorial Day. They are the reason we have the freedom that we have and can do what we want to do. Always take the time to thank them whenever you can.

Wishing everyone a lovely month of May!

Roberta Elwell, Past Pres, Publicity

Religious & Civil Rights Report

YES! We have a conservative Associate Justice on the Supreme Court-Neil Gorsuch. Now SCOTUS can judge all cases in a fair manner by just looking at the Constitution and NOT making laws.

Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman

Collection Drive for Disabled Persons

As I write this report, we are still tabulating the monies collected during our 4-day collection.

PGK Steve Martin and I wish to THANK all those members, Columbiettes, Scoutmasters, and Friends who helped with this massive effort to help People with Intellectual Disabilities.

George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, Co-Chairman

Happy Mother's Day to all Grandmothers, Mothers, daughters with children and daughters in general. This is their Special Day.

Remember the May Crowning's that will be held at our local churches in honor of Our Blessed Mother, Queen of the Knights. Check with the Rectories to find out exact day and time.

And, a special THANK YOU and RECOGNITION to the wives of our members, past and present, who have and continue to give up family time so that their husbands can serve God, Country, and Community through the Knights of Columbus with their help and support.