



# The Knight Times

St. John's Council #1345, Knights of Columbus  
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*September, 2009*

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

In this 102<sup>nd</sup> Columbian Year, one of the greatest Knights of Columbus Councils in the State of New Jersey, St. John's Council #1345 continues to labor (Labor Day – Sept. 7, 2009) with Love for God and our neighbors just as Christ told us and now His Vicar Pope Benedict XVI in his third Encyclical "Charity in Truth".

That Action with the Faith that God gave us (St. James 2:24) netted the Supreme Council in 2008 \$150,036,865 in total charitable donations exceeding the previous year's total by more than \$5.1 million. Yes, the First Principle of the Knights is Charity and St. John's Council #1345 was a very vital part given by the order as a whole. So K of C does not only mean Knights of Columbus but to Millions it means Knights of Charity.

Please read the August edition of Columbia (the K of C magazine)...page 12. Then comes September 8, the Birth of Mary, Our Queen. And as we pray "Mary, Queen of the Knights", at the close of Every Meeting it makes us always aware that as her Knights we are constantly Observed, our Faith Judged, and our Order Appreciated.

Finally, let us Unite with the Holy Spirit like we did at the Installation and call on Him to "Breathe on me, Breath of God, my soul with grace refine, until this earthly part of me glows with your fire Divine."

Quote of the month: "I am with you always, until the end of the world." Matthew 28:20.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. John F. Murray, SMA

Chaplain of St. John's Council #1345 (Senior Knights);

Father Prior of St. Dominic Savio Circle #1622 (Junior Knights);

Chaplain of the St. John's Columbiettes (Ladies Auxiliary);

State Father Prior of the Columbian Squires (Junior Knights).

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## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights, Columbiettes, Squires, & Scouts,

As an Officer moves up through the chairs in the Council they become more involved in financial discussions and get a clearer understanding of how the work we do as an organization translates directly to charity. Not an ego gratifying charity or a charity done for accolades. It is a charity that is quite plainly an expression of love; love of God, and love of our neighbors.

Everything we contribute as individuals has a direct, positive impact on the wonderful work that this Council does. For example, if you decide to take advantage of your membership and rent the Council hall for a personal function your payment will go to the Columbian Club. Some portion of that money pays the bills and keeps the facility looking as good as it does but the surplus is donated to the Council who in turn donates it to charity. This year the Columbian Club presented the Council a check in the amount of \$11,500, which helped a lot of people.

The same holds true when you attend a Council event. The \$27 fee buys more than a good meal, dancing and a fun night with friends. It goes to help children and adults with special needs, fight the scourge of abortion, provide scholarships to our youth, and much more.

None of this would be possible if it weren't for all the hours of hard work donated by our waiters, bartenders, cooks, dishwashers, coat checkers and the people that set up the hall. It's a pretty diverse staff comprised of Squires, Columbiettes, Boy Scouts and Knights.

While many people reminisce about the "good old days" and how terrible the world is becoming, I look at our Council and see the true beauty of the human spirit. Why on earth would anyone spend their free time working for no pay? **Love.**

You don't need to stand out in the middle of Washington Ave shaking the can, spend hours over a hot stove or come to every meeting to be an active member of this Council. When you join us on a Wednesday evening to pray the Rosary, you're active. When you come down for a Friday night social, you're active. When you participate in the lighting of the Crèche outside the Dumont town hall and show your neighbors the true meaning of Christmas, you're active.

I hear people say they're too busy to be involved with the Knights of Columbus. They really don't know what they're missing...but we do.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

**2009-2010 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	Tom Ciotti	201-385-7424
Deputy GK:	David Benson	201-385-1839
Chancellor	Lou Pidi	201-439-1985
Warden	John McGill	201-384-7511
Recorder	George Corbo	201-384-0972
Treasurer	William Horn	201-385-7652
Advocate	Edward Trawinski	201-385-0972
Financial Secy:	Bob DeWald	201-384-2259
Inside Guard	Tony Tulli	201-385-6148
Outside Guard I	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
Outside Guard II	Charles Hollis	201-265-6012
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Trustee - 2 yrs.	B. Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
Trustee - 1 yr.	G. DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	201-338-2617
Lecturer	Dr. Geoffrey Sadock	201-387-0240
Insurance Agent	Don Stappenbeck	201-664-2599

