



The Knight Times

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NOVEMBER, 2016

Grand Knight's Message

October has proven to be another very active month for our council. We continue to build on the momentum which began in September. October's social events such as Italian Night, the Adult Halloween Party and the Children's Halloween Party gave us the opportunity to come together as a council family and raise funds for charity. In addition to the council events, the Roses for Life Drive continued to demonstrate our commitment to the Right to Life. My sincere thanks to the event chairs and all those who put forth the extraordinary effort to make each of these events a true success.

We begin November with the election. All members should exercise their right to vote. November will also bring the Past Grand Knight Dinner. I encourage all members to join us on November 12th as we honor Past Grand Knight Larry Rivera. We shall also prepare the council for the Christmas Season. All are invited to help decorate the hall on November 26th.

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

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Gallacher
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

As a long and, at times, very uncivilized campaign period finally comes to an end, many people have become so alienated by the process that they have decided not to participate in the upcoming elections. The US Bishops Conference reminds us that the Right to Vote is not only a privilege that we must never take for granted; it is an obligation that we as Catholic Christians must exercise.

The website of the US Bishops Conference has numerous resources that can help guide us in our responsibilities in the election process. We are reminded, that as voters, we must be informed voters. We must know all the issues that are important to us as Catholic Christians, not just a select few, and we must know where the candidates stand on these issues. We must judge the character of the candidates and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we make our choices.

We must also remember that we are not electing just a president. One third of the Senate and the entire House of Representatives will be chosen this election day. There will also be important choices to make on the State and Local levels.

As we go to the polls this Election Day we must remember that it is not about being a Republican or a Democrat. It is about being an American who is first and foremost a Catholic Christian. We must be responsible citizens committed to the teachings of the Church.

Vivat Jesus
Rev. Stephen Carey
Chaplain

**2015-2016 Officers, Chairmen, Directors, & Auxiliaries
of the Family of St. John's Council #1345**

Council Officers 2016-2017

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	Louis Labetti	201-249-0393
Treasurer	Kevin Mulhern	201-247-5602
Advocate	Rich Oldfield	201-214-9375
Financial Secy:	G. DiCostanzo, PGK	201-338-2617
Inside Guard	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
Outside Guard I	Willie Cintron	201-951-9164
Outside Guard II	Kevin Sheridan	201-566-8194
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

Bldg. Maintenance:	John Graham	201-387-0419
Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Community Affairs:	Lou Pidi, PGK	201-707-7253
Council Activities:		
Council Reservation:	Kenneth Armellino	516-220-9333
Drug Awareness:	Rich Merkovsky,	201-494-9912
Family Activities:		
Feeding Homeless:	John Racanelli	201-206-6425
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
Rosary Hour:		
Scholarship:	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Sick & Wake:	Louis Labetti	201-249-0393
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	201-385-2859
Youth Activities:	John Racanelli	201-206-6425

Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers 2016-2017

President:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Vice President:	Lou Pidi	201-707-7283
Secretary:	Jerry Passano	201-403-8980
Treasurer:	Mike Cremin	201-956-2782
Bar:	Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
Kitchen:	Jerry Passano & Lou Pidi	201-403-8980
Dishwasher:	(open)	
Purchasing:	John Orsino	201-244-5875
Rentals:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
Servers/Waiters:	Frank Gallacher	201-957-2683

Columbette's Ladies Auxiliary 2016-2017

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

Troop #1345 - Boy Scouts 2016-2017

Scoutmaster	Rich Merkovsky	201-494-9912
Asst Scoutmaster:	Ray Ziemba	201-410-0897

Squires Circle #1622 (inactive)

KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Oct 17, 2016

Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.

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

Members

- Bob Dondero, PGK
- Steven Petraglia
- Chuck Hollis, DD, PGK
- Dick Dorozynski
- Frank Uvenio
- Jack McHugh, Sr.
- John Maguire
- Jun Adel
- G. DiCostanzo, PGK
- Dave Benson, PGK
- William Borrows
- Scott Manno, PGK
- Jim McEntee
- Ed Kostka**
- Bill Horn
- Frank Uvenio

-Bill Connington, PGK, PFN

Relatives & Friends

- Angie Uvenio, wife of Frank Uvenio;
- Barbara Ann Lissi, Columbette's District Deputy
- Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
- Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
- Fran Gorman, wife of Ray Gorman
- Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.
- Isabel Alcano, friend of Dr. Geoffrey Sadock;
- Jack Cohen, nephew Bill Horn;
- John Hite, relative of PGK Bill Connington.
- 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.
- Mary Rudolph, widow of late Art Rudolph.
- Maureen Kostka, wife of Ed Kostka.
- Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. DiCostanzo;
- Robert Ryder, relative of Matt Connell;
- 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 Columbette Pat Barkley.
- Therese DeFalco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.
- William Borrows, Jr, son of Bill Borrows*

Wakes

Members:

Relatives & Friends:

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 **NOVEMBER**. Especially our good friend Russell Petrocelli, Master of the First NJ District of the Fourth Degree.

