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Grand Knight's Message

Joy to the World!!! December, we celebrate the birth of our Savior which is the reason of the season.

It has been a difficult year for all with no exceptions. We are all weary of the plague, the disruptions to our lives it has caused, the tensions it has created in our relationships and continued uneasiness of the future.

Now we have an opportunity to turn our focus to the Christmas season to give thanks for our families and friends that we have shared the difficult times and formed deeper connections with. I know I am missing the adult Christmas party with lots of food, music and beverages, the K of C kids Christmas party with Santa, breakfast, toys, candy and the screams of delight from the littlest one. I'm sure it will be made up fivefold next year.

Christmas is the time that allows us to focus on the hope and love we received through the birth of our precious Savior. I want to wish you all a Merry and Blessed Christmas filled with happiness, peace and love for one another.

Vivat Jesus!
Rich Gorman, GK

Council Meeting

December 7, 7:30

- Masks are required
- Social distancing will be applied

Council Meeting will be held the first Monday of the month. Second meeting has been discontinued.

Columbian Report

The Columbian is slowly opening up, maintaining operations following state guidelines. Thanks to Stan Drosky's crew and others, we have touched up paint in the hall, game room, and hallway. They have cleaned and set up for the few functions we have had.

On Saturday, November 14 Stan organized a clean-up of the parking lot and surrounding yard. With leaf blowers and ladders the crew of Kevin Bradley, Earl Duell, Dave Barringer, Ken Davis, Chip Gunyon, Rick Russo, Kevin O'Connor, Mike Naughton, Mike Murray, and Stan Drosky, they cleaned the gutters, blew the leaves, and pine needles into the woods, and generally spruced up the parking lot. The work party took about 1 1/2 hours..

Joe and Frank's take-out dinners are helping pay our bills. The next take out dinner is December 4. The Roast beef dinner is a tasty meal and reasonably priced. Call with your order on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1 until 4 at the K of C.

We will need help over the winter months as "snowbirds" are heading south for the winter months. Thank you to all who have pitched in helping us keep the doors open and heat on during this trying town. Merry Christmas and Blessings to all!

The Columbian Association

Wreaths Across America

We are looking for volunteers to help the Wreaths Across America non-profit organization conduct wreath laying at all graves in Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duell Rd. Schuylerville, NY, 12871. The event is Saturday December 19, 2020 at 12:00 noon. So far 3,000 wreaths have been purchased for the graves. You can also sponsor wreaths at a cost of \$15.00 each, by purchasing them at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>. Volunteers for the wreaths laying are required to wear masks and gloves. If you are interested in participating, call Ed Connelly PGK, PFN at 518 281 8354, leave message or text (# and name).



Fourth Degree Raffle

Number 349 was drawn on November 20 for the fourth degree Scholarship Raffle. The number was not paid so the fund continues to roll over to about \$700. The next drawing will be December 18 at 7 p.m. at the hall. It is not too late to catch up before the drawing. \$15 will make you eligible for the December drawing, \$60 will pay you up for the year. These are still the best odds in town! Envelopes and boxes are in the bar and game room. Good luck!

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falconi.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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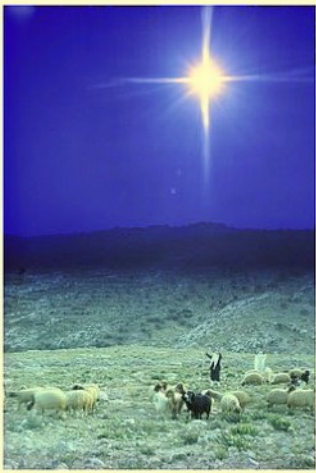
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All Council #246 and Assembly #745 News will be distributed to our membership via email. This includes the monthly newsletter, and various bits of K of C news, notices, calendar changes, fundraiser reminders, etc.


Any member-provided news or updates can be sent to our entire membership by sending an email to the Grand Knight at: rgorman25@msn.com.

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