**Council Chairmen**

Drug Awareness:	Keith Hilcken	201-933-4476
Loaves & Fishes:	William Horn	201-385-7652
Mail Committee:	PGK G. Olszewski	201-384-9524
Newsletter Editor:	PGK G. DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Parish Roundtable:	GK Tom Ciotti	201-424-5472
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Retention:	Dave Benson	201-385-1839
Retreat:	PGK G. Olszewski	201-384-9524
Scholarship:	PGK G. DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
Sick & Wake:	PGK G. Olszewski	201-384-9524
Rel & Civil Rgts:	GK Tom Ciotti	201-424-5472
Webmaster:	GK Tom Ciotti	201-424-5472
Event Reservations:	Charles Hollis	201-265-6012

**Council Directors**

Church Activities:	George Corbo	201-384-0972
Community Affairs:	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
Council Activities:	John McGill	201-384-7511
Family Activities:	Charles Hollis	201-265-6012
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-St. John Church	George Corbo	201-384-0972
-St. Mary Church	Carmine Grillo, Jr.	201-244-6579
-SMA Mission	John McKay	201-244-1237
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Program Director:	DGK Dave Benson	201-385-1839
Squires:	PGK Phil Fredericks	201-321-6695
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**Twin-Boro Columbian Club Officers**

President:	Bob Dondro, PGK, PFN	201-387-2368
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Secretary:	Jerry Passano	201-384-4894
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Vice-Pres:	Robert Elwell	201-244-1323
Secretary:	Donna Fredericks	201-387-6680
Financial Secy:	Joan Winant	201-385-5957
Treasurer:	Nina DiCostanzo	201-338-2617
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Chief Squire:	Thomas Formoso, Jr.	201-501-8911
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**Boy Scouts - Troop #1345**

Scoutmaster:	Keith Hilcken	201-933-4476
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**KNIGHT TIMES NEWSLETTER**

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**Sick & Wake - September Report**

To add or delete a name on this list, call PGK George Olszewski at 201-384-9524. *ITALIC* indicates new names or change in condition.

**Brothers**

Gabriel DiLorenzo	Ken Malesky
Frank Messina, PGK	Dick Dorozynski
Anthony Martignetti	Peter Duffy
Bill Murphy, PGK	Nicholas Slade
George Olszewski, PGK	John Weiss
Richard Burke	George Forbes
John Dillon, FDD, PGK	Larry Frisby
Jack McHugh, Sr.	Joseph Staszewski
Luke Garripoli	Timothy Keating
Frank Magda	Marty Healy, PGK
Charles Dietz	Phil Fredericks, PGK

**Relatives & Friends**

Agnes Mertens, sister-in-law of PGK Jim McFadden;  
Anne Taxter, wife of Al Taxter.  
Anthony Perrotto, brother-in-law of PGK G. DiCostanzo;  
Anthony Zally, PSD  
Barbara, wife of Frank Fawcett;  
Benjamin, nephew of Dom Panfile;  
Bill, son-in-law of PGK Tom Trank;  
Diane Malesky, wife of Ken Malesky;  
Donna Fredericks, wife of PGK Phil Fredericks.  
Eileen O'Leary, widow of PCCP Frank O'Leary;  
Evelyn Rooney;  
Helen Cavallo, wife of Frank Cavallo;  
Jason, grandnephew of John McGill  
Jonathan, grandson of PGK Frank Messina.  
Karen Glover, wife of Ray Glover  
Marge Montagna, wife of Vincent Montagna  
Marie Fitzgerald, wife of Bob Fitzgerald  
Maureen McDonald, wife of Bob McDonald;  
Mona, wife of Tom O'Brien.  
Norma, widow of late Jim Campbell.  
Robert Segda, father-in-law of Tom Schmidt.  
Rose Rush, widow of James J. Rush, PGK.  
Sister Andre, sister of Fr. John Murray

**Wakes**

Patrick Coughlin; Lydia, mother of Jim Callahan;  
Angela Ciotti, Grandmother of GK Tom Ciotti;  
Mary Mazza, mother of PGK Vito Mazza, DD.  
Tom Uvenio, brother of Frank Uvenio;  
Uncle of Anthony Schiralli;

**Upcoming Degree Dates**

First Degree:	Tues, Sept. 8 at Westwood;
Second Degree:	Mon, Sept. 28 at Dumont;
Third Degree:	none posted.
Fourth Degree:	Sun, Oct. 18, 2009 Clifton;

**Dumont Day**

Once again, the Council will have a booth at the annual Dumont Day festivities selling hamburgers. This is our first opportunity to raise some money for this Columbian Year. HELP IS NEEDED. Call George D 201-338-2617....to serve a 2 hour shift....that's all we ask for.

