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Upcoming Events

October

- 1 Mon. Council Mtg 7:30 PM
Prayer Group 6:30 PM
- 15 Mon. Installation of
Officers,
Happy Hour 6:00 - 7:00PM
Ceremony and Dinner to
follow
- 22 Mon. Assembly Mtg
7:30PM
- 26 Fri. Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00 PM

November

- 5 Mon. Council Meeting 7:30
Prayer Group 6:30 PM
- 12 Mon. Memorial Mass
- 19 Mon. Social Meeting
Open to all members and
family 6:00 PM
- 26 Mon. Assembly Meeting
- 30 Fri. Saratoga Hospital
Breakfast Setup, Volunteers
needed.

Bingo every Wednesday at 6:00

Grand Knight's Message

I apologize for not having a September newsletter, there was a lack of communication between Jeff and myself.

I would like to welcome back everyone for the coming year. Hopefully we are all in good health. I have had to cancel the October Fest Party as our Halfway to St Patty's did not get the turnout we expected. As everyone knows these events are a vital part of revenue for the Columbian. I certainly hope our Fish Fry has better results.

Special thanks to Frank Bunch and Dan Matrazzo for their work cooking for the Veterans Dinner and September Fish Fry. They did a wonderful job while I was away. Thank you to all of you who helped with these events. Thank you to Mark Ferris and Lavern Utter for taking the Veterans Dinner on, going door to door to businesses for donations is a huge job. Thank you to Ken Davis and company for setting up the room for the dinner.

Our Officers Installation Dinner will be held on Oct. 15. Happy Hour from 6:00 to 7:00 in the bar followed by our ceremony and dinner. I would like to invite all officers of the Council, 4th Degree and Columbian and their wives. Please let me know by Oct 10th if you plan to attend so we can plan our dinner.

I am always looking for help and ideas for fundraisers. So please plan on stepping up and helping out this new year. We are already into October and have not met our goal of selling 250 Raffle Tickets. Having nearly 400 members you may think this would be a very achievable goal. We haven't even met the goal of selling enough tickets to fund the prizes much less make a profit. Again I ask for your help and support in buying a ticket, this is a fundraiser that supports our 3 local Catholic Schools plus the Council and Columbian. This should not be an unreasonable goal, please buy your ticket and get family and friends involved. Remember 3

October Birthdays

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| George H Gasser | 10-1 |
| Mario Izzo | 10-1 |
| James H McVeigh | 10-1 |
| John M Murray | 10-1 |
| Michael J Lyons | 10-2 |
| Charles W Miskovsky | 10-3 |
| Joseph F Gecewicz Jr. | 10-4 |
| Jason W Munafo | 10-4 |
| Richard E Snyder | 10-5 |
| Kenneth R Garcia | 10-7 |
| Richard F Mullaney | 10-9 |
| David E Foster | 10-11 |
| R Paul Sutherland | 10-14 |
| David L Kretzschmar | 10-15 |
| John F Nolan | 10-16 |
| Jonathan M Kochendorfer | 10-17 |
| Raymond J Laura | 10-18 |
| Mark T Phillips | 10-18 |
| Edward N Reed | 10-18 |
| John C Trimmings | 10-19 |
| Jeffrey M Pawlick | 10-26 |
| Charles M Lobosco | 10-27 |
| Francis D McCleneghen | 10-29 |
| Thomas Harvey | 10-30 |
| Patrick F Miller | 10-30 |
| Richard S Swantek | 10-30 |
| Robert H Hamlin | 10-31 |
| Joseph Verrigni | 10-31 |

winning tickets are worth \$1,000 and one is worth \$10,000.

We need three members to step forward and go to our three Catholic Schools to request sizes for Coats for Kids. This is a yearly event and very helpful to children.

I briefly spoke with Ken and asked how our Sunday Football is going, he replied not very well. Come down and support the Columbian, have a few drinks and enjoy some friendly football rivalries. Anyone wearing their team colors will receive a FREE BEER.

We will be having our last Fish Fry on the last Friday in October, so please plan on attending. This has been one of our best fundraisers, come see why we were called the best Fish Fry in town.

I would like to appeal to all of our new members who've joined in the past few years to attend our meetings and see for yourself what we are trying to accomplish. Remember why you joined and get involved. We can do so much more if more men would donate a few days a year.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Fredette

Grand Knight

Pro Life Corner (continued from June 2018 newsletter)

10. Even as Planned Parenthood's government funding has increased, the number of medical services it provides has decreased—but not abortions.

From 2004 to 2015, Planned Parenthood has reported a dramatic decrease in the following: Pap tests (down 75%), breast exams (65%), total cancer screenings (69%), and even contraception/sterilization by any method (18%). By contrast, abortions have increased by 29% since 2004. There has been a clear shift in the kinds of services Planned Parenthood provides, away from the many other kinds of services it boasts of and toward abortion. (to be continued)

Quoted from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/upload/Planned-Parenthood-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Submitted by **Wendell Neugebauer**

Chaplain's Message



Greetings in Christ! Thank you to Deacon Bill Gaul for his many years of service to the Church and to the Knights. It certainly will be a difficult task to fill his shoes, so, I ask for your continued prayers and feedback going forward.

October begins the month of the Most Holy Rosary. Although one may walk a path straight to Jesus, I personally felt some trepidation and my journey began with a single “yes” to pray a Scriptural Rosary. In some sense, our Holy Mother introduced me to a deeper life with her Son and helped me to recognize I needn't be afraid, just as Saint Pope John Paul II (Oct 22) had been telling us, “Be not afraid.” October 5th, we honor St. Faustina (Divine Mercy), Saint Pope John XXIII (convened Vatican II) on Oct 11th, Saint Theresa of Avila (Interior Castle) on Oct 15 and St. Luke (evangelist) on Oct 18th. It seems as though all these saints are far from us not only in distance but in holiness. But we needn't feel that way. Saint Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf and companion's memorial is Oct 19. These holy men were missionaries and martyred for the faith just down the road a piece from here. As you already know, Saints, are regarded as those who share a special friendship with God. Their lives can be models of piety for us, as a source of inspiration on our own journey. Many saints lived moments of unsaintliness and some downright debauchery, but our lives, like theirs, can change by the choices we make, by inspiration, by reflection, by commitment. Brothers, in this month of Mary, let us invoke change in our hearts, to Jesus, through Mary. Be not afraid.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Ron Hogan

Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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