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Grand Knight's Message

I wish everyone a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year 2021 and the ability to put 2020 behind us. The world has been turned upside down and the constant barrage of bad news has taken its toll on our outlook for our future. We are blessed to have a strong belief in our faith and the tool of prayer to give us peace during this trying time.

Governor Cuomo still controls what activities can be held and what is open and closed. Again, our Columbian Association is doing a fabulous job of paying bills to keep the lights and heat on as well as maintaining the health of our facility. The kitchen crew is doing a great job by their hard work of planning delicious takeout dinners for our members and the public to purchase to generate needed revenue for the Columbian. They are still soliciting donations from local businesses to support the Veterans and Cold Blue meal programs.

Council activities are still at a standstill because on the inability to hold any functions because of occupancy limits or proper distancing rules. This stops us from having any fund-raising activities that provide revenues for our churches, Catholic schools and civic programs.

Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic so the Knights of Columbus can do what we do best, support our churches and charities.

On a sad note, I wish to extend the councils sympathies to Brother Bill Argentine for the loss of his wife Ann and Brother Deacon Bill Gaul for the loss of his wife Alice. May God give them comfort and their souls rest in peace.

Vivat Jesus!

Rich Gorman, GK

Council Meeting

January 4, 7:30 PM

- Masks are required
- Social distancing will be applied

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

Columbian Report

December has been a challenge. Through conservation, our heat and utilities have been under budget. Joe, Frank and the cooking crew have raised much needed funds for us with fish fries and other take out dinners. Gus has kept doors and areas clear of snow and ice and done his diligence in maintenance and repairs.

We had to contract to shovel the three feet of snow which was to be followed by 2 inches of rain. Ten hours later our building was ready for the storm. Hopefully, with the vaccines and other measures, we can get back to raising funds and serving our community again. Thanks to all who have stepped up and helped to raise funds and maintain our hall.

Hoping for a wonderful 2021,

Columbian Board

Catholic Daughters News

Please join Catholic Daughters Court #422 at our monthly meetings at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month with a 6pm gathering. Our meeting starts promptly at 6:30. At our December meeting, we brought new and unwrapped toys for Toys for Toga. Carmine DeCrescente of DeCrescente Distributing Company thanked the Court as he collected between 40-60 toys from our members. Our January 5, 2021 has been cancelled but we hope to see you at our Red Auction meeting on February 2nd. Bring a new or gently used item for the members to bid on. Proceeds go to BirthRight.

Raffle

The Assembly Rollover Raffle wasn't hit in December. Number 102 was drawn. It now rolls over to January 15th. The prize stands at \$865. There is still time to catch up. \$20 catches you up to January, \$ 60 for the year. The odds haven't changed, still 1 in 470. The lottery has nothing on us! You've got to be in it to win it.

Dinners

Please mark you calendars and plan to support our upcoming fundraising dinners.

- **Friday, Jan 15th - Italian Night**, featuring: Lasagna with salad pasta and rolls, Bracirole with salad pasta and rolls, or Chicken Parm pasta with salad and rolls.
- **Friday, Jan 29th - Fish Fry.**

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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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.

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


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