



The Knight Times

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Columbiette's, Scouts and Friends,

With your help, we continue to do great things. Our Order founded by Father Michael McGivney initially set out to care for immigrants to this Country and to assist the families of men who had passed away and left a widow and children. It was truly a charitable mission and those works embody the first principle of the Knights of Columbus-Charity. St. John's Council, in the spirit of Charity, came together and raised \$18,561.00 for Addison Palardy, the granddaughter of PGK Barry Bernard. This result was achieved by the generosity of hundreds and the collaboration of many - our Members, Columbiettes, and Scouts. I am truly proud to lead this Council.

Our Columbian Club continues to do great things. It is now our Council's and Columbian Club's policy to donate throughout the year some of the proceeds from our rentals to local charities, including Bergenfield and Dumont Social Services and the St. John's and St. Mary's food pantries. Our first donations will be made just in time to assist our neighbors in need at Thanksgiving time. The time you offer to help us at a rental now tangibly helps our neighbors - just like Father McGivney wanted.

I proudly announced at Italian Night that our Council now sponsors a seminarian, Moris Montoya. Our council has made a donation of \$500 directly to Moris to be used for whatever needs may arise during his time as a seminarian. Moris is studying at Immaculate Conception Seminary and our Council will continue to support Moris with monetary donations up to the time of his ordination. Moris' e-mail is moris.montoya@shu.student.edu, write to him and show him the commitment of St. John's Council to his vocation. Our Council continues with your help the work of Father McGivney in this endeavor.

I received a letter from Knights of Columbus Charities thanking our Council for our donation to the K of C Christian Refugee Relief Fund. The money we donated will be used to restore the Christian town of Karamles on the Nineveh Plain in Iraq which was liberated from ISIS late last year - just another example of the charitable works of this Council that is made possible by everyone's participation in Council 1345. Coming Events

Salute to Veterans Night	November 10 th 8pm
Council Blood Drive	November 19 (at St. John's -Conlon Hall, 9am to 2pm.
Decoration of Council for Christmas	November 26
Christmas Party	December 9

I hope to see you at the Council.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Martin, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Every Sunday, during our profession of faith, we declare our belief in the "Communion of Saints." What is this "communion" we profess to believe in? What is the Church saying when it declares a certain individual to be a saint? What is the purpose of All Saints Day and what is the connection with All Souls Day? This month, as we celebrate these two important days in the Church calendar, we should take time to reflect on what it is we are called to celebrate.

When the Church declares a certain individual to be saint, what the Church is saying is that, not only did that person live a holy life worth emulating, but that we believe that person to be in heaven. That is why we are encouraged to pray that the saints will intercede on our behalf. Who better to ask for prayers than those we believe to be standing before the throne of God?

Over the centuries, thousands of men and women have been declared to be saints. But that does not mean however that they are the only ones in heaven. We live in the hope that all those who have lived and died as faithful followers of Christ will receive the reward of eternity with God. All Saints Day is a celebration of the countless men and women who are in heaven whose names are known to God alone. They have received the gift of paradise and from their place in heaven, we pray that they will intercede on our behalf with our merciful Father.

I am sure we all know someone that, when they died, we were positive they went straight to heaven. But there are those who may not have been ready to stand face to face with God. For those, our faith teaches that they continue their journey to God in Purgatory. Just as we ask those in heaven to pray for us, we pray for those in Purgatory. All Saints Day and All Souls Day call us to remember those we love; those we pray for and those who pray for us.

In God's love, we are in Communion with all the Saints in heaven. We are also united with the souls in Purgatory, for we share with them the hope that we too may join the Communion of Saints that stands forever before the throne of our loving and merciful God.

Vivat Jesus,

Rev. Stephen Carey, Chaplain

Council Officers 2017-2018

Chaplain Emeritus:	Rev. John F. Murray (deceased)	
Chaplain:	Rev. Stephen Carey	201-384-0557
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Council Chairmen & Directors 2016-2017

Church Activities:	Matt Connell	201-387-7187
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Council Activities:	Willie Cintron	201-951-9164
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	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
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Servers/Waiters:	Ivan Hannibal, PGK	646-528-9592
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Columbiette's Ladies Auxiliary 2017-2018

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Knights Times Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report – as of Oct. 22, 2017
Bold Italic indicates new name or a change in condition.
To add a name, call ***Bob DeWald at 201-384-2259.***

Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK
-Steven Petraglia
-William Borrows
-Dick Dorozynski
-***Jim Mc Entee***
-Brendan Thornton
-John Maguire
-Bill Connington, PGK
-James Keane
-***Frank Uvenio***
-John P. McHugh
-Dave Benson, PGK
-***Nick Albano***
-Scott Manno, PGK
-***Larry Rivera, PGK***
-Michael Curran
-***Bill Horn***
-Tom Ciotti, PGK
-Jim Kelly, Sr.
-***Louis Labetti***

