



The Knight Times



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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Reverend Fathers, Family and Friends,

What a great April we had! A successful social and a very successful Shake the Can drive were part of this past month. I would like to start out by thanking Jim Callahan for hosting yet another great Friday night social that featured the band The Older Guys with a guest appearance by Tommy Walker. Tommy will be the entertainment for our resurrected New Years Eve party. Thanks Jim!

A very big thank you goes out to Steve Martin and his crew of volunteers who stood in the streets of Dumont as they collected donations from drivers at Madison and Washington Avenues on April 20th and 21st. Through their efforts and the dodging of vehicles, these volunteers collected over \$4,000.00. Add that to our virtual Shake the Can collection, we have collected over \$6,000.00 to be distributed to charities that assist Special Needs persons. **This is why we are Knights!** Great job by all of you who manned the streets that weekend.

A special thank you to Rich Oldfield who hosted our Sunday afternoon football chat with NFL Official and Bergenfield native Ed Camp. It was a great talk about the NFL and provided rare insight on how the on-field officials prepare for and call the game. Thank you, Rich; hopefully we can get Ed back next year.

May brings us warmer weather and spring flowers. It also brings the annual NJ Knights of Columbus Convention. St. John's has always had a major presence at the Convention and this year is no different. Hopefully you made your reservations.

Congratulations to Mike Rowley, who completed his 600-mile tour of France with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust and met up with the ASCPG group in Lourdes to help with their pilgrimage. Mike's Ride raised significant funds for both groups that will help send special needs children to Lourdes free of charge. Great job Mike, and those who donated or helped out.

May you live as long as you want but never want as long as you live. May God continue to bless and keep you safe, keep our families and friends healthy and till we meet next, Slainte!

Chuck Hollis, Grand Knight, FDD

Chaplain's Message: You're a Miracle! **Another great move from Blessed Michael McGivney**

Well, if you haven't read this, I am recommending a fantastic book called: *You're a Miracle: My Story of Alcoholism, Miraculous Healing, and God's Infinite Power and Love* by Mr. Joe McGivney. It is a courageous witness of his struggle with sobriety. It's well written. The heart of McGivney's book is basically a transformative journey from the heart. Joe is unfiltered and no nonsense about his alcoholism. Many of us will resonate with his story. He unfolds his highs and lows, wins and losses with such honesty that it leaves one feeling refreshed as well as moved by the conversion of McGivney after coming to terms with the incredible heartache and sorrow experienced by his loved ones. As one who has had loved ones in my family battling drugs and alcohol, I found myself in a strange way connected with McGivney on his path from woundedness to healing, and ultimately to accepting God's infinite and merciful love along with the fullness of Catholicism.

In the depths of utter despair when all hope seemed lost (and without any medical explanation), one morning McGivney awoke from sleep completely well. Here's the best part...it was through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney who just so happens to be his blood relative! How beautiful is God's mercy! Find out more – get the book.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA, Chaplain

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Healing and Wake Report

As of April 25th, 2024

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, please call Jim Callahan: 201-655-2634.

Notice: The Healing List for members, family and friends of members will be updated every 3 months and names will be removed from the list after 3 months. If you want a name to remain/be placed back on the list, please email Jim Callahan at: jmc712@aol.com.

Members

-Don Wuertz	-Brian O'Dowd
-Dan Taylor	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Fred Schuldt	-Michael Siano
-Lou Sciarrino	-Jeff Martin
-John Graham	-Joseph Welsh
-Mike Cremin	-Father Dermot Roache, Chaplain
-Andrew Santulli	-Bill Flores