George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN, Chairman

### *From the News Desk*

Birthdays wishes to members celebrating a birthday in September. Congratulations to George & Nina DiCostanzo celebrating 50 years married September 19, and to all other couples celebrating their anniversary in Sept.

Religious & Civil Rights: check out the Catholic League website at [www.catholicleague.org](http://www.catholicleague.org) and get all the latest information on Catholic issues.

Council reservations...this year, all council reservations will be handled by Charles Hollis. To make reservations for any event, call Chuck at 201-265-6012 or email: [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com).

DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act) continues to come under attack. The state of Massachusetts sued the US Government on its federal law of traditional marriage. Now the Obama Administration has filed a brief against DOMA charging discrimination against gay marriage. But there is good news in Maine. The coalition Stand for Marriage has gathered enough signatures to force a referendum in Nov for voters to decide and block legalizing gay marriage which would have gone into effect in September.

Military veterans and active-duty personnel are eligible for significant discounts on cellphone plans, ranging from 10-15%. Many cellphone providers also provide discounts for customers 65 and older. Check your wireless provider for details and discounts.

### *Novena & Prayer Services*

We have added a Rosary Prayer Service to our Council monthly schedule. As Knights, we are called by Our Holy Mother Mary, Queen of the Knights, to pray the rosary often. The following information is provided for your convenience.

At the Council: Rosary service every second Wednesday of the month at 8pm. The first Rosary will be on Wednesday, Sept 9. Refreshments afterwards.

At St. John's Church: every First Friday of the month, from 7pm to 9pm, Rosary, Divine Mercy & Confession, with Mass at 7:30pm. Overnight Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00pm to 7:00am in the Notre Dame Chapel of the Parish Life Center.

At St. Mary's Church: Rosary for Peace every Friday 7:30pm; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena every Wednesday 7:00pm; Morning Prayer every Monday 6:30am; Miraculous Medal every Saturday after 8:30am Mass; All of these are held in the Lower Church.

*George Corbo, Church Activities Chairman*

### *Columbiettes News*

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. Now back to business. Our first meeting of the year is on Wednesday, September 16th. At that meeting we will be installing our officers. Although our meetings start at 7:30, this one will start at 7:00. Please plan to attend and come early, it would be great if everyone was there for the ceremony.

We have a lot to look forward to this year. At our officers meeting we came up with some great events. We will be kicking off the year by participating on Dumont Day, which is on Saturday, Sept. 12th.

We will again have a booth selling hot dogs, soda, water and chips. We will need Columbiettes to volunteer their time that day for 2 hours at different shifts. Please call Donna Fredericks @201-387-6680 or Joan Winant @201-385-5957 for the hours you will be available.

Dumont Day runs from setup at 8:00 a.m. and selling from 10:00a.m to 6:00 p.m. As soon as all our events are finalized you will be getting a copy, along with a copy of our meeting schedule.

If anyone has a relative or friend wishing to join the Columbiettes or just get information about our organization, please call Roberta Elwell @201-244-1345. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

*Nina DiCostanzo, Treasurer/ Publicity*

### *9-11 Remembrance*

St. John's Council 1345 has again been invited to take part in the Annual 9/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony at Cooper's Pond on W. Church Street in Bergenfield.

This year Sept. 11 falls on Friday. The ceremony starts at 7:30pm. Parking is limited to street parking and in Franklin School parking lot that can only be accessed from S. Prospect Ave between W. Main St and W. Church St. so plan to get there early if possible.

After the 9/11 Ceremony is over, members and family and friends are invited back to the Council for the Friday Night Social.

*John E. McGill, Warden*

### *Golden Anniversary Mass*



On June 7, Nina & I attended the annual Golden Anniversary Mass at the Basilica in Newark celebrated by Archbishop Myers, marking our 50<sup>th</sup> in Sept. Also celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> were State Deputy Herb Meyer and his wife Anne (December), and Vince Montagna with his wife Marge (April).