Relatives & Friends

-Addison Rose Palardy, granddaughter of PGK B. Bernard.
-Brother-in-law of Greg Ryan
-Carol Donadio, wife of Rich Donadio;
-Fr. Patrick Donohue, priest at St. Mary's Church
-***Gloria Horn, wife of Bill Horn.***
-***Jerry Oakley, PGK***
-Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
-Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
-Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
-Linda Ilowite, daughter of Tony Tulli
-Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
-Maureen Kostka, wife of the late Ed Kostka.
-Nunzia Migliaccio, cousin of PGK Geo. Di Costanzo;
-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;
-Stephanie, niece of Jim Brooks;
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli DeFalco.
-William Borrows, Jr, son of William Borrows

Wakes

Members: ***Thomas Kornett;***

Relatives & Friends:

-***Bob Segda, brother of Columbiette Ann Schmidt.***

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 Norm Saunders at 201-832-0105, or email TBCC1345rentals@gmail.com, or check our website: www.kofc1345.org. ***The hall is for rent with or without food catering.***

From the News Desk

Birthday wishes to our Brother Knights and their family members who may be celebrating a birthday in November. Our friend **Master Russ Petrocelli** on Nov. 1.

Ed & Janet Trawinski recently returned from Carmel, IN, where they celebrated their grandson Lucas's first birthday. Lucas is their first grandchild; He was born on Sept. 11, 2016.

Congratulations to Al & Gloria DeStefano on their 55th anniversary on Nov. 18.

Chancellor-Membership Report

Brothers, if you are interested in advancing your degree or know someone interested in their Admission Degree please let me know by calling or texting at 516-220-9333. Below is a list of the upcoming dates. If they do not work for you please let me know and we can investigate other locations.

-November 14 - Admission (First) Degree - 8PM

-November 26 - Admission (First) Degree - 6PM

-December 5 - Formation (Second) Degree - 8PM

Kenneth Armellino, Chancellor

Financial Secretary Report

Benefits for our Members:

(1) - **Deborah Hospital**; if a brother knight is in need of cardiac care, he is welcomed at Deborah Hospital, and any procedure needed is FREE.

(2) - **Bergen Chapter K of C** - Our council recently rejoined with the Chapter, who exist for the sole purpose of helping fellow Knights who are in financial distress for health reasons.

For more information, contact me at 201-338-2617 or email to: papagdc@aol.com.

(3) - **The Council Relief Fund** - a benefit for our members who may find themselves in financial distress due to health or other reasons.

It's completely confidential, therefore, contact is to the Grand Knight directly at 201-669-8236.

George Di Costanzo, FS, PGK

Columbian Club Report

Good things continue to happen for the Club. Friday Night Socials continue to be successful with many members and friends attending. And the rental activity is extremely busy.

GOOD NEWS! As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Our first donation of \$1000 from gratuities & a % of the profits from our rentals was made in the closing days of October. \$250 each was donated in gift cards or cash to the Food Pantries at St. John's & St. Mary's churches, and to the Social Service Dept's at Bergenfield & Dumont. Our volunteer members and friends can be proud of their service helping our local needy families in time for Thanksgiving.

Charity and Service go hand in hand for a K of C member. So, when you get a call from our PGK Ivan Hannibal to help serve at an event, please say YES and know that you are helping a family in your town. If you cannot make one date, Ivan will offer you several other dates.

We need YOUR help; Our local families need YOUR help.

George Di Costanzo, TBCC President

Bernard- Palardy Fundraiser

It is with great pride that I announce that the fundraiser we ran for the benefit of PGK Barry Bernard's granddaughter, Addison Palardy, raised \$18,561.00. Thousands of dollars were raised from donations and our fundraiser which was attended by over 200 people; featured a concert by St Mary's Choir, a tricky tray, and a 50/50 raffle. I want to thank my

officers, all of the event volunteers including our Sister Columbiettes, and members of our Boy Scout Troop 1345 for making this huge donation possible. Together, we can make great things happen. *Steven Martin, Grand Knight*

Dear Knights, Columbiette's, Boy Scouts, & Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that we write to express how thankful we are for everything you did to help our family. We are overwhelmed with the out pouring of love and support that we received that night.

We want to thank everyone who participated in this event. Whether you donated your time making baskets, donated items for the tricky tray, helped to set up the hall, took the reservations, sent a check, said prayers for her, worked in the kitchen, served the food, promoted the event. etc. This monumental task you all took on our behalf did not go unnoticed.

Our little Addison had fun greeting all of you. Thank you all again. Your generosity will make a huge difference in Addison's future. *The Bernard and Palardy Families.*

Respect for Life Report

Gentlemen- As of this writing the Roses for Life campaign is almost \$200.00 ahead of last year with the SMA Father's yet to be accounted for. Thanks to so many of my brothers handling St Mary's and St John's churches and those who will do the SMA Fathers on the 22nd. A GREAT JOB, Thanks . *Matt Connell, Chairman*

Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

On Monday November 6th, we will remember our deceased Brother Knights 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 during the liturgy. This evening is open to everyone and coffee & cake will be served after mass. *Brian O'Dowd, Chairman*

A Catechism Refresher of our Faith - Chapter 4

Q: Name the Mysteries of the Rosary?