Congratulations to Tony and Sheila Tulli celebrating 12 years married in November.

Chancellor/Membership Report

My Dear Sisters and Brothers, Let me take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

As our calendar year draws to a close I ask that you continue your efforts to help increase our membership. The K of C really does make a difference in our Parishes and just imagine the difference we could make if we had more members. Peace, Next degree dates:

- Nov. 8 - First Degree at Westwood.
- Nov. 27 - First Degree at Ridgefield.
- Dec. 7 - Second Degree at Paramus at Visitation.

Gerry Flood, Chancellor.

Financial Secretary Report

Dues bills for 2017 will be mailed the last week of December. We respectfully request that you pay your dues in January. Repeated mailings to delayed-payers cost the council extra money in stationary and postage.

If you cannot pay on time, or if there is a financial problem, call me at 201-338-2617 for a private discussion. We can work it out.

George DiCostanzo, FS

Respect Life Report

Gentlemen Thank You, Thank You, Thank You. The Roses for Life campaign generated \$1428.00 compared to 2015 of \$1247.00, for a net gain of \$185.00. Even with rain at the SMA Mission. Thanks to all the brothers that helped.

Thanks to all my brothers for a great job.

Matt Connell, Respect Life Chairman

Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

On Mon, Nov 21st, we will remember our deceased brothers and sister Columbiettes during the annual Mass of Remembrance at 8PM at the Council. We'll also recognize those who have passed away over the last twelve months.

Family members or close friends of recently departed Knights and Columbiettes are invited to participate in the rose ceremony. The evening is open to all and coffee & cake will be served after mass.

If you're coming, this is a perfect opportunity to foster fraternity and invite a friend to come along.

Brian O'Dowd, Chairman

Keep Christ in Christmas

New this year for St. John's Council's "Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign" - We will be selling the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for \$5 each with the proceeds going towards the Council's charitable works for Christmas.

We have requested dates at our local churches to sell the magnets following mass, and will let you know as soon as they are scheduled. In addition the magnets will be available at all Council events. If you live outside the local area and

wish to order a magnet, write to: Christmas Magnet, P O Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Our program will also include lawn signs and display banners at the local churches.

Are you on Facebook?

We have created a new Facebook page open to the public to share our events and announcements with our family, friends, and community. Please do your part to help our Council be a success by joining the page and inviting those you know to join as well.

The page is titled "Events for St. John's Council #1345 Knights of Columbus." This page s for our events only, not Council business activities.

Also, be sure to join our email list by sending an email to kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

Past Grand Knight's Dinner

We will be honoring Past Grand Knight Lauro Rivera, as well as all our Past Grand Knights at the annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner on Saturday November 12th from 7pm - 11pm. Music, including a special Military Tribute, will be provided by CZone Entertainment.

The sit down dinner will consist of fried shrimp and chicken teriyaki dumplings, tossed salad, home-made pancit, sliced prime rib with mushroom, onion, and gravy. Dessert will be a banana and custard filled cake with coffee/eea. Beverages also included. The price is \$35pp. RSVP required to Ken A. by calling or texting 516-220-9333 or emailing to: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

Veteran's Day Ceremony

A Special Friday Night Social

To honor all of our veteran's - members and non-members, our Friday Night Social on Friday, November 11 will be to recognize these "special people" for their service to our country.

Pass the word. All veteran's are welcome. A complimentary snack will be served. Join us for this very special occasion. But let us know you are coming. Call Ken at 516-220-9333 or call George at 201-338-2617.

**KEEP
CHRIST
IN
CHRISTMAS**

On behalf of the Grand Knight and all the Officers, we wish you and your family a "thankful" and "Happy Thanksgiving" holiday.
May God continue to bless you, your family, our council, and our country.

