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Grand Knight's Message

Thank you, Brother Knights! I appreciate the number of members in attendance and the protocols followed on our first in-person meeting since last year. There was a lot of business to conduct and I appreciated your patience for the length of it.

I want to thank PGK Rob Spratt for planning, promoting and overseeing 2 food drives for the Franklin Community Center pantry. I also thank all those who participated during the drop off at the K of C home, donated food, personnel necessities and transporting the supplies to the Franklin Community Center for distribution. It is amazing the turnout of workers and those donating supplies for those in need.

Thanks goes out to Brother Knight and Faithful Recorder Mark Phillips

For organizing the PGK and Floor Committee's for the upcoming officer's election for the next fraternal year. There is still an opening in the Deputy Grand Knights position to be filled. Please give it your consideration to serving in these gratifying positions.

Another important decision that was made was of holding one 3rd degree meeting on the first Monday of each month until more restrictions are removed to enable the council to expand our programs and fund raisers back into the community. As our activities increase, we can return to two 3rd degree meetings per month.

Please remember the requirements for meetings in order to protect all attendees are:

1. Masks are required.
2. Receipt of vaccinations of an approved vaccine given in accordance with manufacturer's 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Rich Gorman, GK

Fish Fry

Like to take this opportunity to thank the following team members who were very instrumental in making the Lenten Fish Fry a success . Also want to thank all our members and non-members who supported the Fish Fry and our fundraising meals.

Dan and Sue Matrazzo

Joe and Jean Fredette

Dan and son Nathan McDevitt

Pat, his son Aaron and Doreen Miller

Gina Ponessa

Joanne Natalie

Steve Leonardo

Frank Bunch

Bob O'Rourke

Bill Argentine

Mark Ferris

Tony

Duke Caruso

Rick Schwartzbeck

Columbian Report

The summer looks to be busy. Big thanks to all who helped us clean up the grounds. We used saws, blowers, tarps, brooms, and rakes and in 3 hours we had it cleaned up. The American flag was replaced as the wind had tattered it.

Other repairs were done as our 30 year old dishwasher finally gave up, so it has been replaced by a more energy efficient machine which should last a long time. The freezer compressor was also replaced.

Special thanks to Gus for his work on getting the best deal on the dishwasher and patching the kitchen floor. He also coordinated repairs on the fryer and freezer, all professionally done by our own Mike Finnegan.

Our clean up crew was: **Stan Drosky, Earl Duell, Kevin Bradley, Duke C., Chip Gunyon, Dick Snyder, Jim Ash, Jeff Koppi, Rich Gorman, Joe Powers, and Rick S.** Many thanks to All!!

Columbian Board of Directors

Raffle

On April 17 #464 was drawn. That member was not paid up, so the pot will grow to \$900 +. There is still time - \$20 will get you up to date, \$40 will pay you up for the year! You still have better odds than the lottery or Kentucky Derby! 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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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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