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Grand Knight's Message

Upcoming events are highlighted in this Bulletin in a separate location to make it easy for you to clip it, and save it. The next Bulletin will be published around Eastertime. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Your Council put together an excellent Christmas party under the direction of John Cassano, a great Handicap Christmas party under the auspices of Tony Marciano and Columbiette President Dotty Liquori. The amount of work that goes into this event is enormous, but everything went smoothly as always.

The Columbiettes donated \$1000 to our Council at the Christmas party. All of us at Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council are thankful for the gift, and especially thankful for having such an active and helpful group of Ladies in the Columbiettes. They also led the charge in distributing Coats for Kids. The crew that prepares the Charity Breakfasts nearly once a month, consisting of Brien Rielly, Tony Marciano, Jake Delorenzo, Gary Acerra, Lou Dalto, George Orlando, and all the other fellows who work so hard on Sunday mornings, deserve a round of applause. They come in early and stay late to make this event a success.

The "Elvis" night was a big success. Mike Ricciardi, Tom Solerno and many others did a fine job. Finally, Frank Lobosco led the distribution of baskets for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas. It went forward without a hitch as usual.

We also added several new members to the Council due to the efforts of Deputy Grand Knight Jim Veneziano and Warden Tony Grasso.

Please note the Resolution which appears elsewhere in this Bulletin. It concerns a major expense which is designed to extend the life of the floor of our building.

Lenny Robusto, GK

Christmas/Candlemas/Michaelmas, and some other feasts you never heard of.

We all know that Christmas is celebrated on December 25th, but what about some other holy days that end with "mas?" Candlemas is celebrated on February 2nd. It is the holy day that commemorates the Presentation of Our Lord. It was previously known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is characterized by the blessing of candles, and a procession is associated with the feast. Although we think of the Baptism of Jesus as the end of the Christmas season, some liturgical commentators consider February 2nd the end of the season because it falls on the fortieth day after Christmas, marking the period of time after a birth in which a woman would be sheltered under Jewish, and early Christian, law. The feast of St. Blaise falls on February 3rd. On that day, candles are used by the Clergy for the blessing of throats. Groundhog Day falls on Feb 2nd as well.

Michaelmas is celebrated on September 29th. This is the feast dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel, but also includes Gabriel, Raphael, and in some areas Uriel, all of whom are Archangels. St. Michael has become more popular these days, so we might once again embrace this holy day.

Lammas Day falls on August 1st. It was celebrated by the English. Lammas means "half loaf" in Anglo Saxon. This marked the day of the wheat harvest, midway between June 21 (the Summer Solstice) and Sept. 21st, (the Autumnal Equinox). Have an easy Lent, which begins on March 6th. Stay well; Lenny

Superbowl Party

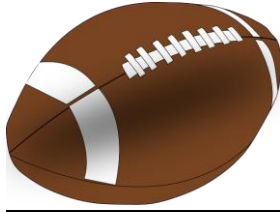
February 3; 3PM

Hot and Cold Buffet

Beer Wine Soda

Coffee and dessert

\$25



Dinner and a Movie

Friday, Feb. 15th

7:30 PM

Hot Buffet

Beer Wine Soda

Coffee and Dessert

\$25



Charity Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 24th

To benefit the

Boy Scouts

8:30AM -11:30AM

\$5 adults/\$3 kids



Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Happy 2019!!!! I hope the year began well for everyone and continues to be filled with happiness and peace. A New Year often brings with it change, which I believe is good for the soul. We have experienced some changes in our organization. I am proud to announce that **Joanne Papini** is our new **Treasurer** and **Mary Barbarino** is our new **Refreshment Chairman**. I wish them well and I am confident that they both will do a terrific job. We also have organized a **Charity Committee**, headed by **Debbie Santora**, which will meet every other month, **at 7PM**, before our regular meeting. **Libby Cucco, Carol Romano, Addy Cassano** and myself are the other members of this newly created group. If you have a cause which you believe the Columbiettes should support, please attend the committee meeting and present it to the group. The next Charity Committee will be meeting on **Thursday, February 7th**. All are welcome!

We are off again to the **Golden Nugget Casino** on **Thursday, February 28th**. For only **\$35** per person, you will be treated to a fun bus ride, a \$25 gambling voucher and \$5 food coupon. What better way to spend a cold February day than an outing with the Columbiettes!!!! Please contact me for more information.

Saturday, April 27th is right around the corner. That is the day that we will be holding our annual **Fundraiser Dinner Dance**. Although we still have not settled on a theme, I hope everyone is busy making baskets for our **Raffle Table** and inviting your family and friends to attend. Please come with ideas for a theme at our February meeting.

We are always looking for new members. Please invite your friends to become part of this wonderful organization of Catholic women dedicated to performing acts of charity while having fun at the same time. Applications are available at our meeting. This is also the time of year that we distribute the Scholarship Applications. If you have a family member who is a Senior in High School, who will be attending college in the Fall, take an application. A qualified student will be awarded a \$1000 over a 4 year period.

Please support all the upcoming events our Council has to offer such as: the **Superbowl Party** on February 3rd, the **Valentine's Day Event** on Friday, February 15th and the **Charity Breakfast** on Sunday, February 24th. Each promises to be very enjoyable.

As mentioned last month, the **Michael Ferrara Memorial Fund** has taken a new twist. Rather than collecting toys in Michael's memory, the fund will be gathering up handmade blankets, slippers, laps throws, afghans, mittens and gloves for **Cancer patients**. This is a yearlong campaign so start knitting and crocheting to help make this drive a success! Just bring your finished products to any of our meetings.

Happy Valentine's Day and please remember the sick and distressed in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Dorothy Liquori

Resolution:

Be it resolved the Council spend up to \$17,000 to purchase a new floor in the hall and bar area, all new chairs and misc. repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Dalto, PGK, Advocate

Right to Life News

On January 22, 2019, the 46th anniversary of the perverse Supreme Court decision for Roe v. Wade, New York State became the murder capital of the world. And we allowed it to happen by letting ourselves sit complacently as Governor Andrew Cuomo proclaimed that there is no place in New York State for pro-life individuals. Below is a snapshot of how the child has developed by the end of the first trimester. And now it is possible for the child to be snatched and torn limb from limb up to the day of anticipated birth. Let that sink in and then ask yourself if you, as a Knight and defender of the Culture of Life really did all that was within your power to prevent this from happening.

At Three Months

“I grabbed my hand!”

The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen his respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord.

Dan Clifford, Right to Life Chairman

Save the Date

Saturday, March 16th, 7PM – 11PM

Our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Party

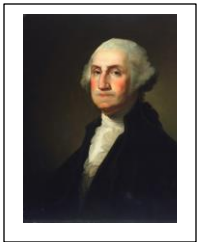


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Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council - Calendar of Events 2019

Sunday, February 3rd – Superbowl

Friday, February 15th –7:30 PM Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, February 24th – Charity Breakfast

Friday, March 8th 7PM – Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry

Saturday, March 16th 7PM– St. Patrick’s Day Party

Sunday, March 24th – Charity Breakfast

Friday, April 12, 7PM – Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry

Sunday, April 14 – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 27, 7PM - Columbiette Dinner Dance

Friday, May 10, 7:30 PM - Karaoke Night