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Grand Knight's Message

Welcome back to another year of the Knights of Columbus. First, I want to thank GK **Rob Spratt** for the great job he has done during this turbulent year of the pandemic and all the uncertainties that have gone with it. Rob was able to have on-line meetings and also social meetings outdoors at the home to enable people to stay in touch. It was very difficult to hold council functions because of all the rules and regulations at the federal, state and local levels with the constant conflict of who was in charge. Thank you again Rob.

Our Columbian Association, under the capable hands of SK **Ken Davis** is working diligently with his crew to ready the hall and meeting rooms to conform to the requirements to enable us to have meetings and functions as soon as possible. It should be noted that the home is in a grave financial and will require ALL Knights, family and friends support to stabilize the homes finances.

I would like to make notice that the:

82nd Anniversary of the K of C Pilgrimage at Auriesville will take place:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

136 Shrine Road, Fultonville, NY 12072 (518) 853-3939

Registration 10:30 AM - 1:00PM

Grough Tour 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

LUNCH: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, LUNCH IS PROVIDED AT NO CHARGE

Benediction: 1:30 PM

Rosary: 2:00 PM

Way of the Cross: 2:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Adoration: 3:00 PM

Auriesville Council Officers Installation: 3:00 PM

Mass in the Coliseum: 4:00 PM, with Celebrant: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger

FACE MASK REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES

I can see no reason why we can not have a large turnout by Saratoga Council 246!!! It is close by. You are able to pick and choose what activities to attend. You can come and go as you please. There are beautiful grounds to take in. It gives you an opportunity to spend family holy time on holy grounds. You can meet friends and spend times with your fellow Knights from across the state. Please contact me (518) 885-3810, if you want to go as a group by meeting at the council home (9:30 ??) and we can go over together.

Vivat Jesus!
Rich Gorman GK

September Birthdays!



William J Mevec

Matthew P Mirabile

Paul J Okosky

Robert L Pitman

John W Crowe

Ricardo A Aguilar

Donald F O'Neil

Edward J Desmarais

Joseph B Farrington Sr

Robert H Spratt Jr

Donald R Stevenson

Joseph W Koney

Richard J Hakanson

Daniel M Matrazzo

Kevin C Joyce

William F Staudinger

Joseph E Powers

Robert Badaszewski

Harry J Wade

Robert A Ercolini

Deacon Gary R Picher

Rev George J Blasick

Donald L Going Jr

Roger E Calkins

Thomas G Liuzzo

Richard H Putnam

Council Meeting

September 21st 7:30

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

Please join us for the first meeting of the new council year. We will be using the Big Room and will have chairs spread out to accommodate social distancing.

Raffle News

The final drawing for our fourth degree scholarship will be held Friday, September 18th at 7:00. The pot stands at \$300.

For \$5 you can grow the pot. This ends a successful 2nd year, and we will begin our 3rd year in October. The more people in our raffle, the larger the payout. Remember your odds of winning are 1 in 470. Join up! For \$60 for the whole year. The mailbox is in the bar. I will put a lock box in the game room as everyone has a combination to the door OR mail it it to 50 Pine Rd, attn. Fourth Degree Scholarship. Any questions contact Rick

My last letter...

Hello brother Knights

It is hard to believe that it is September and even harder to believe that my term as Grand Knight is over. I want to thank the organization for allowing me this opportunity to serve them. I also want to thank our members for their support during this difficult year. I look back at what we were able to accomplish with great pride.

As an organization we were able to deliver coats to those children in need through the churches in our area. We were also able during this pandemic to provide much-needed food to the Franklin Community Center with our food drive. We were able to have two socially distant socials in our parking lot to provide the much needed socialization we all were looking for. And we were able to continue, thanks to **Rick Swartzback**, our monthly drawings that have provided scholarships for area youth. Lastly we were still able to meet as a council using the 800 phone number that is now dedicated to our organization.

This pandemic has taken a toll on many people as well as many organizations including our own. Also we started a LEAVE NO KNIGHT BEHIND program spearheaded by **Joe Powers** and his team and we were able to reach out to all our members to see if they needed any assistance during the pandemic. We were able to still provide food on takeout Fridays not only to support our community and first responders but also assist us in paying some much needed bills that were due. We have a very dedicated kitchen crew that goes above and beyond for our council and I thank them for their dedication during this trying time.

Going forward I will wish **Rich Gorman** well as your new Grand Knight. We have had a couple of discussions and I will be assisting in anyway possible so that he has a successful year. We are very lucky that Rich stepped up during this time as I do believe a prior Grand Knight is what we need as we look forward to the reopening of our home.

I wish the best for our organization even though I know it is going to be very difficult as we adjust to the new normal. Transparency will be the key and I call all committees to be as transparent as possible so that all members are aware of our financial situation. I would hope each committee can provide a detailed report at each meeting.

I wish the new president of the Columbian, **Rick Swartzback**, well as he has a very big task ahead of him. Times have changed with this new normal and we as an organization need to change with that. I also want to thank **Ken Davis** for his service to the Columbian as he will be leaving in January.

I wish our organization nothing but the best going forward and looking forward to working with the new team for the 2021 year.

Rob Spratt jr

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