Photo from left to right: Marge & Vince Montagna; State Deputy Herb & Anne Meyer; Nina & I.

*George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN*

### *Hungry & Homeless*

The number of patrons has increased dramatically at the shelter. Our next feedings are on October 7 and December 9, closing out the 2009 year.

We have not yet received our schedule for 2010. In the meantime, any donations of turkeys will be greatly appreciated. Call me at 201-385-7652 or Bob Dondero at 201-387-2368.

*Bill Horn, Chairman*

### *Carnival*

St. John the Evangelist Church annual carnival will be held on Tuesday Sept. 22nd through Saturday Sept. 26th. The Council, as like last year, will sponsor and man a booth for the 5 dates.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the council hall on Friday evenings or after our meetings. Volunteers are needed for the hours 6-10 pm on the week days and from 3:30 - 11pm on Saturday.

Please sign up for whatever times you can help, or call me at 201-385-7652. Thank you.

*Bill Horn, Coordinator*

### *Church Activities Report*

Join us at our Corporate Communion mass at St. John's Church Sunday Aug. 30 at 9am. Continental breakfast after mass at council.

On Wednesday Sept 9 we kickoff our monthly Rosary & Divine Mercy prayer service at the Council at 8pm. Refreshments after.

### *Insurance Agent Report*

Are you looking for a place to put your money and sleep well? Now is a great time to be with the K of C. A consult with me is FREE. Call 551-265-3489.

*Don Stappenbeck, Insurance Agent*

### Dates to Remember

Note: setups for rentals & council events are on Thursday's at 7:00pm, unless otherwise specified.

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

Sat, Aug. 29	Installation of Officers. 3pm mass at St. Mary's; Reception at Council 5pm.
Sun, Aug. 30	Corporate Communion Mass, 9am at St. John's.
Mon, Aug. 31	Columbian Club meeting, 8pm.
Fri, Sept. 4	Friday night social – pizza.
Mon, Sept. 7	Labor Day
Tues, Sept. 8	Council meeting, 8pm.
Wed, Sept. 9	Rosary Prayer Service 8pm.
Fri, Sept. 11	9-11 Remembrance at Coopers Pond; Friday Night social – coffee and...;
Sat, Sept. 12	Dumont Day – help needed.
Mon, Sept. 14	Officer meeting 8pm.
Wed, Sept. 16	Columbette meeting 7:00pm.
Fri, Sept. 18	Friday night social – pasta;
Sat, Sept. 19	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Mon, Sept. 21	Council meeting 8pm; Lecturer program 9pm.
Fri, Sept. 25	Friday night social – pot luck.
Mon, Sept. 28	Columbian Club meeting, 8pm.
Tues, Sept. 29	Newsletter mailing 10am.

### Boy Scouts - Troop 1345

Troop 1345 recently completed its week-long summer trip to Camp Turrell in Cuddebackville, NY (July 26 through August 1). A total of 14 Boy Scouts and 4 adult leaders attended summer camp this year.

The troop recently started its second season of operation, and is steadily growing and doing well under the leadership of Scoutmaster Keith Hilcken. The troop currently has a membership of 20 scouts which is more than 3 times the size of when it started in May 2008.

After the summer break, weekly troop meetings will resume in September, meeting each Tuesday night at 7:00pm. September trips will include a family BBQ at Camp Alpine, an overnight camping trip, and a deep sea fishing excursion in Belmar.

Anyone interested in information about Troop 1345, contact Keith Hilcken at 201-993-4476 or by email at Scoutmaster1345@aol.com.

Keith Hilcken, Scoutmaster

### 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."*

SK Rev. Ray Filipski

### Religious and Civil Rights

G.K. Chesterton said, "Pride consists in a man making his personality the only test, instead of making truth the test. The skeptic feels himself too large to measure life by the largest things; and ends by measuring it by the smallest thing of all."

Truth. Human life, from conception to natural death, is sacred. We know this not because our Faith dictates it as a truth but because it affirms it as one. It's not a political issue, a simple moral question or something to be debated on sensationalized on cable news programs. It's a truth that we are called to protect.

There is a great deal of discussion around this truth as it relates to the current proposed health care bill. In particular if the heinous practices of euthanasia and abortion are baked into the bill.

