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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers – This is my 3rd attempt at putting the April GK's message together for this newsletter. Please wish me well as I attempt it again.

There have been many recent changes in the rules and regulations about the Covid virus by the CDC. With the development and wide distribution of 3 approved vaccines by the CDC, rules have been relaxed as the number of vaccinated people grows.

With this in mind, I would like to re-open our council meetings beginning May 3, 2021 at 7:30 PM at the council hall at 50 Pine Rd.

At this time, I would like to schedule meetings to one per month scheduled on the first Monday of the month. This schedule may be adjusted as necessary.

Requirements to attend the meeting in order to protect all attendees are:

1. Masks are required.
2. Receipt of vaccinations of an approved vaccine given in accordance with manufactures instructions.
3. Proper social distancing from other people.
4. If you are feeling ill or are uncertain of a health issue please consider the health and wellbeing of others in determining your attendance.

By following these requirements, we will ensure the safety of each other and minimize any accidental exposure that may happen.

At this meeting I would like to discuss and hear ideas from you, the members, on how to proceed with opening up our council to our programs and the public.

Vivat Jesus!

Rich Gorman, GK

Fourth Degree

The 4th Degree assembly 745 has been considering several fund raising sources to benefit homeless veterans. As in the past, we will focus on selling hats at the mall as soon as we can convince the mall to let us start up again. It's likely we will need to modify the way we have done it in the past, like needing a plexiglass barrier and hand sanitizers.

We also have the opportunity to sell Bryan's Brew Cold Brew Coffee at Counsel and Assembly events. We will be working on an event schedule shortly. If anyone has any event ideas for this potential fundraiser, please let us know.

We can cover both fundraisers with a minimal amount of effort. If each of us can commit to just two or three events per year we can be successful. Thank You

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Ferris



Columbian Report

March has been a very busy month. The Fish Frys have been well attended. We had a fryer go down, but the crew scrambled and finished that night's orders. Our building is aging, but we are keeping up with repairs, thanks to everyone pitching in. As the virus comes under control, we are seeing an increase in rentals within the guidelines of the DOH.

After the snow leaves we can get the grounds spruced up. (Does anyone have a market for pinecones?) Hopefully we will have a great summer and an open track.

Columbian Board of Directors

Raffle

The rollover scholarship raffle was drawn with #419 drawn and no winner as that person chose not to participate.

There is still time to try your luck. For only \$15 you can still be eligible for April's drawing. This drawing will be close to \$900!!!. The more people in, the larger the winning pot.

The next drawing will be April 16th at 7:00. Get in, the odds are very good in your favor.

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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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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