Relatives & Friends

-Janet Trawinski, wife of Edward A. Trawinski, Jr.
-Fr. Ray Filipski, priest at St. John's Church
-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray
-Nancy Florio, wife of Ken Florio
-Nancy Hecker, wife of Paul Hecker
-Janice Forlini, Columbiette
-Mary McGowan, wife of Gerald McGowan
-Joyce Tyson, mother of Michelle Sciarrino
-Millie Healy, wife of Marty Healy, PGK
-Ann Meyer, wife Herb Meyer, FSD
-Barbara McEllen, Columbiette
-Nina DiCostanzo, Columbiette
-Maryjo Harris, wife of Emil Harris
-Isaac Alcantara, friend of Jim Callahan
-John Roache, father of Fr. Dermot Roache
-Dyane Guardino, daughter of Columbiette, Annette Rogie
-Cathy Hollis, wife of Chuck Hollis, GK
-Roger Carney, brother of Maureen Italiano
-Maria Meeks, wife of Jeff Meeks
-Dolores, O'Dowd, wife of Trustee Brian O'Dowd
-Linda Beck, Sister in law of Mike Rowley

Wake

-Richard Del Favero Father-in-law of Tom Ciotti, PGK

Organ Donor Program

Brothers, with your family and friends, become an Organ Donor. The life you save is precious, and could be family, a relative, or a friend. Sign up at: www.registerme.org/knights or with Greg Ryan, 201-919-2535

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

The month of May brings us better weather (usually, hopefully); it's time to get the barbeque going and time as Knights to look back as we prepare for the new Columbian year. On a spiritual level we start the month with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, we honor Mother Mary with the May Crowning and rosary, and we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of our Church. How can we Knights express our Catholic faith not to show off, but to evangelize our families, neighbors, and coworkers?

As a council we can take pride in our accomplishments - fundraising, socials, parties, feeding the needy - just to name a few. Of course, we must applaud and thank those brothers (too many to mention here) who always step up to make our projects successful. Let's keep thinking about and discussing what we can do not only to maintain our council, but also to help it to thrive while it serves our community and helps us grow as Catholic gentlemen.

Bob Knott, Deputy Grand Knight

Twin Boro Columbian Club Report

As the Columbian year draws to a close and a new year begins, I want to thank outgoing Trustees Bob Feigle and Paul Hecker for their service to the Council and the TBCC. Both Bob and Paul have assured me they will continue to assist our Council and the TBCC going forward.

Steven Martin, Proud TBCC President

Nominating Committee Proposes Slate for 2024-25 Columbian Year

As required, the Nominating Committee of Ken Armellino, Steve Martin, and Rich Oldfield has agreed to propose the following slate:

Grand Knight	Charles Hollis, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Knott
Chancellor	Justin Miller
Warden	William Flores
Recorder	OPEN
Inside Guard	Frank Apablaza
Outside Guard I	Anthony Marti
Trustee 3-Year	Frank Gallacher, PGK, PFN

Twin Boro Columbian Club Proposes Slate for 2023-24 Columbian Year

As required, TBCC has proposed the following slate:

President	Steve Martin, PGK
Vice President	Mike Rowley
Treasurer	Adrian Miller
Secretary	Thomas Formoso
Trustee	Ken Armellino
Trustee	Anthony Marti
Trustee	Jeff Meeks

Elections for both slates will take place at the June 17th Council meeting.

Memorial Day Remembrance

Tri-Valley Family Restaurant and St. John's Council 1345 are teaming up to honor veterans by setting up a Missing Man Table at Tri-Valley Restaurant on Memorial Day. The Missing

Man Table honors all veterans who have fallen, are missing in action, or are prisoners of war.

Columbiette Report

*"Let's all get up and dance to a song
That was a hit before your mother was born
Though she was born a long, long time ago
Your mother should know (your mother should know)"*
(The Beatles, 1967)

We wish all Columbiettes who are Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, and Aunts a very Happy Mother's Day! Just a reminder, at our May 15th meeting we will be voting for our officers and delegates for the upcoming new year, 2024-2025. The slate of officer's was presented at the April meeting, it is as follows:

President: Genine Armellino
Vice President: Maureen Italiano
Secretary: Janet Maniscalco
Financial Secretary: Nancy Hecker
Treasurer: Michele Sciarrino
Sentinel: Lisa Howell

The list of delegates will be read at the meeting prior to the vote. Please note, nominations can be made from the floor at the May meeting before the voting takes place. Please try to attend this very important meeting as every vote does count!