Dates to Remember

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

Setup for Events every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Tues, Nov. 1	All Saints Day; holyday of obligation.
Wed, Nov. 2	All Souls Day Columbian Club mtg. 8pm. (*new date*)
Sat, Nov. 5	Rental - Gooney Birds Marine party 5pm.
Sun, Nov. 6	Daylight Savings Time ends.
Mon, Nov. 7	Council mtg 8pm. Lecturer - Chief Michael Connor 8:30pm.
Tues, Nov. 8	Election Day- remember to vote.
Fri, Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Sat, Nov. 12	PGK Dinner Dance 7pm-11pm
Mon, Nov 14	Officer mtg. 8pm.
Wed, Nov. 16	Columbette mtg. 7:30pm.
Sat, Nov. 19	Rental - ASCPG dinner 6:30pm.
Mon, Nov. 21	Memorial Mass for Deceased members 8pm.
Thurs, Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day
Fri, Nov. 25	Council Closed
Sat, Nov. 26	Christmas Decorations of Council 10am. Rental - birthday party 7pm.
Mon, Nov. 28	TBCC
Sat, Dec. 3	Rental - Living Word Church 7pm.

Troop 1345 Scout Report

Troop 1345 is proud to announce that Jack Zimmerman's Eagle Leadership project was just highlighted in the October 2016 issue of **Boy's Life** magazine. This is the national publication of the Boy Scouts of America. Jack's project was highlighted for the leadership he displayed in making some 47,124 meals for the hungry folks that rely on the CUMAC food kitchen in Paterson and surrounding areas.

You may have noticed numerous other projects going on around town from Troop 1345 scouts, such as a food collection for the Saint Mary's food pantry, painting Maltese crosses in the streets next to fire hydrants for the fire department, building a memorial park at the corner of Washington and Virginia across from Saint Mary's church, building a handicap access ramp into the Saint Mary's auditorium, building a fishing kiosk near the Oradell reservoir, making a training video for altar servers for Sacred Heart church in Haworth, or creating a music program for children in Hackensack. As Rich Merkovsky always likes to say: **"amazing scouts doing amazing things"**.

Also in November, Troop 1345 scouts and adults will be working at the annual Marines dinner held at the Knights of Columbus. It is a great night for the scouts to honor and serve the Marines, and the Marines love having the scouts in uniform to help them celebrate the Marines' birthday.

And to top it all off, later in November, Troop 1345 will be hosting its annual Webelos Weekend event in Stony Point, NY, where young scouts come to see what it is like to be part of a Boy Scout troop for the weekend, and camp overnight with us. A number of these young scouts may eventually join the ranks of Troop 1345. The theme this year is Camping Games, in honor of the Olympic games that concluded this past summer.

Ray Ziemba, Asst Scoutmaster

Columbette Auxiliary Report

**The night sets softly
With the hush of falling leaves**

Casting shivering shadows

On the houses through the trees. (Simon & Garfunkel, 1965).

As the leaves begin to turn and fall we realize that the month of November is making its appearance. November is a month in which we remember and give thanks.

ATTENTION ALL COLUMBIETTES! *November is also Retention Month!*

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16 and we are asking ALL of our Columbette's to come help us celebrate Retention Month. If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile -- Come and see what you have been missing, we have missed you! Also, at the end of the meeting we will have a Christmas Mini-Vendor Fair with various craft items, jewelry, etc.

And of course, November's big holiday is Thanksgiving. Let us all give thanks for what we have and remember those who are in need....

He who thanks but with the lips

Thanks but in part; The full, the true Thanksgiving

Comes from the heart. (~J.A. Shedd)

Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Roberta Elwell, P.P., Publicity

Religious & Civil Rights Report

The election of the President is probably over by the time you receive this. No matter who wins, we must continue to pray for our country and all its people. Pray the Rosary daily. Mary is our Queen and she hears our prayers. Vivat Jesus,

Matt Connell, R & CR Chairman

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.

Greg Ryan, Chairman

Business Services Directory.

Enclosed is the latest issue. If you need help, call a Brother Knight, get good prices, and quality work.

It's Fall, time to think about raking leaves, gardening, home repairs or preparing for snowy weather. Check our Business Services directory for a Knight that can help you out.

Add your business to our Directory list; send name, phone, email, and service you provide. Mail to: Editor, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

G. DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN, Editor

Wake Service Call & Email List

One of the most "fraternal" and "charitable" duties that we perform as Knights is to pay our respects to a Brother Knight and his family who has deceased. We offer a short prayer service and condolences to the family.

The value of our presence and prayer service for the family cannot be measured in any way. It's just special. But, the reality is this: the number of our members who show up is diminishing. We need more members from our local area.

If you wish to participate, send me an email to: papagdc@aol.com. No email address, call me at 201-338-2617 and I will add you to the phone call list.

PGK George DiCostanzo, Sick & Wake.