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## Grand Knight's Message

November is the start of the festive season we share with family and friends of the special holidays of Thanksgiving and kicking off the Christmas season with Black Friday. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and warmth and joy of sharing the love and good times between family and friends.

October 31st marked the Beatification Father Michael McGivney with a celebration in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. This has been a long and tedious course of the Knights of Columbus to spearhead his cause for sainthood. A second confirmed miracle through his intercession is still needed for final canonization and sainthood.

I was looking through some old newsletters (yes, I save a few of them for use for future ideas) and realized this pandemic we are in has crippled the good works we are noted for doing in the past. We have worked closely in the past with the Court McLaughlin chapter of the Catholic Daughters of America on the bingo program (our major revenue source), joining together for our Memorial Mass, planning of the kids and adult Christmas party supporting our spaghetti and meatball dinners. These were activities that supported by a joint effort to make them successful.

As time passes and the opportunities open up we need to get back into our churches and Catholic schools and provide the necessary support to help them meet their missions and be successful. We, as Knights, have many skills and talents to offer them for their projects.

Please support the takeout dinners under the direction of Brothers Joe Fredette and Frank Bunch. These dinners provide the Columbian association with the revenue to pay bills and keep the lights on.

Please read the newsletter and note activities and areas that require your assistance, ideas, labor, facilitating skills and presence to make them successful. Many hands make light work and there is no such thing as a foolish idea.

Vivat Jesus!

**Rich Gorman, GK**

## Columbian Report

We are slowly opening up! Proper precautions and sanitizing have enabled us to hold meetings again. Bocce has returned. We are booking smaller parties of 50 or less, utilizing the banquet room for social distancing. (Baby steps) Stan Drosky has resurrected his old cleaning crew and is doing a great job.

We are in the process of forming other cleaning crews, but need more volunteers. The work load is a few hours a week to clean and sanitize. The leaves are also down ,so as soon as it stops raining , we can spruce up the grounds. Contact Rick at 518 893-7074 or mooseonmt@aol.com to sign up. With everyone's help we have cut expenses and paid our bills. Joe, Frank, and their great cooking crew have started their take out dinners and fish fries again which helps us keep up. Great food, reasonably priced and lots of it are giving us a good reputation.

Brothers, we will survive this virus and come out stronger. God Bless. Columbian Board

### Council Meeting

**November 2, 7:30**

- Meeting held in Big Room
- Masks are required
- Social distancing will be applied

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

## November Birthdays!



Eric G Lindau  
Francis J Gratton  
Richard M Gorman  
Donald G Morehouse  
William J Olender  
Thomas C Zwickle  
Donald T Di Biase  
Patrick D Stallmer  
Dennis Tario  
Kevin P Ferris  
David J Barringer  
Frederick J Mcneary  
Rev Thomas J Kelly

Manuel Ballestero  
Warren G Wildy  
Edward R Connelly Jr  
David M Querrard  
Allen A Hills Iii  
Dea Edward Solomon  
Stanley J Drosky  
Michael S Finigan  
Walter J Barss  
Ralph M Flinton  
Leo E Scofield Jr  
John A Otrembiak  
Damian A Irizarry

John P Bennison  
David Morency  
Daniel J Lehane  
Robert E Przedwiecki  
Patrick M O Hara  
Stanley A Weeks  
Gary A Walsh  
Kevin P Kelly  
Joseph L Flacke  
Elwin L Rivenburg  
Josiah D Jenks  
David R Marsh

## Italian Takeout Dinners

Italian Dinner will be available for take-out!

- **Friday, November 6th**
- Pickup from 5:00 to 7:30 PM.
- **Lasagna** or **Chicken Cacciatore**, Salad and Rolls.
- option of Desserts.

Price is 2 full meals for \$30.00.

Can be two of one kind or one of each Italian Meal. Meals are take out only.

Place orders by calling the K of C Hall at (518) 584-8547 on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 the week of November 2nd to November 6th.

## Assembly Scholarship Raffle

The Assembly Scholarship Raffle has started its third year without a winner. #380 was drawn.

There is still time to get in for the November drawing on 11/20 at 7:00. The payout is now \$460. \$10 makes you eligible for November, \$60 will enter you for the whole year. The mailbox and envelopes are in the bar plus we have a lock box and envelopes in the game room. Last year we had 2 "regulars" as winners and finished with a three way split to finish out the year in October. We have financed 2 scholarships with money for this year's winner already in the bank. Good luck! Odds are still 1 in 470. All you have to do is be in it to win it!

## Event Cancellations

Several important decisions were discussed at the October council meeting, including:

- Council's second meeting of the month has been eliminated. With the limited opportunity to plan events because of the rules and regulations beyond our control most topics can be covered at the 1st monthly meeting.
- November Memorial Mass postponed until next year. Catholic Daughters informing us they voted to postpone the event at their meeting on Oct. 4th. We will work with them in the future when appropriate.
- Kids and Adult Christmas parties would be cancelled this year.
- Saratoga Hospital Christmas Party may also be cancelled. TBD.

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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](mailto:rgorman25@msn.com).

**Newsletter Articles:**

Please submit items to be published in the newsletter no later than the 18th of each month. Provide all relevant details and send to: [kofc246newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kofc246newsletter@gmail.com)

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