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Grand Knight's Message

I am proud to be a member of these Catholic men called the Knights of Columbus! As you know I was under treatment for the Covid 19 virus for about 4 weeks. According to the Doctor I didn't have a severe but I was sure knocked out of it. I did spend a few days in the hospital in order to get my oxygen levels up and to start eating and feeling human again. It was a long frustrating process but because of the prayers, cards, calls and encouragement of my fellow Knights I am recovering.

During this downtime I had a chance to catch up on the Columbia magazine, the weekly Knightline newsletter and check to see what the other councils are doing during this pandemic to further the K of C cause.

To my surprise most councils have circled the wagons in order to protect its members, churches, clergy and the public from the ravages of this plague. As we all know, our membership is aging making us more susceptible to spreading these illnesses among ourselves.

This is the primary reason I have not had meeting during these dire times. In order to plan and execute successful events it becomes necessary to expose people to unsafe encounters in large settings. I cannot in good conscience justify the consequences that may follow one of these events.

I am grateful for the Columbian Association members and dedicated staff that organize and run the successful take out dinner program that is keeping the wolves from the door. It is a monumental task they are doing to keep the doors open and providing a place we call the K of C home.

Please keep in your prayers Brother George J. "Jack" Eckert, LCDR USN (Ret.). of White St., died Thursday morning (Jan. 14, 2021) at the Wesley Health Care Center. He was 95 and long term 4th Degree Scribe.

Vivat Jesus!

Rich Gorman, GK

Columbian Report

Weather has been good to us in January. We cleaned up and survived the December snow and rain storms. Thanks to Joe and his fine kitchen crew, we are paying our bills. Gus is keeping an eye on our walkways and doorways. He deserves a new shovel (Gold Plated?) We have a Fish Fry January 29, Chowderfest January 30 through February 6. Come out and support the Knights of Columbus. Your help is always appreciated. We also have a blood drive on February 4th. Vaccinations are being made so hopefully we can get some sense of normalcy this summer!

Columbian Board

Chowder Tour 2021

Knights of Columbus 246, 50 Pine Road, Saratoga Springs, will be participating in the 2021 Chowder Fest between the dates of January 30th and February 6th. The hours will be from 5:00-7:00 each evening and orders should be placed after 3:00 each day by calling 518-584-8547. On the menu will be something for everyone and will include:

- New England Clam Chowder and Manhattan Clam Chowder - \$6.00/Pint or \$13.00/Quart;
- Steamed or Raw Clams - \$10.00 per dozen;
- Raw Oysters - \$18.00 per dozen; 8 oz.
- Fried Fish Sandwich or Baked Fish with Fries - \$12.00;
- Rueben Sandwich with Fries - \$12.00;
- 2 Foot-Long Hot Dogs with Fries - \$10.00;
- 16 oz. Mac & Cheese - \$4.00; and, 16 oz. Mac & Cheese with Corned Beef - \$10.00.

There is plenty of off-street parking, and orders can be delivered to your vehicle if you so choose by calling from the parking lot upon your arrival and describing your vehicle. Even though we're not on Broadway, you don't want to miss out on this fabulous opportunity to sample quality cuisine!

Raffle

The Fourth Degree Scholarship Raffle was drawn on Friday, January 15. #94 was drawn and Stan Drosky won. February's prize stands at \$260 as of now. For \$5 you can be eligible for February and make it grow. \$45 gets you in for the rest of the year. If everyone eligible put in their money, the pot could grow to over \$2000! You have to be in it to win! The boxes are in the game room and mailbox in the bar. The next drawing is February 19th, only 4 1/2 weeks. Good luck!!

Mass Schedule

Masses for recently deceased Knights:

George J "Jack" Eckert LCDR USN (Ret.)
St. Peters Church
Feb 21, 2021 9 AM

Robert Ercolini
St. Clements Church
March, 28, 2021 10 AM

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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