Considering the past voting records and very clear statements made by the current governing majority I think it's reasonable to question

the impact that this bill would have on the areas mentioned. That said, the questions should be based on concrete facts and be respectful in tone. We sometimes weaken our argument when we allow ourselves to be caught up in the hyper-partisan rhetoric that we are bombarded with on the internet, newspapers, TV and radio.

I would strongly encourage everyone to read the actual bill in question (HR 3200) and the section about end of life issues (Section 1233) in particular. You can find it at: <http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h3200/text>.

Don't look for the words euthanasia or abortion, though. You won't find them anywhere in the bill. Somehow that fact didn't provide me any comfort. Another website that I strongly recommend is: <http://stopthecabortionmandate.com/>

Obviously it's a strong pro-life message but the information is not bombastic and will assist you in raising your voice for life.

Above all else pray. There's no better way to lay down your pride and embrace the truth, as well as the Truth.

Tom Ciotti, Grand Knight

### St. Joseph's Ministry at St. John's Church

I'm a team member of our parish's emerging ministry for men and women who are searching for jobs, between jobs, or looking for better opportunities in this tough job market. We are an outreach of the parish to the whole community. We offer an opportunity for you to **get** help if you need it— and **offer** help to your neighbors if you can. Some of us are serving on the team while we look for work ourselves. What do we plan to offer job seekers and those who have been laid off?

1. Spiritual nourishment through prayer and support groups
2. Guidance on how to apply for aid for those unemployed and needing help with bills, mortgages etc.
3. Resources on websites, job fairs, networking groups and job openings.
4. On-line, print, and personal tutoring on interviewing techniques, resume writing, and conducting a job search.
5. A dedicated space in the Parish Life Center where job seekers can use pc's to go on line, review our resource material, and print out resumes.

Interested? Attend one of our Monday meetings (7 pm Parish Life Center) or call me at (201) 675-2802.

Bob Knott

### Papal Prayer

*Let us pray to Mary, Mother of the Lord, so that she will enable us to feel her love as a woman and a mother, in which we can understand all of the depth of Christ's mystery. The Lord bless you all.*

Pope Benedict XVI

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – Past Faithful Navigator Dance

Bishop O'Connor Assembly #647 will hold its annual Past Faithful Navigator Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at St. John's Council in Dumont.

The honoree is the Immediate Past Faithful Navigator of the Assembly Tom Hyer, DD, PGK, PFN. Tom has been a constant visitor to our Council as part of the Color Corps and also as a guest at our events. So to honor Tom, mark your calendar, try to attend.

Cost is \$35.00 per person for a hot buffet, coffee, tea, dessert, and beverage. In addition to honoring Tom, festivities include a Military Salute to all of our Armed Services; a salute to all of our PFN's, awards for Color Corpsman of the Year, Sir Knight of the Year, a gift for each of our Ladies, and the final 3 prizes of our 20-week club in the amount of \$250.00 each.

Make checks payable to Bishop O'Connor Assembly and mail to PFN Dinner, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Tom is a valued friend of our Council. Let's have a good turnout for his night.

Chairman SK George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN



## FUNDRAISING BENEFIT FOR

*Kayla Rose Hannon*

*Daughter of Rosaleen (nee O'Connell) and  
Brendan Burke (Local 608 and Native of Co. Meath)*

*Kayla (19 years old) was a college student at the time of her diagnosis of Ewing's Sarcoma (Bone Cancer). She is also a graduate of Dumont High School (Class of 2008). Kayla is currently undergoing aggressive chemotherapy treatment at Hackensack University Medical Center (Tomorrow's Children) and Mount Sinai before surgery to remove the tumor. She will need additional chemotherapy, radiation and physical therapy following her surgery.*

Benefit to be held at:

### **Knights of Columbus Hall**

*Sponsored by St. John's Council #1345*  
61 Armour Place • Dumont, NJ 07628  
(201) 387-9750

**Saturday, September 19, 2009**

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Price of Admission: \$25.00**

## **Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner**

Please call John Graham at (201) 387-0419 or Lou Pidi at (201) 707-7253

**Donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to:**

**Kayla Rose Hannon Cancer Fund #4242400870**

**c/o Sharon Brennan**

**62 Howard Street, Dumont, NJ 07628**

*Donations are tax deductible. EIN: 80-0449139*