A: Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful and Luminous Mysteries.

Q: Name the Luminous Mysteries?

A: -The Baptism in the Jordan River;

-The Wedding at Cana;

-The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God;

-The Transfiguration;

-The Institution of the Eucharist.

Keep Christ in Christmas

For the second year St. John's Council will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for \$5 each. They are excellent reminders of the true meaning of this holiday season and can be placed on your car, metal doors, your fridge, or anything metal.

Beginning in November, we will have them available at the Council at all events including Friday Nights. If you cannot make it to the Council, send a check for \$5 for each magnet to K of C #1345 Christmas Magnet, PO Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. *Ken Armellino, Chairman*

Special Election

There will be a special election at our next meeting, Mon, Nov 20 to fill the position of Warden, vacated by Arturo Ilano who took over the vacated Treasurer position. Sal Donatacci, PGK, PFN has agreed with the Grand Knight to fill the position.

Dates to Remember

Wed, Nov. 1	All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation
Thurs, Nov. 2	All Souls Day Setup for Rental 7pm.
Fri, Nov. 3	Council Closed - Rental Rivera birthday party 7-11pm.
Sat, Nov. 4	Gooney Birds Marine Corps birthday, 5pm.
Sun, Nov. 5	Daylight Savings Time ends; back 1-hour. Troop 1345 Pancake Bkft, 9am-12pm.
Mon, Nov. 6	Council Memorial Mass for Deceased 8pm.
Wed, Nov. 8	Col Club mtg, 8pm.
Thurs, Nov. 9	Setup for Rental 7pm.
Fri, Nov. 10	Salute to Veteran's 7:30pm & Social.
Sat, Nov. 11	Veteran's Day - Fly Your Flag Rental - ASCPG Dinner 6:30pm.
Mon, Nov. 13	AARP mtg. 10am
Wed, Nov. 15	Columbiette mtg 7:30pm
Fri, Nov. 17	Columbiette Potato Night, 6pm.
Sun, Nov. 19	Blood Drive @ St. John's Conlon Hall 9am. 4th Degree exemplification 12pm.
Mon, Nov. 20	Council mtg 8pm.
Thurs, Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day
Fri, Nov. 24	Rental Setup 7pm & Friday Social 8pm.
Sat, Nov. 25	Council Event-Sheridan Baby Shower 3pm.
Sun, Nov. 26	Decorate for Christmas 2pm.

Columbiette Report

**Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly
All your life, You were only waiting for this moment to arise
(The Beatles, 1968)**

November is a busy month for the Columbiettes. It is also the time that we remember and give thanks.

The Knights will have a memorial mass for all of those Knights and Columbiettes who have passed away this past year. It will be on Monday, November 6 at 8:00pm at the council hall, with refreshments afterwards. Please attend.

The Columbiettes will be having their first "Spud-tacular Event" on Friday Nov. 17 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the council hall. Dinner consists of a hot, piping baked potato with a fix-in bar to load up your spud with choices of chili, sour cream, broccoli, butter, chives, carrots, onions, etc. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 10 years and under. **Reservations are a must!** Please contact Laura Labatti at 201-387-7479; or labetti250@optonline.net to get your reservation in. *See enclosed flyer.*

Congratulations to the following Columbiettes who took their Degree in October. **Nancy Hecker**, First & Major Degree; **Maria Castoro**, **Janet Maniscalco**, **Janice Forlini**, and **Dorothy Zdanowicz** Major Degree.

A message from the Financial Secy. It's that time of year again and time to collect dues for 2018. By-Laws were changed last year, and dues are now \$25 per year. Dues payment automatically enters you in the NJ State \$5 raffle. Dues are payable at next meeting. If you cannot attend, please mail to: Lillian Holmes, FS, 191 Beech St, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

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.

**"Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,
With gratitude Thanksgiving Day;
For food and raiment Thou dost give,
That we in comfort here may live."**

- Luther Cross, **Thanksgiving Day**

Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Roberta Elwell, PP, Publicity

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, Chairman, 201-919-2535

Troop 1345 Report

Troop 1345 is proud to announce that Justin Merkovsky, son of Scoutmaster Rich Merkovsky, passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on September 27, thus becoming the Troop's twenty-first Eagle Scout! Justin's leadership project was to implement a music instruction program for the Never Alone Again organization in Hackensack, which supports women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

Troop 1345 will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning, November 5. Please stop down and support the troop.

Eagle Scout Sean Adomilli will be dedicating the redesigned Memorial Park on the corner of Washington Avenue and Virginia Avenue (across the street from St. Mary's Church) to Matthew LaPorte on Saturday, November 11.

Crew 1345 is proud to announce that Michael Geller, who is a freshman at SUNY Maritime College, was part of the team that got to unfurl the large American Flag on the infield at Yankee Stadium during their recent ALCS playoff game on October 16.



Ray Ziemba, Asst Scoutmaster

Photo Gallery



DD Chuck Hollis presenting Columbian Award to PGK Frank Gallacher for 2016-2017 Council activities.