We are always looking for new members. Do you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a Columbiette? Talk with your friends and neighbors and have them join in the fun while supporting those in need. For membership information please contact President Genine Armellino at 917-992-2011 or email her at genine810@yahoo.com.

Wishing everyone a lovely month of May! Peace.

Roberta Elwell, Past President

Shake the Can Drive a Success!

I am happy to report that our Shake the Can Drive raised \$6181.97!! The donations we received from our members and our on-line donations totaled \$2105.00. The efforts of the brothers who collected money at the intersection of Madison and Washington in Dumont on April 21 and 22 raised \$4076.87!! The people who will benefit from your generosity and your hard work are the handicapped and disabled citizens in our community. When those donations are made by our Grand Knight Chuck Hollis, our membership will be notified of the amounts and the organizations which will benefit from our charitable work. This is what being a Knight is all about!

Steven Martin, Proud Chairman of the Shake the Can Drive

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Dates to Remember

(Events are at the Council unless noted otherwise)

- Fri, May 3rd Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary's Church – **6:05 pm**; Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's - **8:30 pm**
- Wed, May 15th Columbiettes Meeting – **7:30 pm**
- Fri, May 17th-18th NJ Knights of Columbus Convention, Wildwood, NJ
- Mon, May 20th Council Meeting – **8:00 pm**

Troop 1345 meets every Tuesday at **7:45 pm**

Eucharistic Adoration

DGK Bob Knott asks that you contact him at 201-675-2802 or email him at knottrj@optimum.net if interested in St. John's overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

Next Council Meeting - Monday, May 20th

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 20th at 8 pm. Prior minutes can be reviewed by going to KofC1345.org and selecting "Minutes" from the left-hand side. When prompted, enter "1345" for the user and "armour" (case sensitive) for the password.

Upcoming Events:

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser - Calling all Chili Cooks! We are looking to have a Chili Cook-Off fundraiser in the Spring and want to see how your recipe stacks up against the competition! If you think you have a winning recipe and would like to help the Council fund its activities, please contact Rich Oldfield at 201-220-7127. More details to follow in a future newsletter.

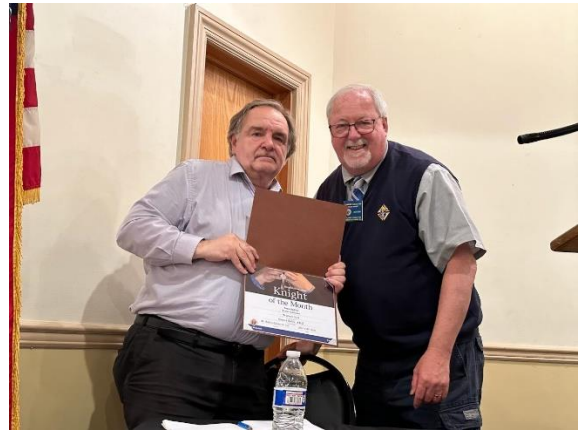
Pasta Night - On **Friday, June 14th** from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm we will offer a dinner of **UNLIMITED** pasta and sauce with meatballs, bread, and cookies. Coffee, tea, soda, tap beer, wine and soda included. The cost will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 13 or younger, with a maximum of \$50 per family (immediate family only). **RSVP required** by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345reservations@gmail.com. See attached flyer for details.



Honoring Recent Knights of the Month



Justin Miller



Jim Callahan



Brian O'Dowd

Knights of Columbus ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345



DINE AND DONATE FUNDRAISER TO ASSIST PARAMUS VETERANS HOME

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PASTA NIGHT

Friday June 14th, 2024

From 6:30pm – 8:30pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET OF:



- Bread
- Penne Pasta with Sauce
 - All Beef Meatballs
 - Cookies, coffee, tea
- Tap Beer, Wine, & Soda Included

**Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email
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\$15 per person

Children 13 and older \$10

Immediate Family max \$50